



# Annual Plan 2025/2026

Written Feedback  
Whau Local Board

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

The workers have no work and the land tax is rising. They can't survive.

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**Tell us why**

The key issue now is how to attract tourists to come and consume. If you decide to impose a tourist tax, how can you attract tourists?

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Do not support

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Regarding the garbage tax, I think people still have to buy garbage bags. Some families have a lot of garbage, and some families have to pay for garbage. It is unfair to charge a uniform fee like this.

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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?**

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#### **Tell us why**

Please ask the government to pay more attention to the income of ordinary people before deciding whether to raise taxes

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

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

**Tell us why** Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below. **How important are these priorities to you?** **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**

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**

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.**

Fairly important

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

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

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

Local arts and culture activities, Community programmes and services, Grants

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### Tell us why

For transportation, over the years we had spent heaps of money on it but couldn't see actual improvements. Train still delay all the time, and the public transport still can't handle weather events, it cracks down every time when there is a bad weather.

For water, same as above, not seeing any improvement, I am just not convinced how much money spent on actual work and how much on admin and consulting stuffs.

For others, I don't think under such economic conditions and people in living crisis, spending money on those areas and keep increasing the rates is a good idea.

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Those are unnecessary. Like the food scrap bin, it's just a way that the council trying to take more money, I rarely seen people using that bin. So keep putting more and more rules and increase the price on bins is not a good idea, after all, I don't think most of the NZ people are willing to spend heaps of time and money on rubbish.

## Question 4:

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#### 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**

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)**

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Puketāpapa, Whau

## **Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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### Tell us why

1. Footpath is a shocker - have stayed here and footpath never got upgraded on our street whereas rest of the footpath which looks okay gets upgraded twice a year why????



2. Poor roading and flood water runs over the property - mostly our street. where does the money go. Road gets upgraded twice a year when it is in good condition.

3. no proper drainage - gets blocked with dirt - never gets clean

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### **Local board priorities**

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

Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā, Whau

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

##### **Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

##### **Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

## Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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

**Tell us why**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Fairly important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

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)**

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

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

CV's are being pushed out because the rates aren't lining up with the cost of homes. It's not fair that I paid so much for such a little home and I am slammed with extra rates due to mismanagement of money from the current Mayor!

Water doesn't work because the pipes are so old watercare and council are both at the end of ownership. Time for watercare to pay up.

I am tired of paying more and more every year to not even have the council come cut trees that are causing damage to private property!!!

## **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**

This 7 million should be paid by central government through GST.

Visitors will hurt because of this increase and we will become too expensive as a destination to stay.

## **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)*

The size of the home should justify the fee of living in Auckland.

Stop hurting the ones only just getting by in homes under \$900,000 in value!!!

**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**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

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**

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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

**Tell us here**

Stop hurting the lower property valued home owners.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Auckland Council seems to just take more and more in rates and we see no positive changes in our neighborhood. Get stuffed if you think 5.8% increase is worthwhile. Instead stop buying \$60k electric council cars, stick staff on the public transport that you insist on forcing on us all for little or no benefit to users eg: 200m mess along Maiori Street.

## 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**

Every other major City around the world does it

## 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)*

Auckland is Auckland, we all should pay our share

## 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**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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No



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Glad to see no inclusion of cycleways, and increased public transport other than the \$50 cap

Do not agree with rates increases - decrease spending, sell assets and focus on core responsibilities

## 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**

Auckland isnt a destination city.

Lets make Auckland safe first! And get rid of all the road cones, road works etc.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

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Do not support

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

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden, Puketāpapa

**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 ideology based No climate change, recycling based, initiatives focus on saving \$, helping keep rates low and the area safe.

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.**

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.**

I don't know

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

## **Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Less ideology based initiatives.

No cycleways, recycling, dividing community through nationalities/ethnicities.

Focus on core services, ensuring rates can be kept as low as possible.

No need for more events, people only want lower costs which affects all households in Mt Roskill.

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**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

I don't know

**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.**

I don't know

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

Do not need to invest in climate action - CORE RESPONSIBILITIES only less woke

## **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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**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?**

Whau

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

The only suspect proposal is providing appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.

I don't understand why providing options for active healthy lifestyles through parks and recreation needs to be qualified like that. Parks and recreation isn't somehow a partisan issue, everyone can enjoy them. Why does the local council feel the need to discriminate?

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**

Less important

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

Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

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**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)**

While I agree promoting healthy active lifestyles is very important, I don't understand how that needs a focus on ethnic groups and women. It's a completely bipartisan issue. Promote healthy lifestyles by making walking and cycling a viable alternative to driving.

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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 unacceptable for most, when the times are already tough. We can see that AC is driving significant cost savings, which is great. The objective should be to keep the rates flat until we can see the economy pick up again and cost of living go 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**

support 200%, visitors won't notice much difference but this will offer a relief to locals

## 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)*

I understand the rationale behind this, but this has a significant impact for small household that use to only put their bins out once a month (with a tag) and now have to pay way more as their bin is assumed to be collected every week. This will only increase the cost per week / cost per KG of rubbish for the council for a service that's not required for residents. Just a waste of money

## 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

Fairly important

#### Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

#### Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

I don't know

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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 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?**

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Very important

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I don't know

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Support most

### Tell us why

We need world-class infrastructure, cleanliness and more visitors as we are beautiful country but fed up by looking at the rubbish on side of the road anywhere in auckland . We need to budget cleanliness first , as cleanliness is attracting people such as Japan; they getting more visitors by just accept cleanliness.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Funding helps to manage event

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Support

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Would be same service all around auckland and get same benefits and want reduce the rubbish on the road. Specially south and east auckland. And west too. Avondale is looking mess. Everywhere is plastic bottle food packates and lots of dumping. Some houses keep backyard full of clutter

## Question 4:

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

Albert-Eden,Whau

## Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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#### Tell us why

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Very important



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

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I want to support safe neighbourhood , child play areas. And most importantly please look into the rubbish thrown on the side of the road. My suggestion is to introduce big penalties for people throw even a bottle on the road. Construction workers and students are the most people to throw rubbish anywhere and everywhere. Council should have plan to taking bottles and cans and pay 10c each for it to inspire people to reduce rubbish on the curb and throwing on the road and sometimes that stuck in the gutter hole and block the drainage , flood is a big problem due to rubbish in the drainage

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I want to make auckland world best city . I was trying myself to give little contribution to it by doing small action like report to council and picking rubbish and throw in the bin. If you make auckland best no wonder we will be best in the world

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Simply listing Transport, Water and fairer funding for local communities gives no insight into what the money is being spent on as these both Transport & Water are massive industries, and fairer funding is subjective.

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Do not support

### Tell us why

You're making it more expensive for visitors to come to NZ, somewhat contrary to the goal of attracting visitors.

Additionally, we have many kiwis staying in short-stay commercial accommodation, either through travel or government funded urgent accommodation.

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Paying for rubbish collections that are not used every week is wasteful.

Climate change is a scam and we shouldn't be wasting any money on it.

Food scraps is another massive waste of money, you can compost it for free with the benefit of improvign soil quality.

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I would like to see an audit similar to what DOGE is doing in the USA of where the council rates money is being spent.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Love the plan hate the debt, user pays tolls on the harbour bridge and/or off ramps into the city etc should happen, unless there is an ROI more than 6%.

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Support

**Tell us why**

User pays is fair and why are we wanting to attract people to have them spend. A levy works in line with this. Doing only on short term levy means that if people try avoid it by staying longer then they spend more on food etc.

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Support

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RV should be valued equally across all Similar zonings and the house improvements per m2. Sale value is very different to the RV currently.

## Question 4:



## Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Puketāpapa, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

## Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

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#### Tell us why

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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.**

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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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)**

Bring the community together out into parks, into the environment helps build better stronger relationships all round reducing mental and physical illness as well as reducing chance for youth offending. Prevention is our best cure.

## **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**

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.**

Less important

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

## **Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

## **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**

Fairly important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

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)**

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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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

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Very important

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Very important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

what with part of it not in english it makes the whole thing hard to read . And even worse make sense of



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Do not support

**Tell us why**

tourists bring in money as they spend . But how about new zealanders that have to use these facilities for work ? Do they also have to pay an extra fee?

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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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Rubbish collection would be much cheaper if it was collected by the council using council owed truck and personnel as it use to be . How much profit is made y the people who do it now . Same with watercare the repairs and maintainance use to be done by council staff so cost was kept down . Now it is paying huge profits to private companies for the same thing .

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 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

What is te hono project? Why cannot it be in plain english? Why waste money on beautifying centres? Why cannot the busnissess do it ? Or why does anything need to be done?

What is a communituny hub in Fruitvale required it is right by Kelston shopping cenre with Lynn mall just down the road Futre space for youth ? Do you mean clubs or house for youth ? There is already enough parks and spaces for everybody to use .

Most of it is meaningless weasel words which are meant to look good but without any depth or actual meaning . Normal blerb from council. All talk no actual content.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

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**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.**

I don't know

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

Money is limited they have already sold off so much including airport share that in the future there will be nothing left

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You do not need to create more ceo.s for anything let sitting counillors do the jobs they are being paid for , and there is plenty of office clerks to do the rest without creating seperate council identities

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Overall the plan takes Auckland closer to operating to support our young diverse community and removes historical discrepancies. In order to flourish Auckland needs to be a destination city for working families.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

### Tell us why

Continuing to attract visitors can only happen with quality events. The bed tax would provide funding not only for current events but allow us to establish new ones. The being there is something interesting happening every week across our city

As the legislation is not in place for the bed tax an increase in debt to cover the \$7 million deficit should be the first option as an investment in being the city we want to be.

## 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)*

A consistent approach to the management of services should happen unless there is a current identified reason to vary for a specific community.

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

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**Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I do not think we can afford to all of the list. I would like the focus to be on

Increase service levels to our parks and town centres.....

Plan for the future Whau aquatic centre .....

I would prefer other things on the list were supported through a grant application process to ensure specific activities with clearly identifiable outcomes were achieved.

For example I support engagement of youth, ethnic groups, women and girls and believe there are enough community groups able to support this if a grant was available.

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Less important

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

Community grants could be effectively used to enable youth, women and girls, and diverse communities. This would increase the likelihood that funds would be used by locals for local interests.

Establishing a vibrant hub in Avondale including an aquatic venue is critical to building a cohesive community identity.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I lots of money being wasted on foot paths or creating barriers for vehicles

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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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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No

## **Question 4:**

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No.but please stop eating money by creating barriers for vehicles

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Rates increase is too high

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Do not support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

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**

Less important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

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.**

Fairly important

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

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Support most

### Tell us why

Really good idea to invest more in public transport and water infrastructure since these are pressure points

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Support

**Tell us why**

Seems like it would be beneficial and not cost too much more for visitors

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Support

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Support rates increase, running a city isn't cheap

## Question 4:

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## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Fairly important

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Looks like a good plan, I support it

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Still too wasteful, should be mainly user pay and protect property right focus.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Should be user pay only

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Do not support

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User pay helps efficiency and reduce waste

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Do not support most

#### Tell us why

The debt/equity ratio is already too high and the wasteful spending on cultural areas are still too high

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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

God is the most important

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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**

## **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?**

Henderson-Massey, Waitematā

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

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

### **Tell us why**

### **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**

I don't know

**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**

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)**

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 parks strategy and planning

## Question 5: Other feedback

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**Tell us here**

-I think it should be mandatory to have sufficient shade over and around parks

New playgrounds should be made toddler appropriate / safe as they are the highest users

Sides ect should have so thing like a non heat coating on them as in the summer time metal and dark colours get so hot they cannot be used



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Do not support most

### Tell us why

While the plans set out are good, we need to account for the current economic climate.

We are in a recession and a 5.8% increase in rates is quite significant to the average kiwi.

The suggestion that would be suitable to most kiwis is to extend the timeframe of the plans and not have an increase in the rates.

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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 with apprehension.

I understand that we need to offer the budget shortfall but Auckland is already seen as an expensive place to visit. This leggy might be a deterrent to visitors.

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Do not support

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## Question 4:



## Local board priorities

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

Waitākere Ranges

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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### Tell us why

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### How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

#### Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

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

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

I believe that the Auckland Council needs to lobby central government harder to have MORE borrowing options for capital works. Each capital work should have a designed lifespan and a guaranteed lifespan so that the council knows a little of;

1. Lifespan of infrastructure without a civil emergency
2. How much borrowing can be done to remedy civil emergency damage

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Support

### Tell us why

This is a small charge on visitors in their overall budget. I believe central government wants power/leverage over the Auckland Council (All councils) and resistance is necessary.

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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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A Refuse Targeted rate is fair if there is NO GENERAL RATE. I do not support targeted rates as it masks the necessary general rate knowledge.

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

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Whau

**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**

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)**

I believe Arts funding is less than Sports funding and needs more balance. Sports funding is generally age specific. Arts funding is not. Cradle to grave.

## **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

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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)**

I support all 8 (Even at 75 years old)

Emergency preparedness is a bottomless pit but each LOCAL Board NEEDS a plan THAT HAS COMMUNICATION options updated at least yearly. I am reading the Maungakiekie plan right now.

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I believe that the Council Needs to know and act on.

1. If you put a phone number on a public notice, you need an Ask for Mt Wellington option. The number of times I have asked to take an elderly person up a Maunga and hours go by and a code is not available in time is RUDE to elderly/unfit/people. They paid rates for DECADES and expect to enjoy their Maunga. To deny them things that were normal in the past can be cruel and inhuman TO THEM. ( I can still run up Maungkiekie but when I had an accident the system drove my NUTS!!!!)

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

It's too long to read it all. All I know is that I can't afford a 5.8% rates rise. And that it was far cheaper for me to have bin tags. I think I put my bin out maybe 3 times last year which saved me a lot of money. I used the food scraps bin, recycling, and soft plastics the most.



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Support

**Tell us why**

Absolutely support a bed night levy. We if people have the money to come for events then they should pay for it, rather than putting the cost across aucklanders who are already struggling.

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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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I actually prefer the paying for bin tags.

It is a good idea to get rid of rubbish bags and replace with bins as these are stronger and less prone to pests getting into the bags. But the flat rate colle bonds regardless of whether you use it is silly. It encourages more bin use and indiscriminate waste.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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

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

**Support all**

**Tell us why**

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Less important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

The intersection and railway crossing in glen eden is horrific. The phasing, the safety, the driver confusion, the blockages... it is really bad and needs fixing completely. The railway should have been underground there.

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

it will deter visitors

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no value for money

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removing rubbish bins from parks will provide a new city leader



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### Tell us why

More money needs to be spent policing commercial food production occurring in residential zones. All food stalls at markets and other events should be required to have and display an A grade food licence certificate, to protect the public in the interests of food safety. The reason being that more and more food businesses are now being allowed to operate from residential garages and

dwellings in slum like conditions across Auckland. Many are also a fire safety risk. Council needs to invest money in tightening the rules so that these food businesses are not allowed to trade for months on expired food licences while awaiting Verification. All commercial food production businesses operating in Residential zones need to be required to have signed permission from landlords and property owners, proper fire safety and ventilation systems and be compliant with the building code. More money needs to be spent on staffing Compliance and Environmental Health and Food Safety departments with EXPERIENCED staff. All verifications should be conducted IN PERSON with more unannounced visits to residential food production facilities. The rules need to be changed so that commercial food businesses are NOT ALLOWED to operate from INTENSIVE THAB HOUSING ZONES, especially out of tenanted properties where they don't have their landlord's permission. Now that ratepayers across Auckland are being forced to live with intensive residential developments in their backyards the rules need to be changed to prohibit commercial food production businesses from being able to set up and operate in multi unit developments in Residential zones especially THAB zones to protect surrounding ratepayers from nuisance activities.

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Support

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Puketāpapa

## **Puketāpapa 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?**

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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sports fields, open spaces & updated infrastructure are extremely important for area such as Avondale which has considerable influx of population due to the ongoing construction of multi storey infill housing and multi storey apartment blocks. The ACC should purchase the Avondale Racing Club land to a build the Whau community swimming pool, indoor/outdoor gym exercise

area, retain the current sports fields, the Avondale market. Ear mark part of the land for a community art space to be built when funds permit. Reliable, quality, affordable public transport is essential for Auckland. Avondale public transport options are is great. Public events jointly sponsored by ACC & companies is a must for a vibrant city of this size. These events also attract visitors to the city. Infrastructure a must.

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Support

**Tell us why**

no brainer user pays towards events

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Support

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we need to pay to get the city back on its feet - including airports, ports, churches, schools & any others who do not pay rates

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### Whau Local Board Priorities

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

#### Tell us why

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

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

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Very important

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

Avondale in particular has been left to deteriorate by successive councils. The new community centre is at last underway. Whau board should continue to support the people of Avondale in their need for the Avondale race course to be purchased for the future of the suburb, surrounding suburbs and greater Auckland. Build the aquatic centre, recreation centre, a public garden/ walking/exercise space/ sheltered picnic & play area area, performance concert area stage/ area, sports fields & dedicated Avondale market space. This area can be made into a jewel in Auckland's crown access by public transport is already in place!!

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Buy Avondale Jockey clubs land for the development of the aquatic centre world class playing fields, basketball, netball, tennis courts for all of Auckland to utilise, Retain the amazing Avondale market.



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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Because people already pay accommodation fees plus they will go out for dinner, buy a coffee, use a lime scooter and spend money its just another tax to put them off coming.

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Support

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Less hassle for them and the admin for the tags would be annoying.

## **Question 4:**

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Albert-Eden, Whau



## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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

#### **Tell us why**

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.**

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.**

Fairly important

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Support

**Tell us why**

Should also include AirBNB

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Finding other means of funding would be better, such as business taxation or road user charge.

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

Waitematā

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

## Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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

**Tell us why**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Less important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Less important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Less important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

Less important

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Less important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

Less important

**Community services programming to enhance perceptions of safety**

Less important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Fairly important

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

Current economic situation in NZ and globally means I find it difficult to support these 'Priorities' as none of them seem important / critical.

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 waste minimisation activities,Local water quality activities,Youth activities

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Whau

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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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Do not support any

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I don't know

### Tell us why

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Very important

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

As a rate payer and full time working parent, weekend library hours are extremely important to me, as is a continued investment in parks and outdoor areas.

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support early implementation of Te Whau Pathway

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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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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**

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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.**

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.**

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)**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Increase shade in children's playgrounds!



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Support most

Tell us why

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There needs to be another funding mechanism for major events developed if the government will not introduce a bed levy



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Support most

### Tell us why

I am a daily dog group user of Craigavon Park in Green Bay/Blockhouse Bay. Our dog group meets daily at the Connell Street end of the park where there are two picnic tables and previously, two rubbish bins. Unfortunately, we have had the rubbish bins removed, and since then, we have had to provide our own dog dropping bin. The problem is, the many users of the park are not using

the bin we have supplied for dirty nappies and rubbish. The council needs to supply another bin to us please. Also, this part of the park is a long way from public toilets. I have observed people using the bush as a toilet, and even seen toilet paper scattered through that area. Once I saw a bus driver disappear from the bus, and returning not long afterwards, clearly to go to the toilet. We also have lots of picnics occurring there, as well as plenty of homeless sleeping in their cars overnight on Connell Street. Naturally, the bush has become the local toilet, as the distance to the one on Portage Road is too far. It is both unpleasant and could be scary for children to witness. A toilet needs to be supplied along with a rubbish bin and access to water. It is a popular spot for picnics, but lacks the facilities to support the two picnic tables supplied.

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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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## Transport

I would like light rail from Helensville to Auckland, as it is virtually impossible to travel in and out of Kumeu by car due to the horrendous traffic. The Rodney area - Muriwai, Kumeu, Huapai, Helensville are beautiful and interesting, but you can only get there by car. This area should be Auckland's playground with so many events etc at Kumeu and an amazing beach with gannets at Muriwai. Rather than streams of traffic trying to get in and out through one narrow road, we should have public trains going all the way to Helensville. Unfortunately, I had to leave Waimauku where I lived due to traffic congestion. It is a nightmare living there. Please sort it out urgently.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Rodney, Whau

### 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

They are all good.

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)**

## **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**

I particularly like the idea of a swimming pool in the New Lynn area. It sadly lacks any recreational facilities and has for years. Avondale is too close to Mt Albert, so something around the New Lynn area with its train connections would be great.

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**

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**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)**

I am a daily dog group user of Craigavon Park in Green Bay/Blockhouse Bay. Our dog group meets daily at the Connell Street end of the park where there are two picnic tables and previously, two rubbish bins. Unfortunately, we have had the rubbish bins removed, and since then, we have had to provide our own dog dropping bin. The problem is, the many users of the park are now using the bin we have supplied for dirty nappies and rubbish. The council needs to supply another bin to us please. Also, this part of the park is a long way from public toilets. I have observed people using the bush as a toilet, and even seen toilet paper scattered through that area. Once I saw a bus driver disappear from the bus, and returning not long afterwards, clearly to go to the toilet. We also have lots of picnics occurring there, as well as plenty of homeless sleeping in their cars overnight on Connell Street. Naturally, the bush has become the local toilet, as the distance to the one on Portage Road is too far. It is both unpleasant and could be scary for children to witness. A toilet needs to be supplied along with a rubbish bin and access to water. It is a popular spot for picnics, but lacks the facilities to support the two picnic tables supplied.

## **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**



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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Organisation (if applicable): Whau Ethnic Collective

Local Board: Whau

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

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The annual plan focuses on getting on with strengthening the financial and physical resilience of Auckland, while investing where it is needed most to manage growth. In 2025/2026, that includes prioritising investment in:

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

we acknowledge and support the focus of the proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 on strengthening Auckland's financial and physical resilience, as well as investing in key areas such as transport, water, and fairer funding for local communities. These are vital areas that will contribute to Auckland's continued growth and sustainability.

We appreciate the attention to fairer funding for local communities, and we urge the council to ensure that ethnic and diverse communities are not overlooked in these investments. These communities often face unique challenges, including language barriers, economic disparities, and access to services. Ensuring that these groups benefit from the planned investments in infrastructure, transport, and local services will be essential for fostering inclusive growth.

Regarding the proposed 5.8% rates increase, we acknowledge the need for sustainable financial planning. However, we encourage the council to consider the impact this may have on lower-income households, including migrant and ethnic communities, who may already be facing financial pressures. It will be important to balance fiscal responsibility with measures to support vulnerable populations during this period of increased rates.

We support the additional debt funding to support capital expenditure but encourage the council to maintain transparency in how these funds will be allocated to ensure that they align with the needs of all Aucklanders, especially those from underserved communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and look forward to further discussions to ensure that the plan is inclusive and equitable for all.

## **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**

On behalf of the Whau Ethnic Collective, we support the introduction of a bed night visitor levy to fund destination management, marketing, and major events in Auckland. This levy would help address the \$7 million shortfall for key events such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon, Auckland Writers Festival, and cultural events like Eid celebrations, which play a vital role in showcasing Auckland's diverse cultural landscape.

We believe that this levy, if introduced, would provide a sustainable funding source for not only attracting visitors but also supporting cultural festivals that reflect Auckland's multicultural identity. These events bring communities together and strengthen Auckland's reputation as a vibrant, inclusive city.

However, it is important that the levy is applied fairly and does not disproportionately impact vulnerable or low-income communities. We encourage central government to move forward with this legislation to ensure the continued success of major events and cultural celebrations in Auckland.

## **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)*

we acknowledge the proposal to apply the Refuse Targeted Rate to residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney to fund the council's rubbish collection service. While we are not familiar with the specific circumstances of these areas, we understand that this change aims to create a more efficient and sustainable waste management system.

We believe that such a shift could streamline services and reduce waste, benefiting both the environment and the wider community. If this system were to be implemented in our own area, we would hope to see clear communication and support for households that might experience financial challenges, particularly those from lower-income and migrant communities.

We encourage the council to consider how best to support all residents in adopting this new model, ensuring equity in service delivery across diverse communities.

## **Question 4:**

## Local board priorities

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

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support all

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

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)**

we support the proposed projects and activities for 2025/2026, particularly those that prioritize the well-being and inclusivity of our diverse communities. These initiatives are essential for ensuring that all residents, regardless of their background, have access to vital services and opportunities.

We strongly support:

Increased community participation and capability through community hubs and partnerships with established community organizations. It's crucial that these hubs reflect the cultural diversity of our communities, offering services and programs that are culturally appropriate and accessible for ethnic groups.

Recreation options for healthy, active lifestyles, with a specific focus on ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls. We encourage the inclusion of culturally relevant activities and resources to ensure that these initiatives are engaging and accessible to all cultural groups.

Fostering climate/emergency preparedness and resilience, ensuring that all ethnic communities are included in climate action plans and have the necessary support and resources during times of crisis.

Collaboration with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to create vibrant and welcoming town centres. Incorporating ethnic cultures in public art, festivals, and beautification projects will help make these spaces more inclusive and reflective of Auckland's diversity.

Additionally, the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale is a welcome initiative. We hope this hub will serve as a space that celebrates cultural diversity, offering programs that cater to the needs of the various ethnic communities in the area.

We encourage the local board to continue prioritizing ethnic inclusivity in all aspects of planning, ensuring that resources are allocated to support the social, economic, and cultural needs of these communities.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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

**Tell us here**

we would like to offer the following additional comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026 and the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan.

Regarding the Annual Plan, we continue to support the focus on equitable investments in community services, infrastructure, and public spaces. However, we urge the Council to take a holistic approach by ensuring that the needs of ethnic communities are prioritized in the implementation of these services. This includes providing culturally relevant programming and making sure that services are accessible to people from diverse backgrounds, particularly those who may face barriers due to language, culture, or socio-economic status.

Regarding the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan, we support the ongoing efforts to manage and protect Tūpuna Maunga and to respect the cultural significance these places hold for Māori communities. We encourage the authority to continue engaging with all ethnic communities, including migrant groups, to raise awareness and promote understanding of the maunga's importance in Aotearoa's shared history. Integrating this knowledge into community programs, schools, and public spaces could help foster a deeper sense of connection and respect for these sacred sites across Auckland's diverse population.

Incorporating cultural education around the maunga, especially in multicultural areas like Whau, could be an important step in bridging knowledge gaps and promoting unity.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Particularly pleased with fairer funding for local communities.

In fact Whau Board need some significant catch up funding.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

Support

**Tell us why**

We need to keep funding major 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?**

Whau



## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support all

#### Tell us why

What is missing from this list is Planning for Rosebank Park Domain development once it is returned to public access. Also actively working towards purchase & development of Avondale Racecourse for public green space to make up for some of the extreme shortfall in passive green space that Avondale currently has. The future Whau Aquatic and Recreation facility should be developed on what is currently Avondale Racecourse land

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**

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

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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

In particular we need more parks in Avondale, which has significantly less accessible green space than other areas of Auckland & well below acceptable levels.

Significant funding required to develop Rosebank Park Domain as a passive green with trees accessible to public

Very significant funding required to purchase all of Avondale Racecourse when this comes on the market. This area is currently included by Council as part of Avondale's green space though we don't yet own it. This is the last area of potential green space in the area which could address our very significant short fall of accessible passive green space.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Because of increase in rates to tax payers

### 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**

No comment

### **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)*

For Franklin and Rodney

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**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?

#### 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**

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

I don't know

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

No. 7 and 9

### **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**

Do not increase rates.

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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?**

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.*

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 don't live in those areas

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Albert-Eden, Puketāpapa, Waitematā, Whau

### **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.**

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.**

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)**

## **Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

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

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

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

**Tell us why**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Fairly important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Fairly important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

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)**

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

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

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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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Funding coverage is not increasing at the same rate as inflation, hence a lot of community groups and charitable experiences are struggling to keep their doors open

## 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?**

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)

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

#### Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

The Arts centres in Waitakere, namely Te Uru Contemporary Art Gallery is a key driving point which promotes higher economic patrons to visit Titirangi and support other small businesses while doing so. The exhibition programme that has recently been enhanced by James Gatt has directly correlated in higher visitation by residents in the wider Auckland arts community. I would highly advise increasing their funding, at the very least, to adjust for inflation in the current NZ economy



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

I support getting expenditure down.

Reducing the Council wage bill by firing inefficient staff.

Eliminating Te Maunga authority because if there is public support for that they can fund themselves.

Eliminate any unelected or race based council members.

## 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**

This sounds like more beauracracy and just another 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.*

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,Whau

## 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

I support anything that reduces government or council waste, wasteful expenditure and any race-based policy.

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.**

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)**

Safety is the most important priority because if the area is safe, the other activities can flow from there.

## **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**

I support anything that reduces Council waste, wasteful spending, reduces inefficient staff numbers, and removes any race-based policies.

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.**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

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**

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.**

Less important

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

Youth is a priority because it is possible to turn a young or very young person from a bad life path to a good one.

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**Tell us here**

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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

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There is no financial incentive to reduce waste. I hope the reduction of rubbish collection days compensates for this.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support all

#### Tell us why

Common sense

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

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Very important

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

These have all been well-discussed over the years so should be actioned.

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**Tell us here**

I support the mayor's interest in making the city waterfront more accessible for swimming and recreational boating...eg short stay pontoons.

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Support most

### Tell us why

Overall the plan seems reasonable, there are a few things a strongly support and a few things I am not so keen on

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Other

### Tell us why

I do not oppose a bed tax, however I would prefer to see the environmental impacts of events (especially emissions cost) considered when calculating the cost/benefit of events. I would like to see event spending include the advancement of other council priorities eg. if you are spending to support a water based event, factor in a contribution to further the decarbonisation of ferries. So its not just financial and social benefits under consideration, but also environmental benefits are sought.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

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Support

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

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

I support moving away from user pays for waste services, and moving all areas to a rates-based payment. It is clear the user pays waste minimisation model does not work in a commercial competition setting.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Whau

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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 more focus on protecting the environment, reducing emissions and making assets resilient to climate change

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Less important

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

Fairly important

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

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

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Very important

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

More parks, more open spaces to enjoy, more places to get away from the busy main roads that dominate Avondale. More focus on emission reduction and infrastructure resilience to climate change

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**Tell us here**

I strongly support measures to ensure Auckland infrastructure is resilient to the impacts of a changing climate.

I strongly support considering an emissions budget alongside the financial budget for every project.

Please support the decarbonisation of ferries - surely its a bad look to promote water based major events like SailGPT and have dirty noisy diesel ferries chugging through the water alongside the boats!

Please continue to fund climate adaptation and resilience.

Please continue to fund the roll out of electric buses and speed that up if you can.

Please avoid supporting major events that have a huge emissions impact such as car racing events.

While I support cycling, I am concerned that cycle paths are being built without considering the emissions cost associated with construction. Creating a separate transport network creates lots of emissions that take decades to 'pay off' from people switching to bikes. Please ensure bike paths are low emission construction, and avoid chopping down mature trees.



# Sex and Gender Identity: Data Collection and Language Considerations for Human Research Ethics Committees and Researchers

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## Abstract

Including women in research and collecting and disaggregating data on sex is an ethical imperative. However, increasingly gender identity is being prioritised over sex in data collection and language which has ethical implications. In this paper, the authors share their experiences as study participants; a health consumer advocate, patient research advisor, and lay researcher; and academic researchers of engaging with researchers, Human Research Ethics Committees (HRECs), university ethics offices, and editors and reviewers of journals regarding data collection and communication on sex and gender identity. We argue that HRECs, researchers, and publishers must carefully consider the implications of omitting data collection on sex, mandatory and universalising gender identity questions and use of desexed language. We also propose that reduced data collection and disaggregation by sex, universal imposition of gender identity, and use of desexed language in research is decreasing data quality, reducing the willingness of some to participate in research and is culturally imperialistic. Recommendations for HRECs are made and research needs in relation to sex and gender identity are outlined. Respect for women in the conduct of research requires their sex-related experiences and needs are considered and therefore that data on sex is appropriately collected and reported upon.

**Keywords** Desexed language · Ethics · Female data gap · Gender identity · Sex · Sexed language

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## Introduction

Human research ethics committees (HRECs) exist to ensure that studies involving people are undertaken ethically. Since the 1990s, including women in research, and collecting and disaggregating data on sex, has been accepted as an ethical imperative and a matter of women's human rights and equality (De Rosa, 2014; Heidari et al., 2016; Kaufman et al., 2023). However, the increased cultural salience of the concept of gender identity and the prioritisation of it as a category is seemingly diminishing data collection on sex (Sullivan, 2023). Alongside this change, language is being desexed with words that enable clear identification of women as a group, like 'women'<sup>1</sup> and 'mothers', replaced with other terms, such as 'menstruators' or 'birthing parents' (Gribble et al., 2022). We contend that HRECs, researchers, editors and publishers need to be aware of the ethical implications that accompany these changes and respond appropriately.

We write this paper as women and mothers who have firsthand experience of reduced data collection on sex and the desexing of language in research through our varied roles as: study participants (MM, NJ, AH); a health consumer advocate, patient research advisor, and lay researcher (CC); and academic researchers (KG, ND). Collectively, we have engaged with researchers, HRECs, university ethics offices, and editors and reviewers of journals regarding data collection and communication on sex and gender identity, and the language used to refer to women. In this paper, we aim to highlight complexities and concerns regarding sex and gender identity in research with the goal of promoting research quality, women's equality and human rights and respect for and dignity of research participants.

## What are Sex and Gender Identity?

Sex and gender identity are distinctly different concepts. Sex is a reproductive category across all multicellular animal species, defined by whether individuals produce or are on a developmental pathway to produce small motile gametes (male) or large sessile gametes (female) (Goymann et al., 2023; Hilton & Wright, 2023; Kodric-Brown & Brown, 1987). In humans, the bodies and experiences of males and females are different in ways which necessitate that both sexes are included across a wide variety of research areas and that data is disaggregated by sex (Gribble et al., 2025). Some differences between the sexes are absolute; notably, women uniquely gestate and birth infants. Some are average differences, for example, in height, strength and response to medications (Stoet & Geary, 2022). Others are average differences which stem from absolute sex difference, for example, that women are overwhelmingly the primary caregivers of infants (Gribble et al., 2023). And finally, some differences are a result of societal expectations and sexism; for example, women may face barriers obtaining financial support for starting businesses due to a view that they are less suited to doing so than men (Bullough et al., 2022). Each of these factors can and do interact with one another.

Historically and to this day, women have been excluded from research for reasons related to their physiological complexity, concern regarding protecting fetuses and infants from harm, and a seeming sexist prioritisation of the concerns of men (Galea et al., 2020; Gomes

<sup>1</sup> In this paper we use the terms 'woman/women' and 'man/men' in their sexed meaning to refer to adult female people and adult male people respectively and similarly the term 'mothers' and 'fathers' to refer to female and male parents respectively.

et al., 2017; Sperber, 2021). This has resulted in a ‘female data gap’ evident across the breadth of human experience, and to the disadvantage of women worldwide (Criado-Perez, 2019; Heidari et al., 2016). Lack of such data can even be life threatening (e.g. Waitt, Gribble et al., 2025). Hence, it is considered a matter of ethics and women’s rights that women are properly included in research and that studies collect and disaggregate data on sex.

When the term ‘gender identity’ was first used, it described a person’s knowledge of their sex as male or female (Byrne, 2023). However, the meaning soon changed to delineate an internal sense of oneself as living in the social role of a man or a woman (Money, 1994). In this way, gender identity became enmeshed with the concept of ‘gender’ developed by feminist philosophers to describe the social expectations of men and women (Mikkola, 2024). Further evolution of the concept of gender identity has allowed for ‘non-binary’ gender identities and the understanding that gender identity is not fixed but can change over time (Coleman et al., 2022). Contemporary definitions of gender identity are varied and tend to be circular in nature but continue to explain gender identity in reference to sex stereotypes. For example, the Australian Human Rights Commission describes gender identity as ‘*the gender-related identity, appearance or mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of a person*’ (Australian Human Rights Commission, 2013). Thus, a gender identity of ‘woman’ can be reasonably interpreted to include dressing or acting in a stereotyped ‘womanly manner.’

The idea that ‘social roles’, or conforming to feminine sex stereotypes, are in any way connected to making someone a woman is viewed by many as regressive and objectionable, including the authors of this paper. We therefore do not apply the concept of gender identity to ourselves. However, for others, gender identity is important to their self-understanding. Most notable in this group are individuals who report experiencing a discordance between their sex and their sense of gender identity, a state described as being transgender (McKechnie et al., 2023; Wiepjes et al., 2018; Zhang et al., 2021). Some transgender people have an aversion to their sex being recognised or referred to. Data collection on gender identity and avoidance of data collection on sex or use of language that references sex has come, at least partly, through advocacy for this group.

## Methodological Approach

The authors came together to write this paper through their shared connection to the senior author, KG. Given her publication record regularly receives private communications from diverse people, including clinicians, policy makers, academics and study participants who are concerned about the implications of prioritising gender identity over sex in data collection and language. A series of back-and-forth communications between KG and each of the authors (MM, NJ, AH, CC, ND) led KG to propose a collaborative article where our experiences and insights regarding data collection on sex and gender identity and language used to refer to women could be articulated.

We employed an autoethnographic approach. Each author was guided by KG to reflect on and write about our experiences with data collection on sex and gender identity and language used to refer to women, through the lens of our particular research role (study participant, academic researcher, consumer advocate/patient research advisor/lay researcher). We each included the subject and context of the research project, our particular contribution to the project, and documented issues related to data collection on sex and gender identity,

the use of sexed or desexed language and/or requests or pressure to alter language or study questions. Where relevant, we also detailed from where (e.g. a journal editor) or whom (e.g. an ethics officer) the requests to ask particular questions or use certain kinds of language originated. Finally, we documented our personal response and/or action to these data collection and/or language issues as well as the final outcome(s) that resulted from our various inquiries or non-compliances. MM collated and organised these experiences and views into a first draft. These personal, reflective, and fact-based accounts of data collection on sex and gender identity and the language used to refer to women in research are provided below. Given the common themes and shared experiences among the three authors who acted as study participants (MM, NJ, AH), these accounts are shared in one section. To analyse our personal accounts, we consider our experiences in the context of other published studies and discuss important issues emerging from our collective evidence for patterns of unclear language and inappropriate language or study question requests.

### **Experiences as Study Participants with Data Collection on Sex and Gender Identity**

We three study participant coauthors (MM, NJ, AH) are women who are mother to ten children between us ranging in age from 4 to 15 years. We are all motivated to participate in research by a desire to see women's experiences and needs inform health and social policy and practice. Our awareness that this is important was heightened through our experience of becoming mothers and realising how little of the information we received during pregnancy and new motherhood was based on sound evidence (Little & Wickremesinha, 2017). We have each participated in multiple studies, including research requiring considerable commitment. For example, NJ has participated in a longitudinal study of child development through several waves over the course of 15 years.

However, in the past several years, we have been disturbed as studies have increasingly not requested information about our sex, even when sex is critically important to the research topic. Instead, we have been expected to nominate a gender identity without any mechanism to inform researchers that the concept is not applicable to us. We have found it is common for completion of the gender identity question to be mandatory, preventing us from progressing further into the study. In many instances, we have also been asked to state a gender identity on behalf of our young children.

As these experiences became more frequent, we began to contact researchers and, in some cases, the relevant university ethics office to discuss our concerns. When doing so, we have raised the necessity of data collection on sex for the closure of the female data gap and advocated that not collecting data on sex where it is relevant diminishes research quality, is unethical, and constitutes a form of sexism against women. We have also pointed out the non-universality of gender identity and explained to researchers that requiring participants to indicate a gender identity is offensive and unethical, comparable to requiring the answering of question about religion without a 'no religion' option.

Responses from researchers and ethics offices have varied but a general lack of understanding of the importance of sex data and what gender identity is have typically been evident. Some researchers have insisted that sex and gender identity are equivalent concepts and categories even though this is demonstrably false. Others have dismissed concerns about absence of sex data and focused solely on what they see as the relevance of gender identity information. One author [NJ] explained to a researcher that she was not able to pro-

ceed in their study due to the requirement of stating a gender identity for her young children. The researcher responded by instructing her to *'select the response which represents your children's gender identity.'* Some researchers have not responded to our queries. One ethics office did not address concerns raised by an author [MM] about the omission of sex data at all, but simply responded that the study was approved by the university HREC which *'did not raise any concerns about the questions.'* Finally, a number of researchers and ethics officers have not understood that an option of 'prefer not to say' to a gender identity question does not allow us to communicate that gender identity is not applicable but rather implies that we have a gender identity we are unwilling to share.

We are most concerned by responses that indicate data collection on gender identity instead of sex comes from explicit university guidance. Two authors [MM and NJ], were referred by different researchers responsible for two different studies at the same university to an official university guide which stated *'There is rarely any reason to ask someone's sex. This usually only applies in medical, legal and some sporting contexts...Most of the time you want to capture gender information'* (Monash University). When MM questioned the ethics office about the suitability of this guidance, she was informed that the guidelines were developed by the equity and diversity unit and not the ethics office.

However, as a result of our communications, some researchers have made changes to their studies. One researcher offered to disable the 'forced response' mode for the gender identity question in an online survey so the participant could proceed without answering this question. On another occasion, researchers agreed to add a sex question and to provide a gender identity option of 'I do not have a gender identity.' Changes like these have allowed us to participate in research and to answer questions with accuracy. Further, these changes also give us confidence that researchers are committed to conducting ethical and high-quality research.

Overall, the apparent shift from collecting data on sex to a predominant focus on gender identity has left us frustrated and angry. It highlights a disconnect between our sexed experiences as women and mothers and an ideological emphasis on gender identity. Increasingly, we find ourselves unwilling to participate in research and have simply abandoned study surveys where our sex is not requested, or that require us to state a gender identity.

### Experience as a Researcher with Data Collection on Sex and Gender Identity

KG is a researcher in maternal and child health with a focus on breastfeeding and infant and young child feeding in emergencies. She sought ethics approval for a study on natural disaster experiences of parents of infants and young children in Australia, in which the study survey asked for the sex of study participants but not their gender identity. After review by her institution's HREC, KG was provided with a university guidance document advising that *'for studies that are not explicitly about sex/gender only gender is asked'* and which implied that data on sex was needed only for medical research. She was advised in HREC feedback that not asking a question on gender identity might *'alienate some gender diverse participants.'* In her first draft of the study survey, KG had included a question about gender identity but had removed it as she could not apprehend that any data collected could be relevant to the study. She did not consider it ethically justifiable to include a question collecting data that would not be used. In her response to the request, KG informed the HREC why no question on gender identity has been included but indicated willingness to add a

gender identity question if the committee remained of the view that this was necessary. However, KG requested to deviate from university guidance that gender identity questions be framed in a way that assumes all study participants applied the concept of gender identity to themselves. She requested instead to add an answer option of 'I do not have a gender identity.' Regarding the sex question, the HREC had requested that if a sex question were to be included that 'intersex' be added as a third sex option. KG advocated for retaining the question on sex with binary 'male' 'female' answer options explaining that sex data was relevant given the sexed nature of pregnancy and infant care (Gribble et al., 2023) and that intersex was not a third sex. This research project had a tight time frame for completion and so there was concern that prioritising data quality and not making the changes as requested by the HREC could delay ethics approval. Fortunately, the HREC approved the application in a timely manner with it noted that the response to HREC comments on sex and gender identity demonstrated '*great consideration to these issues.*' Examination of the answers to the sex and gender identity questions in this study did not indicate any transgender study participants - but a number of individuals nominated that they did not have a gender identity.

KG has had senior colleagues from a number of universities contact her to ask for advice on how to word survey questions to collect data on sex and gender identity. It seems common for researchers to be confused about the difference between sex and gender identity and how to collect accurate data on these variables. They may attempt to collect data on sex and gender identity using a single question resulting in accurate data on neither variable. For example, they may ask participants what their sex is but include 'non-binary' as an option not realising that in doing so, they are mixing sex and gender identity. This question construction was even applied in the 2021 Australian census resulting in, what was later recognised as, meaningless data (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2022). Others feel that they must follow HREC suggestions or guidance on data collection on sex and gender identity even when data collection on sex is inappropriately discouraged, includes intersex as a third sex or universalises gender identity to all.

### Desexed Language to Refer to Women

The sexed words 'women' and 'mothers' are increasingly being replaced in research and other contexts with alternative terms that either make sex invisible (e.g. 'people', 'parents,' or 'families'), reference body parts (e.g. 'cervix owners') or allude to physiological processes (e.g. 'birthing bodies') (Gribble et al., 2022). The word 'breastfeeding' may be replaced with terms like 'chestfeeding' or 'bodyfeeding' (Gribble et al., 2022). Using desexed language risks inappropriate inclusion as well as confusion, inaccuracy and exclusion, particularly in health communications for women with low literacy, low health literacy or low language proficiency (Gribble et al., 2022). Desexed terms like 'person with a cervix,' 'vagina owner' and 'menstruator' disperse women's reproductive system into component parts so obscuring the coherence of women's bodies and reproduction and collective belonging to the female sex class. Desexed language risks the dehumanisation of women (Bartick, 2024) and obscuring women's experiences, needs, and human rights (Gribble et al., 2022; Jameson, 2021; Munzer, 2021).

The extent to which desexed language adversely impacts or is rejected by women is unknown as it has scarcely been researched. There has been one small study on this subject in the US (Kinney et al., 2023) and another, larger study, in Uganda (Nakijoba et al., 2025).

The US study (16 participants) found that replacing the sexed term ‘mother’ with ‘parent’ in a question resulted in some women misunderstanding what was being asked (Kinney et al., 2023). This same study also considered the acceptability of replacing ‘breastfeeding’ with ‘chestfeeding’ and ‘bodyfeeding’ and found high levels of rejection by women. One woman had experienced rape and said that bodyfeeding *‘conjures something I don’t want to think about.’*

The Ugandan study considered the understandability and cultural acceptability of terms including ‘person with a uterus’, ‘person who menstruates’, ‘birthing parent’, and ‘chest feeding’ in 19 focus group discussions, involving 146 men, women and youth in six languages and in five of locations (Nakijoba et al., 2025). This research identified that some desexed terms were confusing; for example, ‘birthing parent’ was understood by some to refer to both mothers and fathers. Desexed language overall was described as ‘disrespectful,’ ‘obscene’ and ‘shameful’ (Nakijoba et al., 2025).

Dehumanising terminology to refer to women should not be used. However, some researchers are using dehumanising desexed language in their publications, including seemingly without study participant agreement and are being permitted to do so by journal reviewers and editors. For example, a paper which examined the menstruation experiences of women with disabilities in Vanuatu referred to study participants as ‘menstruators’ (Wilbur et al., 2021). The stigma associated with menstruation was described in some detail in this paper but there is no indication that study participants consented to be described in terms of this stigmatised physiological process. Use of such dehumanising terms in publications is increasing: Google Scholar shows just 18 publications including the term ‘menstruators’ in 2013 but 426 in 2024, a 24 fold increase.

## Experiences as Researchers with Pressure to Desex Language

It is evident that in some instances researchers are experiencing pressure from HRECs, reviewers, and editors to use desexed language. ND is an evolutionary biologist who considers how evolutionary dynamics shape features of sexuality, reproduction and health and disease in humans. She submitted an ethics application for a proposed study on female reproductive anatomy and its correlates and experienced repeated requests for changes by the HREC related to the use of the terms ‘female’ and ‘women’ in study materials. Over three rounds of review, multiple adjustments to language were made at the request of the HREC as ND sought to retain sexed language and explain why. This culminated with her being directed to *‘remove all references to women’* in all study documents in the third round of review, even in documents that would not be seen by study participants. ND rejected this request, and her ethics application was nonetheless finally approved, albeit with significant delay for a minimal risk project.

ND also submitted for publication a paper on the cognition of women with polycystic ovaries or endometriosis and was requested by a reviewer that the word ‘woman’ be replaced throughout with the nonsensical phrase *‘people with female-identified reproductive organs’* (Dinsdale, 2023). She also refused to do that and instead added definitions stating that *‘this article uses the terms ‘woman,’ ‘women,’ and ‘female’ to refer to individuals born biologically female.’* The paper was then accepted for publication (Dinsdale, 2023).

CC is a woman who experienced preterm prelabour rupture of membranes (PPROM) and the subsequent death of her unborn baby. She set up an organisation called Little Heart-

beats (*Little Heartbeats*) and as a volunteer advocates for and supports women who have experienced PPRM and also advocates for research into PPRM. CC has acted in the role of research advisor to patient and public involvement (PPI) groups and has been a lay researcher for a number of studies of PPRM. In an address to a committee of the House of Lords in the United Kingdom, CC emphasised the particularly negative impact of disappearance of terms like ‘women’ and ‘mothers’ on women like herself who had experienced pregnancy loss, infant death or premature birth. She connected desexed terminology to the widespread dehumanisation of women during pregnancy and childbirth (Keedle et al., 2022) and shared her own perception as a woman experiencing pregnancy complications of being seen as ‘a body on the bed’ rather than as a ‘woman who needed healthcare’ (Ely, 2023). Research with pregnant and birthing women and women with gynaecological complications repeatedly echoes these experiences of being ‘just a body’ or ‘body parts’ and being dehumanised in health care settings (Gribble et al., 2022; Halvorsen et al., 2013; Keedle et al., 2022; Toye et al., 2023; Walburg et al., 2014). This underlines the importance of using respectful language in the context of women’s reproductive health.

CC has experienced both HRECs and a journal suggesting or requesting replacement of ‘women’ with desexed language. As a member of a PPI group, CC was asked by the lead researcher for her advice on language use as the HREC suggested ‘*that the [chief investigator] checks with the PPI group as to whether it might be more inclusive to say ‘pregnant women and people who are pregnant.’*” To the apparent relief of the researcher, CC explained the possible impacts of desexed language on women and their rights which was communicated to the HREC and sexed language was permitted in the study.

A paper on PPRM for which CC was a coauthor was accepted for publication in the British Medical Journal but all uses of ‘women’ in the paper were replaced by editorial staff with ‘people’ at the proofing stage. The unacceptability of this was communicated to a technical editor who did not appear to be aware of the difficulties that desexed language can pose and noted that ‘inclusive language’ policy is ‘continually evolving’ at the journal. Nonetheless, the editor was amenable to reverting the language and addition of an inclusivity statement saying, ‘*This paper uses the term ‘woman’ and includes all female people, including those who do not see themselves as women’.*

It appears that requests from reviewers, editors and others to use desexed language are not uncommon. KG has also experienced several requests to use desexed terminology to refer to pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers. In most instances, a simple inclusion of a definition to make it clear that the terms ‘women’ and ‘mothers’ were being used in their sexed meaning was sufficient to enable publication. However, in one instance, the pressure at the last minute to change the language was so intense and persistent that the authors needed to threaten to withdraw the publication before it was agreed that sexed language could be retained. In this case, the authors, who were from many countries, were united in considering the request as inappropriate, deeming that such a request would undermine the clarity of communication regarding women’s needs and would represent an inappropriate imposition of American/Western ideas in a paper intended for a global audience. Unfortunately, in another case, an editor replaced the term ‘mothers’ with ‘breastfeeding parents’ in a paper of KG’s during proofing which was regrettably not identified and so this desexed language, and the error it introduced, remains (Gribble et al., 2020).

Most recently, KG was a coauthor of a letter to the editor of the Lancet Global Health on the need for guidance on mpox vaccination for breastfeeding mothers in the Democratic



Republic of the Congo (DRC) (Ververs et al., 2024). On the proofed pdf, an editor requested that ‘chestfeeding’ be inserted in several places, saying, ‘*Could we add “and chestfeeding parents”, to ensure we include all those feeding human milk.*’ There are unlikely to be individuals who describe themselves as ‘chestfeeding parents’ in the DRC which suggests an ideological underpinning of this request not connected to the women central to the letter. Nonetheless, the editor acceded to the response that these changes not be made. However, the replacement of two usages of ‘women’ for ‘people’ in this letter were also made by the editor at proofing, not highlighted for the authors, were missed and are in the published letter.

Nakijoba et al. (2025) noted their motivation to consider the acceptability of desexed language in Uganda being in response to ‘*pressure from journals and some partner organizations*’ to use desexed terminology. Their research concluded that ‘*the shift towards desexed language may be seen as an imposition of foreign values rather than a progressive step toward inclusivity.*’ The editor in chief of The Lancet Group, has written about the importance of decolonisation stating, ‘*Decolonisation seems an urgent obligation if those who advocate for equity wish to be taken seriously and retain even a vestige of moral conscience*’ (Horton, 2021). However, there is a clear inconsistency between this intention and the practice of journals as examples of desexed language requests and requirements provided in this paper illustrate.

## Discussion

There are a number of implications of reduced data collection and disaggregation by sex, universal imposition of gender identity, and use of desexed language in research.

First, quality of data is compromised and data necessary to understand women’s needs and experiences is missing and so advocacy for women’s equality impeded. For example, recent research on pregnancy and parenting related workplace discrimination in Australia did not collect sex data and so could not disaggregate by sex (Potter et al., 2023). This meant that basic information relevant to women’s experiences and human rights, such as length of parental leave available or taken by mothers and whether they wanted more leave was unavailable. In another example, the Australian Department of Health conducted a survey of Australia’s medical and health research workforce that did not include a question on the sex of researchers. When the Department of Health was advised that motherhood has a significant impact on women’s participation in the workforce and so data collection on sex was important, they responded that they asked about caregiving responsibilities implying that this inactivated the concern. They were seemingly unaware of research showing for example that academic fatherhood does not have a career impact whereas motherhood does (Lutter & Schröder, 2020); that is, sex matters and so sex data should have been collected.

Lack of data on sex or compromised data quality also may prevent meaningful conclusions being drawn. For example, in 2021, it was reported that in the United Kingdom there had been an 84% increase in the number of women recorded as sexually abusing children (Fair Play for Women, 2021). However, it was not possible to determine if there truly had been an increase in female perpetrators of child sexual abuse because, amongst other reasons, police and court data collection had shifted from recording the biological sex of perpetrators to, in some instances, recording their gender identity or self-reported



or legal sex (Fair Play for Women, 2021). It is entirely possible that there had been no increase in female perpetration of child sexual abuse but that the increase was simply a result of a mis-recording of a small percentage of male perpetrators as female. In another example a Canadian study on ‘pregnancy involvement’ and the mental and sexual health of young people who identified as transgender did not report data disaggregated by sex even though getting someone pregnant is very different from getting pregnant, severely limiting the usefulness of the research (Veale et al., 2016). A study on mpox infection in ‘women and non-binary’ individuals provides an illustration of how sex data is important for everyone, including those who identify as transgender. This research included people who were male with a woman gender identity, as well as females irrespective of gender identity and found vastly different epidemiological and clinical characteristics between the sexes (Thornhill et al., 2022). Had sex data not been collected it would not have been possible to delineate these important findings relevant to health policy and health care provision.

Second, potential study participants may reject participation in research, believing that not collecting sex data, requiring participants to agree they have a gender identity, and using desexed language in study materials or publications is unethical and indicates lack of knowledge, skill or respect by researchers. The extent to which such self-exclusion occurs is unknown. However, each of the three study participant authors of this paper have self-excluded from research for these reasons. An online blog shares another woman’s experience of writing to researchers stating her unwillingness to participate in their study because it did not ask her what her sex was (Hill, 2023). Regarding language use, research on desexed language acceptance reported women saying that if they were presented with terms like ‘chestfeeding’ or ‘bodyfeeding’ in a survey they, *‘wouldn’t have taken the survey... would have rolled my eyes and just exited out of it’* and *‘If I saw that on a piece of paper, that would make me want to throw that paper away.’* KG is aware of a researcher who used desexed language in study materials at the request of an HREC but experienced poor recruitment and complaints about the language used. The problem was such that the researcher requested and obtained an amendment to their ethics approval to reinstate sexed language after which recruitment proceeded acceptably.

Terminology rooted in a gender identity framework may foster lack of trust in scientists and scientific institutions. For example, The Lancet has recently informed authors that they should use the term ‘sex assigned at birth’ in papers submitted to the journal (The Lancet, 2024). This phraseology can be reasonably recognised as absurd and unscientific, particularly by women who have had the sex of their infants identified by ultrasound well before their birth. We also suggest it is offensive to use this term which on its face claims that a choice is made to condemn half of newborns to the sexism imposed on girls and women within societies, including infanticide in India or exclusion from education in Afghanistan as examples. The use of ‘sex assigned at birth’ in research may well result in potential study participants declining participation and decrease researcher and journal credibility.

Finally, there are serious ethical considerations related to requesting or requiring researchers or study participants from diverse cultural and belief backgrounds to apply ideas related to gender identity to others or themselves. The American origin of gender identity and associated language is unmistakable. This can be visualised via use of the internet search analysis tool Google Trends® which shows the geographic spread over time of terms like ‘assigned sex’, ‘menstruators’, ‘birthing people’, and ‘chest feeding’ from the United States of America (US) to other countries. Clearly the cultural power of the US and other Western

nations is playing a role in this spread. It should be appreciated that researchers from low- and middle-income countries, particularly those that are non-Western and of non-English speaking backgrounds, may face enhanced difficulties in pushing back against inappropriate requests to desex language from funders and journals. It should be considered a type of cultural imperialism and abuse of power for institutions like funders, Western-based research partners, HRECs or journals to impose requirements related to gender identity irrespective of the research context or backgrounds and beliefs of researchers and study participants.

## Recommendations for HRECs

HRECs have a critical role to play in ensuring that women do not continue to be disadvantaged as a result of their inadequate inclusion in research and lack of collection and disaggregation of data on sex. We argue that HRECs have a duty to ensure that sex data is systematically collected and accurately represented in studies. Therefore, HRECs should provide explicit guidance on when sex data should be gathered. We propose this should be in any context where physiological differences between the sexes or social expectations of the sexes are relevant. This is particularly important in situations involving women's reproductive capacities, such as pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or infant care (Gribble et al., 2023b), as well as in contexts of workplace discrimination and career advancement. The responsibility for providing guidance to researchers on data collection on sex rests squarely with HRECs and ethics offices and should not be deferred to other university units. HRECs need to be aware that recent academic efforts to portray the sex binary as 'more complex' or 'blurred' (Ainsworth, 2015), and to present sex as part of a spectrum, is a confusion of sex as a reproductive category and sex characteristics and undermines efforts towards closure of the female data gap. It is crucial to maintain a clear distinction between sex, sex characteristics and gender identity to ensure that research inclusivity accurately reflects the experiences and needs of women.

Furthermore, HRECs should ensure that questions regarding gender identity include options that allow respondents to indicate that the characteristic does not apply to them, such as 'not applicable' or 'I do not have a gender identity.' This approach respects the diverse backgrounds, cultural beliefs, experiences and characteristics of study participants and acknowledges that not everyone subscribes to the concept of a gender identity. Doing this also assists in avoiding cultural imperialism and maintaining cultural humility and respect.

HRECs must also advocate against using dehumanising language in research materials, including participant information, surveys, and dissemination channels (such as publications and conference presentations). Ensuring respectful and accurate language is essential to maintaining the dignity, integrity and willingness of research participants. It should be made clear to researchers that desexed language should not be used in publications unless such language was used in study materials with study participants. This was also recommended by Nakijoba et al. (2025). Additionally, academic journals need to provide clear guidance to reviewers and editors regarding appropriate language use. This guidance should emphasise the importance of using respectful and precise terms to avoid perpetuating confusion misrepresentation and disrespect.

## Research Needs

We maintain that the imperative to include women in research, including pregnant and breastfeeding women, and to collect data on and disaggregate data by sex remains and should be prioritised. Women remain underrepresented in research and they and their children suffer as a result of this. It is still the case that most medications have not been properly researched for pregnant and breastfeeding women and the impact of this can be severe. For example, despite advocacy from the Coalition for Advancement of Maternal Therapeutics (Coalition for Advancement of Maternal Therapeutics, 2020), COVID-19 vaccine trials did not include pregnant or breastfeeding women (Van Spall, 2021). The result was that hundreds of millions of pregnant and breastfeeding women were required to make decisions on receiving a COVID-19 vaccine in the absence of research showing safety. In some contexts, women were forced (at least for a time) out of their employment or had to choose between breastfeeding and their employment as government policy meant they could not be vaccinated in line with work requirements while pregnant or breastfeeding (Hare & Womersley, 2021). Women's health and medical conditions remain under-researched (Galea & Parekh, 2023; Smith, 2023) and women's contributions to economies and societies under or unmeasured and not counted (Gribble et al., 2023b).

We argue there is a pressing need for research to be undertaken to understand how study participants comprehend questions about gender identity. Very little is known about what members of the public understand gender identity to be and what information they are providing when asked questions about gender identity. The longstanding use of 'gender' as a synonym for 'sex' likely results in some study participants believing they are being requested to state their sex when asked what their gender or gender identity is. Some participants likely deduce the meaning of gender identity questions from the response options rather than from a clear understanding of the concept of gender identity. Using the terms 'male' and 'female' to denote gender identities is likely to encourage confusion of gender identity with sex (Balarajan et al., 2011) but the extent to which this occurs is unknown. The 2021 census of England and Wales provides a dramatic example of how confusion regarding gender identity questions can provide demonstrably unreliable data. This census data indicated that those with the poorest English language skills were those most likely to be transgender suggesting that the gender identity question was confusing (Biggs, 2024). The Office for Statistics Regulation recently recognised the untrustworthiness of this gender identity data and downgraded it, this was the first time this had occurred since the census began in 1801 (Barnes, 2024). The impact of gender identity fluidity (Coleman et al., 2022) on data collection need to be understood, as should the implications of replacing a fixed characteristic like sex as a biological variable with one that may change over the lifespan.

Finally, it is unknown how common it is for individuals to not apply the concept of gender identity to themselves, or what the impact is of imposing gender identity beliefs upon people who eschew the concept. A group for whom there should be particular consideration are people who used to apply the concept of gender identity and understood themselves to be transgender but who do so no longer, so called desisters or detransitioners (Expósito-Campos, 2021). Detransitioners in particular may see the concept of gender identity as something that has harmed them and be especially averse to assumptions regarding gender identity and a requirement to state a gender identity (Gribble, Bewley et al., 2023). The experiences of detransitioners highlight the complexity and potential pitfalls of impos-

ing rigid gender-identity frameworks in research, underscoring the need for flexibility and sensitivity.

## Conclusion

The increasing prioritisation of gender identity over sex in data collection and language has ethical implications that HRECs, researchers, editors and publishers should understand and take heed of. HRECs have a responsibility to provide guidance to researchers that maintains the necessity to collect data on and disaggregate by sex whenever sex may be relevant and to ensure that personal application of gender identity is not inappropriately imposed on study participants. HRECs, editors and publishers must also ensure that dehumanising language to refer to women is avoided and that researchers are not pressured or required to use desexed terminology in study materials or publications. It is an ethical imperative for women to be respected in the conduct of research; this requires that their sex-related experiences and needs are considered and therefore that data on sex is appropriately collected and reported upon.

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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?**

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**

Fairly 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**

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)**

### **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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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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I don't know

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

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### **Local board priorities**

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

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Less important

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

Very 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**

Less important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Putting up my rates so you can make more debt no thanks

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

We need people to like Auckland not leave

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You do squat for me except pick up my rubbish I have to keep paying to use or get you to do something

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## Whau Local Board Priorities

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

1. The public buses operated by AT run with too few passengers and hence are financially inefficient. The data likely shows that public buses do not need to have such a large passenger carrying capacity. Furthermore, they are physically too large (size) for many of the roads on which they operate. I propose the use of 10 to 20 seat, single deck buses. A system of providing licenses,



to private operators, to operate each of the routes, should be adopted. Private operators would retain income from passengers and would pay an annual fee for each of the routes they are granted.

2. Buses need to operate on smooth roads for maximum passenger comfort and minimum vehicular damage.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

This would have a negative effect on tourism.

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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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Every effort should be made to reduce the burden of rates on all rate-payers, especially those in the business sector. Rates have risen too fast over recent years due to Council involvement in projects that are outside their remit; which is to provide basic services.

Councils need to downsize manpower, severely cut costs and use modern means to increase efficiency.

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All operations must be costed, moderated and audited. The basic services needed by rate-payers should be focused on. Anything else should not be entertained until New Zealand's economy has recovered.

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Support most

### Tell us why

I would like to see a focus on identifying and addressing barriers to Auckland as a livable city, that its residents are proud to live in. Such a focus would place people and communities at the heart of economic and social decision-making, and would necessitate fresh ways of hearing from and engaging Auckland's many and diverse communities.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It is fair that ratepayers do not shoulder the cost of services and infrastructure, etc., enjoyed by many who do not pay rates.

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Support

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

Support all

#### Tell us why

They are all worthy proposals important to building community

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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I don't know

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### **Tell us here**

Please keep doing the things that make Auckland an exciting, vibrant city and region, events such as the Heritage Festival, the various cultural festivals, music and movies in parks and so on. The bleak vision of the Minister for Local Government that councils should do only water, roads and waste must be resisted. Continuing investment in means of getting about other than private motor vehicles, and in improving the walkability, safety and pleasantness of city and town centres also need to be safeguarded.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

If we are to keep inflation down then how come council get to spend more than inflation and the people paying for it have to control spending.

Council should always have to spend less than what people have to spend and help the people

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

If I want to have a party do I get my neighbours to pay for it. If event organisers want to have a party then the poor cash strapped council should not just tax people to get funding. Let event organisers work out the cost and pay for it

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Other

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Lifestyle properties should pay their fair share in garbage collection as it cost more than if was a populated area. The standard refuse rates cannot be applicable to such properties but a rate that reflects the cost of providing such services to these properties



## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Waitematā, Whau

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

### Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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

**Tell us why**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Less important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

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**

Less important

**Support for ending homelessness in Auckland.**

Fairly important

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

Spend on necessities not niceties

Homeless ness is more important than a footpath

Get people back to work by limiting a hand out only if they improve themselves else plan to ship out so people willing to contribute can use the soace

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

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Concentrate rate payers money on core services to run a city. Every thing else is optional and minimum spend to keep rates down. A 6% rate increase most certainly entitles council to curb all un related activities or it can be considered as wasted resources to look good to people who don't even pay for their rates

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I think council has a duty of care not to spend money they don't have. A lot of activities council spends money in is beyond what is expected of them. Social activities and nice to have should not be done on cost higher than inflation taxes. The hard working average Joe has no money to spend on goodies he may never see, let him keep some of that so that he too can get a break

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**Tell us why**

The tourists come to Auckland to attend the events already contribute to the hospitality industry and I am worried the levy will put them off.

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Very important

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Support most

### Tell us why

Need more lovely things in parks

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

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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?**

##### **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**

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**

Very important

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

Less 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.**

Fairly important

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

Art in Rodney needs more resources. Kumu arts is amazing and I heard they are struggling. This should be an absolute priority. How about a sculpture park down through the council land down there to draw in community members and make it a fun beautiful place for everyone oks

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Support the arts more. We need joy - life is hard atm. I am a local upcycling artist and am working on a sustainable sculpture to avoid landfill with the Support of kunu arts. This is a community based project using the watercare central interceptor disused worker boots to create a outdoor native gecko sculpture. The land not currently being utilized down by the Kumeu arts centre would be the perfect location. I just need to secure a location to obtain the funding component from creative nz. Pls feel free to contact me so I can send through my draft proposal. \*\*\* I have attached my bio for your information





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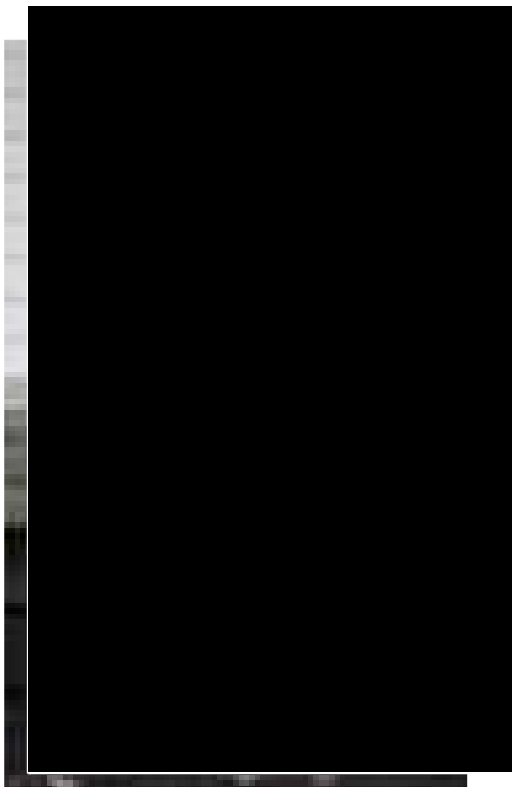
## INTRODUCTION

### **Lisa – My Shiny Madness**

Lisa is a Tāmaki Makaurau-based contemporary artist whose practice fuses eco-feminism, social critique, and upcycled materials to create immersive, thought-provoking installations. Her work explores the tension between consumer culture, the female experience, and digital identity, transforming discarded objects into powerful visual narratives.

Her sculptural and mixed-media works challenge themes of beauty, resilience, surveillance, and societal expectation, often incorporating reflective surfaces, neon aesthetics, and layered textures to heighten their intensity. Through her bold, maximalist approach, Lisa confronts how women exist within, resist, and reclaim power from a world that commodifies them.

With a background in upcycling and sustainability, Lisa's practice is deeply rooted in community-sourced materials, reinforcing a dialogue between waste, worth, and reinvention. Her work has been exhibited in major galleries and awarded for its striking combination of satire, material innovation, and raw emotional impact.



*Cover image: "Our Time" – Winner of the 36th Waitakere Arts Competition People's Choice Award 2023.*

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Winner of 2nd Prize – Identity Theme – Franklin Arts Festival 2024.





















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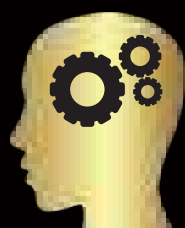


**Lisa Watkins 2 years old**

**A review from Janet McAllister:**

These **bold** works belie the chaotic stereotypes of upcycled art: they are precise, fully-formed and confident in purpose and direction.

The graphic colours and shapes demand our attention, then the depth, cleverness and object relationships keep us riveted. This is eco-feminism at its best: creative, humorous and thought-provoking.



## MY SHINY MADNESS

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### **Local board priorities**

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

Puketāpapa

## **Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

I think this is a valuable step forward for the development of our country in terms of many avenues such as health, personal happiness, and community development. I believe that a lot of these avenues require adequate attention and I am hopeful that the council will adhere to their plans.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Just because that people use New Zealand and especially Auckland as a primarily layover destination, this does not take away from the intrinsic value of visiting or staying in Auckland and I think this will just de-motivate people to book layovers in Auckland. I think the funding could come from elsewhere.

## 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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Fees should be more accessible for more incentive for people living in Auckland to support a cause and if the council can prove they can do these things well with as minimal funding as possible, they can then increase rates accordingly.



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

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

**Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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

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 these aspects are inherently interconnected and would all contribute to the growth of economy as a whole.

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Very important

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

Very important

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

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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**

Very important

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

Very important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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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

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Less important

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Te Hono has been a LONG time coming.

An aquatic centre is an expensive investment and if there are school pools that can be utilised then the money can be used towards developing parks and open spaces (such as the racecourse - perfect location as it is near the Avondale township and Te Hono)

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Greater emphasis on public transport, with an increase in security on buses, trains and at transport centres. To gain the full benefit of rail improvements secure carparking is required at major suburban transport centres to allow evening use. Stop development on flood prone land to minimise risk to ratepayers. Reinstate the Auckland design office to ensure development isn't

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Would like to see AK council ratepayers seriously consulted about the increase in compensation to category 3 properties as it is seriously above last years estimate. Greater limits need to be put on compensation and development of flood prone land needs to stop now, before the liability becomes greater. Perhaps council could introduce substantial levy to deter development. Not sure that responsible pet owners should have to pay for irresponsible owners, but neither should taxpayers.

All dogs and cats should be registered and microchipped. Roaming, unchipped adult animals should be euthanised.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Whau

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**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)**

Environment - increase trees, green space. Advocate to keep Avondale Racecourse as green space. Promote musicians, artists etc in New Lynn library outdoor area and improve safety. More safety wardens would be good, especially at transport centre in evening. Advocate for secure car parking at New Lynn to allow safe evening train travel. Park and ride? Blitz on weeds in Whau with education programme. Provide weed bin similar to Waitakere Ranges board.

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Street parking is creating a danger with limited visibility of driveways and pedestrians. Many streets are now one way with cars parked on both sides of the street. Make some clear rules about parking on berms and place time limits, say 6 hours on all suburban streets to prevent the roads being used as carparks. Support congestion charging, but only if there are sufficient park and rides at major transport hubs. Progress making space for water urgently and prevent development on flood prone land as many properties risk becoming uninsurable. This will become a huge liability for ratepayers.

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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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Support

**Tell us why**

We need more funds and this is a good way of doing so, as long as it is implemented in a way that doesn't create onerous demands for businesses collecting the levy.

## **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?**

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?**

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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**

Fairly important

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

Less important

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



Less important

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

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#### **Tell us here**

Avondale has been neglected for too long and it's important the council continues to invest in making Te Hono fit for purpose while encouraging Ockham to progress developing the 3 guys site. Equally if the race course is to be developed, the council needs to get involved and ensure that sporting facilities, a potential pool and the market has a future so that Avondale has appropriate infrastructure for the amount of growth planned. Schooling also remains an issue as the suburb densifies. The impact of the Trust's on west Auckland means that local hospitality options are lacking compared to other suburbs.

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Support most

### Tell us why

agree with capping the \$50 transport and also other ways to pay for bus. agree with most things.

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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, except its mainly for national events that it would benefit from, not including big global events where people fly in for and it affects us.

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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:**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Less important

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Very important

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Very important

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

more money should be spent in environmental and community grants

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Support all

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?**

*(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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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?**

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Whau

## **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?**

##### **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)**

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)**

Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities - opening hours and services, Local parks strategy and planning

##### **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?**

No

**Tell us why**

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

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 all

### Tell us why

MORE RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE!!

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Support

**Tell us why**

More events brings more money to local economy

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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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Should all be paying

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Albert-Eden, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

## **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.**

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)**

## **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**

Very important

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

Very important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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**Tell us why**

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Very important

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I don't know

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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Whau

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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Do not support

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### **Local board priorities**

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### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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Avondale lacks an accessible safe green space for exercise and enjoying nature. Development of the Avondale race house into a park for all would greatly enhance the neighbourhood. The park could include recreational facilities such as rugby/soccer fields and tennis courts.

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Support

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Bins are so much better than bags.

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Less important

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

Our community faces poverty and food insecurity. We should address those issues through having affordable places to come together and support for volunteering.

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

Do not support

**Tell us why**

I don't believe you will spend it on supporting projects and will most likely give the bosses raises

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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?**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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)**

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Tell us why

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Need money for more events

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I think the whau river has the potential to be a beautiful area but is currently let down by the rubbish and waste that is everywhere. I know a large part of this is due to it being in a low socio economic area but run down things get more run down. If there was a concerted effort to get rid of pest plants, plant more natives increase the pest trapping i believe more people would use the parks and they would in turn become tidier. There is a noticeable difference in the state of council parks and facilities in our area compared to other parts of Auckland and it's simply not acceptable. Many in our community are already struggling and the state of the environment in the area seems to reflect this.

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**Tell us why**

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Swimming and aquatics are an important part of NZ life and keeping our communities safe and well. I would like my kids to be able to walk to their local pool for swimming classes and for recreation.

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### Tell us why

Auckland's transport has failed to keep up with the growth of the city for decades and is frankly a bit embarrassing at times when tourists attempt to use it. I support any efforts to invest in or improve Auckland's transport infrastructure. I'm also very supportive of keeping our water



infrastructure up to date and supporting local communities which are what make Auckland feel unique as 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**

Sounds good as long as the levy remains low enough as to not discourage visitors or punish those visiting family/friends.

## **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?

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

Particularly support the parts about parks and local shared spaces. I would also add that the board needs to get with the times and give residents normal bin collection in line with other parts of Auckland as the tags can be easily sabotaged and add extra hassle.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

I think the art and pool stuff sounds nice but can probably afford to wait until the area's delapidated public spaces have been spruced up first as well as made secure in case of future flood events.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Very very little mention of cycle infrastructure in the plan

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Support

**Tell us why**

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I don't know

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Less important

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

Very important

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Very important

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

not sure what's happening with the Whau pathway cycling path from end of Wingate Street - seems like its been on hold for years...

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Level Crossings - apparently a few road/rail level crossings on the western line are being simply 'closed', with no alternative provided for cars to cross rail tracks. I understand this is due to the increased frequency of trains, hence barriers are down for large percentages of the time. Traffic is already badly affected by barriers, so simply shutting the cross is going to wreak havoc on traffic. Is there no provision to explore roads going either under or over the rail lines?

With the volume of bikes using the northwestern cycle way, there should be more widening projects undertaken. There's a few nasty pinch points where i've seen numerous near misses. i would also like to see greater policing of users for the paths, as i now often see motorised scooters or motorbikes using the paths.

All for congestion charging - this isnt mentioned?

The \$50 fare cap is good, but why not go further and subsidise PT even more to encourage patronage. Brisbane for example have 50c fares to anywhere...

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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**

Gives the economy Auckland Economy a boost

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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?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Puketāpapa, Whau

## 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**

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**

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.**

Fairly important

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

## Puketāpapa Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

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.**

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

I appreciate the extra investment into public transport, and generally support an increase in rates towards funding investments into infrastructure, and urban intensification to support our growing city

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Support

**Tell us why**

Very marginal change to the payers, large impact to local events, worth doing.

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

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Support

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

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Henderson-Massey



## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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

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

**Support all**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Very important

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

Very important

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

The waterways need care and attention, this is necessary funding that has just not been given what it needs

## Question 5: Other feedback

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Thank you for the excellent video about the Plan, stumbled across this on Reddit, Actually excellent seeing this as an avenue to sort after feedback.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

This could benefit a community or individuals

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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**

Generating revenue from tourism to fund projects that benefit both tourists and the local community.

## **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)*

## **Question 4:**

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

Henderson-Massey, Whau

## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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

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**Support most**

**Tell us why**

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

- Access to clean water and sanitation reduces these preventable illnesses and improves community health

Water quality initiatives contribute to global progress by saving lives, elevating communities out of poverty, and promoting health, economic development, and environmental sustainability.

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Community, individuals and economies benefits

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Very important

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

Promoting recreation and active lifestyles in open spaces that cater to diverse communities not only enhances individual and community health but also fosters social connections, addresses equity issues, stimulates economic growth, and supports environmental sustainability.

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

#### **Tell us why**

Taxing tourists a relatively small amount per night was common in a lot of major cities in Europe, which I visited last year. If tourists can afford to travel for events, a bed night visitor levy won't make or break their decision. If this money can be re-invested to fund cultural events that then attract more visitors, the better—provided we have the infrastructure to support both locals and growing numbers of tourists.

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Support

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

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## **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.

### **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?**

##### **The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Very important

##### **Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

##### **Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

I think community development (priorities 1–4) and protection of our natural environments (priorities 6–7) should take slight precedence over supporting business associations and parks.

A healthy community, both physical and mental, are prerequisites for business to flourish. Part of that means stimulating community-building to combat the loneliness pandemic of recent years, and investing in natural taonga like the Waitakeres that help support our population's wellbeing in such a significant way.

## **Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

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

**Tell us why**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

Less important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

Fairly important

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

Less important

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

Fairly important

**Investigating transition of Grey Lynn Paddling Pool into a seasonal splashpad**

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)**

The two biggest priorities I think should be to investigate flood resilience given recent major weather events in the last 3/4 years. At this point, we'll be playing catch-up if it isn't at least investigated now to mitigate as much damage as possible in the coming decades.

And homelessness. The rising cost of everything and the general state of the economy in recent years means many more people are destitute; funds should be allocated accordingly to make sure our people are cared for in times of need.

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

## **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?

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major events are vital to Auckland being a dynamic and exciting city. In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund

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

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

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

**Tell us why**

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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

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

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

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

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

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. Support most

**Tell us why**

I do mostly support what you are proposing but want to highlight the importance of funding the arts programmes.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Very important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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)**

I believe that funding the arts and cultures programmes need to be prioritised. Places like Te Uru gallery are essential to attracting people to the area (which in turn, business and local neighbourhoods all benefit from).

Te Uru needs to be a sustainable public gallery so that it can compete with the very best in Auckland and if not the whole of the country. It is vital that it is able to attract the best artists, curators and community leaders there to showcase the enormous benefits that art and culture offer to everyone.

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**Tell us why**

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### **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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**Tell us why**

I think the arts are important within the Waitākere Ranges and support the Te Uru Arts and programmes and see it as culturally beneficial for the area.

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Very important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Very important

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Fairly important

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

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

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Fairly important

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

Te Uru has been a constant educational and showcase for public arts within the community. It would be extremely important to keep sustainable funding to Te Uru.

They bring a wealth of knowledge to local children and students within their education programme, and with a footfall of over 50,000 visitors a year they bring a economic structure, bringing people to the area, helping surrounding businesses to enable a thriving community.

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Support all

### Tell us why

Good work

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Support

**Tell us why**

It's alright - gotta get money from somewhere.

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Support

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

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No

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

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

Waitematā

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

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

**Tell us why**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Beneficial for the 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**

Very important

**Delivering footpath improvements for Auckland Domain**

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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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)**

Homelessness: great goals

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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,Youth activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Better communication and networking for Pacific Islander groups, especially minority groups because sometimes they can get left out.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Good progress

### 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**

Unsure how I feel about this

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

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

*(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?**

Waitākere Ranges

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

### How important are these priorities to you?

#### **The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Very important

#### **Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

#### **Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

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)**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Good proposed annual plan especially faier funding for local and small business.

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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**

Someone has to pay so we can focus other resources else where.

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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 propose low rates for low economic areas.

## **Question 4:**

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Flexi wage program should be increased and extended from 6 months to 12 months and the capital grants from 10K to 15K.

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### Tell us why

I feel the rate increase is fair, particularly supporting the work in the Whau board area

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Support

**Tell us why**

I've seen other countries/cities do this and as a visitor did not mind; it makes sense to support more events

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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?

Support all

#### Tell us why

I think planning for a local aquatic centre is a real positive, as well as the new community centre and outdoor spaces. Strongly support keeping the Avondale Racecourse as local green space for sports, exercise, and of course the Avondale Sunday Market

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**

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

#9 is particularly important - keep the Avondale Racecourse as green space for exercise, sports, and the Sunday market for access to affordable and healthy food.

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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**

They already spend enough money when they arrive

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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

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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

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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?

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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

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**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

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Support all

Tell us why

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### Tell us why

I believe this will help the community immensely.

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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 Kiwis who travel we're generally hit a number of levies, so I think it only fair that we should charge the same to visitors especially from destinations where NZ'ers are expected to pay a visitor levy

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

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Support all

### Tell us why

Because all communities, especially our most vulnerable would benefit most. Although our Tokelau community is small, we have a high percentage of families that are at risk of becoming vulnerable.

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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 would provide benefits to the Auckland economy and help create a better quality of life.

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Waitematā

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

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

**Tell us why**

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**

I don't know

**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

**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 climate action and sustainability activities,Local waste minimisation activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support

**Tell us why**

Keep assets in public hands

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Henderson-Massey

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Support all**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Very important

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

Very important


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

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We should have a pedestrian crossing between the bus stops on Maioro Street to ensure safety. This will also make travel for bus users more efficient.

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Puketāpapa, Whau

## **Puketāpapa 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?**

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

Fairly important

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

I don't know

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

I don't know

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

I don't know

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

Fairly important

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

I don't know

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

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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**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**

I don't know

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

I don't know

**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.**

I don't know

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

Re Increased community participation. Remember that included in the Whau is a vast area that encompasses Blockhouse Bay and New Windsor. New Windsor reaches as far as Richardson Road on the Puketepapa border. This area seems to be left to being just a dormitory suburb with little to no community facilities to speak of. In that a lot of your rate payers are in this area then the board needs to be proactive and put forward some plans to develop the area to become part of the greater Whau community

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

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?**

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Support most**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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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**

## **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**

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)**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

You are spending way more money than the community can afford. Basics like food and electricity have sky rocketed in price but incomes have not.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

You say the fund is to cover existing events but then want to spend even more on more events. Auckland does not need to be an exciting and dynamic city. The people of Auckland want it to be a liveable city where they can afford to work and eat without excessive rate hikes.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

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

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The change from a user pays rubbish collection to a rates funded one will surely increase the amount of rubbish going to landfill which I thought you were desperate to avoid.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 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

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very 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**

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

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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

Very important

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

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

RATE INCREASES MUST NEVER EVER BE MORE THAN ANNUAL INFLATION.

IDEALLY SHOULD BE LESS THAN INFLATION.

FOCUS ONLY ON CORE COUNCIL FUNCTIONS ONLY IF COUNCIL CAN'T ACHEVIE THSIS.

## 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**

COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE COMPENTANCY TO COLLECT AND USE THE MONEY WISELY.

JUST ADDS TO ANOTHER COUNCIL MONEY GRAB FROM AN ORGANISATION THAT DOES NOT WHAT IT IS THERE FOR.

## 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)*

IMPLEMENT RATE INCREASES EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN INFLATION MANDATORY POLICY.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**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?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

DO WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD KEEPING WITHIN THE INFLATION RATE INCREASE.

IF MORE THAN THIS, DONT DO IT.

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.**

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

ALL GOOD, MUST YOU MUST STAY WITHIN YOUR BUDGET WITHOUT INCREASEING RATES HIGHER THAN INFLATION.

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**Tell us here**

THE HIGHER THAN INFLATION RATE INCREASES ARE OVER! GET THE MESSAGE, READ IT AGAIN IF YOU DID NOT GET IT THE FIRST TIME.

THE RATE PAYERS HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF ACC PAYING MORE AND MORE FOR SERVICES WE DONT WANT OR NEED AND FUNDING COUNCIL FATCATS AND WASTE.





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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**

Accommodation is already very expensive, this will reduce visitors to our city

## **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)*

Please get rid of Wastewater fixed charge. These charges are too high and is really hurting.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**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?

Support most

#### Tell us why

The density of housing development is too high and cannot be sustained in this small regions without proper services. Please do not let Whau become a slum development where people will be scared to walk on the streets.

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**

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Very important

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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

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Henderson-Massey

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Support all**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Very important

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

Very important

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

## **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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Do not 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?**

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## **Question 4:**

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

Whau

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Support all

**Tell us why**

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Less important

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Fairly important

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

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The 5.8 percent rates increase feels hard for home owners already struggling with crushing costs.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Major events are critical to the life of this city. Auckland isn't competing with other cities, we're competing with Australia and without funding, we'll miss out on certain events all together.

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### Tell us why

\* While additional funding is welcome, rising costs of existing services could limit the impact of new projects, leading to tough trade-offs or partial implementations.

\* Collaborating with BIDs and schools for service delivery may shift responsibilities to private or semi-private entities, potentially reducing long-term public control over essential services.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Agree that this is a necessary step towards continuing to fund the great events Auckland currently hosts and potentially more events to revitalize the city.

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Support

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Already mentioned before.

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Albert-Eden

### **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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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.**

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.**

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

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I think a levy targeting tourists will be more beneficial. A tax on local travelers could potentially reduce visitors. A similar example like in Japan where all non citizens pay a levy on hotel stays.

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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.*

Support

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

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding. The proposed increase in funding ('fairer funding' for local boards) may be taken up by budget pressures outside of the local board's control.

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

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

##### **The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

##### **Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

##### **Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

## Waitematā Local Board Priorities

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

### **Tell us why**

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**

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)**

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

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

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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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

### 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**

## **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?**

Whau

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

Most of what's proposed is predominantly fluff. Plan for future facility, work with local BID, continue to support, increase community participation, foster preparedness, investigate a future space.

While I appreciate that there's a degree of planning needed for these aspects; I'm not sure how \$24M is spent on think-tank initiative. I would much prefer money spent on actual project deliverables.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

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**



Fairly important

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

Less important

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Support the funding change for local boards but do not support local boards having more decisions making over more infrastructure. I'm concern this will just make it harder for large projects to be enacted that benefit the city as a whole, especially cycle and bus lanes crossing multiple board areas.

Don't support the move away from CCOs, ultimately I think it will be a waste of time. It might be better for reducing inter-organisational miscommunication. But it will likely invite more waste as councilors fiddle with the controls constantly whenever they want to score points around an election cycle.

I don't like that rates rise are so evenly distributed, wealthier/ more valuable properties already reap massive benefits from all the infrastructure that gets dolled out to them and they're more than capable of paying more. Increase rates more for houses above the average home price or just \$1 million.

## 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**

Sure, funding has to come from somewhere. The bigger problem is getting events approved in the first place with all the red tape and complaints from NIMBYs like around Eden park.

## 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)*

Sure, rubbish tags and bags are annoying and I didn't like having to do them when I lived there.

**Question 4:**

**Local board priorities**

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

Whau

**Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

Good priorities overall

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**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

All good stuff. The town centre is much better now but still needs a bit of work. If we keep making the same progress it'll be basically perfect in the next 5 years or so.

## **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 agree with public transport and city improvements. Don't agree with rates rise.

### 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**

because if we don't raise money via that way, we may need to have even more rate rises.

## **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?**

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

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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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There doesn't seem to be anything in there around increasing public transport options and making current public transport options better/more frequent. E.g. getting rid of the level crossings.

Also there isn't anything around removing the stupidly high number of speed bumps around New Lynn.

**#3253**

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### **What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?**

Support most

### **Tell us why**

I support most of the plan but apart from housing rates increase which already puts pressure on household with high mortgage rates.

## **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**

Its relieves the load on Auckland tax payers.

## **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?**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Sick of the miss management of our stadiums. Western springs should remain a speedway track, Home of Ponsonby Rugby and concerts. The white Elephant in the room Albany Stadium should become the home of soccer.

The Mayor needs to be replaced along with his gutless naysayers

We need competent people running our city, not a bunch of locals looking for handouts and appeasing their own genders.

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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 tourists to visit our city, charging a bed levy will be fair providing it a minimal charge on them. Auckland residents providing proof of residence should be exempt

## 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?

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?

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

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

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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**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Whau river and streams, urgent emphasis should be put in clearing debris and silt buildup in all rivers and streams. This is a major concern with the likely hood of residential flooding due to the infill housing that's taking place.

Youth

At the moment 40% of the competitors racing at western springs speedway and Rosebank speedway are west Aucklanders, removing this venue will decrease the opportunities for these youngsters to not only improve their driving skills but also discourage them from taking it to the streets

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events



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

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?**

Albert-Eden, Puketāpapa

### **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**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

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)**

I am very concerned at the handling of Western Springs Speedway. You may have noticed the public outcry over the closure. The talk of the SFO and the Ombudsman as well as a KC being involved is very alarming. Where there is smoke there is fire. What worries me the most is what else has been handled like this, no public consultation, not allowing the public to speak, providing false documents to the people voting, just to name a few things. I thought you were an honest businessman, your silence is deafening and alarming. You will go down in history as the Mayor who ruined 96years of New Zealand's history., I'm embarrassed for uou

## **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?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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

### **Tell us here**

The handling of Western Springs needs to be looked at, the crowd at the protest march as well as the crowd at the event on Saturday night need to be listened to. As ratepayers we feel like you are not listening to us. You asked for comments on your Facebook post, have you read any of them? There are a large number of very unhappy voters that feel ignored and we haven't had a fair deal

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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**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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

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

Support

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

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Henderson-Massey, Whau

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Support most**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

## **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**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

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

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Very important

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**Tell us here**

I feel like Auckland Unlimited need to make sure that the layout for Their events are accessible to all. The Pasifika villages weren't all planned out properly. My family didn't make much profit as we were placed away from the actual stage. It almost felt intentional and very offensive. Please do better for my nanas sake. We love the festival but Niue Layout needs to be revised.

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**Tell us why**

The whole Acc needs to be sacked and have an ACC that will listen to the rate payers . councilors are only there to fill their own pockets and say \*\*\*\*\* the public.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

Change the counci;

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

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Just sack this council

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Overall I support the levy, however it does not feel right that a government levy would pay for event named ASB Classic. Should this be renamed to Auckland Classic?

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## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Investment in public transit is key to high functioning city living for the average person. It promotes a cost effective means of getting around.



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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 Auckland intends to become a more worldly relevant city with engagement in tourism, pop culture, etc... this is significant to benefiting from it.

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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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## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support all

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Fairly important

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Support most

### Tell us why

I wish they could do more to help the transport problem and more beautifying of the 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**

the people staying in hotels and air bnb have the money to pay it and the council desperately needs it.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

I wish they could do even more in my area.

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**

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

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no this years document was great! Easy to read and hard to argue with. I even wished they had included more specific details.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Please continue to focus on the basics and reduce waste. I do not agree on vanity projects or social engineering tactics. Allow people to travel freely with highly available options, and maintain access to basic clean water.



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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 believe that the Auckland ratepayer should be having to subsidize this. Attraction to international events/tourism should be at a national/governmental level. Please put pressure to have this levy come from government.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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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,Henderson-Massey,Puketāpapa

## 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.**

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.**

Less important

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

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

**Do not support most**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

**Puketāpapa 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'll never forget about the Auckland Floods 2023. Please let that be a lesson allow us to re-focus on what's important and focus on climate adaptation.

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**

Less important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

**Investing in more climate action and environmental projects**

Very important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

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

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### **Tell us here**

Get people moving, give us clean water, reduce our waste. Focus on the basics and allow people freedom and personal responsibility to do better.

Find the best people/group for the job and task, leave the diversity and ethnicity politics out of it. Allow the elected leaders to take full responsibility, accountability and transparency for decisions and their strategic planning.

I'm not convinced co-governance (or the version that is presented via Tūpuna Maunga Authority) has everyone's interest in Auckland at heart.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

All actions are positive and the plan as a whole is well thought out, balanced, and a model of good governance. I would like to see more emphasis on multi modal travel as it's the only viable solution to ever increasing congestion,, and has a variety of ancillary benefits (increased opportunities for low cost travel, reduced pollution, better social connections, improved safety 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

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

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

Support

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

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Whau



## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly 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.**

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Very important

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Very important

**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.**

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

Why spend 16 million specifically on Maori and with such vague goals. That is a lot of money that can be spend a lot more effectively towards all Aucklands. Which also includes Maori.

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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 a levy as this way visitors contribute to the city they are visiting. However Auckland council should focus on supporting events with the best roi that puts money into the local business community.

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Support

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

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Just make everything the same and stop changing things. First tags got introduced and now they are removed again. I'm sure all these changes cost a lot of money with 0 result

## 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.**

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.**

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.**

I don't know

**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)**

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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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Support

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

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### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

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Whau

#### **Whau Local Board Priorities**



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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

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Very important

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Fairly important

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Support

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Support

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Less important

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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)**

Anything which improves the beauty and liveability of Western Ak suburbs. So much out west, including but not limited to Avondale town centre, is so grotty and uninviting, often to the point of feeling straight-up menacing.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

When you increase accomodation costs you reduce the punters coming to stay.

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I don't know

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*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Remove the composting bins. It's a useless overpriced system.

Bring back pay as you go bin tags for West Auckland to reduce rubbish.

Remove the double rating portion on waste management for at home businesses/ residential commercial zoned properties.

## **Question 4:**

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

Waitematā, Whau

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#### **Tell us here**

Leave Western Springs Stadium alone!!!!

Stop all speed tables and road humps immediately.

Stop inline bus stops.

Reduce the epidemic of orange cones across Auckland.

Stop the Tūpuna Maunga Authority cutting mature trees.

Remove the composting bin system.

Bring back bin tags in West Auckland.

Ban all glyphosate use across Auckland parks and streets.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

What I'd like someone to reconsider is putting more public rubbish bins in parks and communal areas like Melbourne has. I'd also like to have a opt out of the scrap bins. We don't want to pay for any service we don't use or need. We recycle our own food scraps.

## 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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Other

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

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What I'd like someone to reconsider is putting more public rubbish bins in parks and communal areas like Melbourne has. I'd also like to have a opt out of the scrap bins. We don't want to pay for any service we don't use or need. We recycle our own food scraps. I'd like the trees in the streets trimmed, streets swept, and sprayed for weeds. So many new nz people's dontdo it!

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Albert-Eden, Henderson-Massey, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki, Waitākere Ranges, Waitematā

**Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

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

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

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

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

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

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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



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

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Just do some of the simple things well. Trim trees, more rubbish bins, spray weeds and have an opt out of scrap bin, for people who already recycle foodscraps in the garden

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

7.9% increase in rates in year 3 is not reflected in the totals for capital or operating.

You are therefore asking for more money just to put it in the bank? How about it stays in the ratepayers banks instead.

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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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You propose to increase rates 7.9% in year 3.

You do not propose to increase capital or operating expenditure in year 3 by 7.9%

Can you please explain what the 7.9% increase in year 3 is for?

**Question 4:****Local board priorities**

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Whau

**Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Proposals on page 29 are vague. You can't ask use etc and then ask me to support all

What exactly is wrong with the service levels in the parks? All the parks are already great. What does increase service level even mean?

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**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.**

Less important

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

Fairly important

**#3561**

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

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Terms like Increase and Foster don't mean much without any detail.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

The council don't own the maunga, but must pay for the maintenance? Is that right?

**#3573**

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Support most

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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 most

### Tell us why

Seems to be a common sense approach. Transparency on cost increases required to deliver new projects of maintain existing infrastructure.



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Support

**Tell us why**

The cost would be more targeted to people who attend events being supported by the council and not put into the general rate payer 'bucket'.

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I don't know

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## Question 4:

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Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Very important

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Fairly important

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

Less important

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Very important

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

Restore community funding levels. I am a trustee of a charity that tries to help men address toxic masculinity. The work is powerful but we are incredibly reliant on volunteers AND community grants.

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**Tell us here**

I appreciate the time and effort put into the document. I like the colour and layout which makes it easier to read. My only negative is that it is long and some readers may not be bothered. I am gaining a trudging respect for the mayor. Wayne, I initially thought you to be rude and arrogant but I can see your passion and care for the city. I think you are doing a good job under the circumstances and I appreciate the humor in your recent ads. I would not have submitted my views without that encouragement to 'have my say' (even though much of it is over my head).

PS: could Auckland wear the cost of FREE public transport? I assume not but it may be enough to get people on busses etc.

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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**

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

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Support

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

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## **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

**#3622**

**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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**Tell us here**

I hope Auckland Council will continue to provide operating funding to our city's anchor arts and culture organisations, including the Auckland Philharmonia which is enjoyed by tens of thousands of people across our city every year, in addition to being the largest employer of artists and creative workers in Auckland.

**#3645**

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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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Regarding residential rates increases. Increases do not appear progressive enough to me, personally. Those who have been provided an opportunity by the city (and country) to own expensive housing should pay it forward.

### **Question 4:**

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#### **Tell us here**

Regarding public transport. The \$50 monthly cap is great. However, I feel this is still too high. \$200 a month is enough to pay for monthly parking in many areas and the incentive to switch to public transport is just too weak. Any thoughts on pushing for a lower cost annual pass? I know this is not entirely up to Auckland Council, but my opinion is we should be pushing for public transport, and being ambitious with funding to support expansion and patronage.

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Refer Q2

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Other

### **Tell us why**

I support this, however, I would like to see Council extend the remit of Destination Management to all cultural and creative events in the city. The major events are hugely important, but the smaller operations such as a thriving nighttime economy add to the vibrancy and richness of the city and act as essential support for the audiences and tourists that are attracted to the major 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?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Tell us here



#3746



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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**

We don't need reasons for people to stop coming here, adding higher costs to stays is not good

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

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

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**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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

**Tell us here**





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support 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?**

Whau

### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**

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

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

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

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

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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)**

7. after the flooding and witnessing the devastation I think urgent attention is needed in evaluating out stormwater drains urgently as housing intensification rapidly increases

8. youth centres never seem to work as nothing is less cool for youth than going to a youth centre in any generation!

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**Tell us here**

good to see progress happening over the city- particularly in public spaces revamped, cycle ways and landscaping our green areas. I know the council is the lightning rod for traffic, traffic cones and other grievances.

If the Tipuna Maunga authority involves continuing chopping down historic non-native trees many of whom have personal meaning and environmental protection of native fauna it will be a tragedy

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

5.8% is too much increased for residents who are hard working and its out of their pocket to support this.

## 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)*

Please reduces rates and fees you charge too much.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Henderson-Massey, Waitākere Ranges

## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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

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

**Support most**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Keep the cost to minimum

## 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 any

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

You guys are not doing anything for Kelston

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

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**Tell us here**



do some improvements in Kelston



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## Your feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

People are already suffering with high cost of living and putting this extra 5.9% will put extra burden.

## 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?**

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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

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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?**

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

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Fairly important

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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)**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Wayne Brown is making wise decisions

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

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Support

**Tell us why**

Should be collected at customs. Otherwise you will miss out so. E that camp using vans. They buy van and sleep in it

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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)*

Keep rates increase to minimum aa it affects cost of living

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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None

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The rates are too high for we get in return

### 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 am not very clear how this is going to be implemented.

## **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)*

Everybody should be treated equally

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Waitematā

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

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

**Tell us why**

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**

Very important

**Starting construction for Leys Institute**

I don't know

**Delivery of Heard Park Civic Space**

I don't know

**Prioritising sport and recreation opportunities for groups that have less**

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)**

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,Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Should pay less for the council workers and save money for the rate payers.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The annual rates change exceeds 4 percent which is beyond excessive

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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**

Accommodation is a fundamental right and must not be levied upon

## **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, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

### **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.**

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)**

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important



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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I am visually-impaired. Unless I am mistaken, there is very little in plan to repair potholes on footpaths, specifically in the city centre (Victoria St) but also the uneven footpaths across the wider Auckland region. Also, I love the existing cycleways but there does need to be something done

about ignorant pedestrians who clog them up, especially when there is a footpath alongside them. Most notably, Tamaki Drive and Quay St.

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

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

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

I don't know

### **Tell us why**

The disparity between the \$7m that's needed and the forecast \$27m (\$20m) seems excessive. Without a better explanation as to why this initiative needs to garner an additional \$20m, this seems like a money grab. What exactly/specifically is intended use of the excess amount?

## **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?**

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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

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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

I simply don't have a vested interest in many of them. Some of the proposed initiative descriptions in the consultation document are vague and don't substantially describe specific actions nor a measurable benefit component. For example, 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.

What are appropriate options and what do you mean by through recreation in parks....etc? The use of words and phrases such as ethnicity, women and girls feels almost woke in terms of the emotiveness surrounding current issues that impact these population groups....almost a weak attempt to appeal to our empathy. You need to better describe specific actions, the problem each of these population groups currently face and how your proposed initiatives are going to have a positive impact.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

I don't know

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Less important

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

Very important

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

I don't know

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

I've already described my thoughts in previous entries in this survey.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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

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**Tell us here**

I'm a big advocate for promoting public transport and cycling options...keep this up!



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# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The Kauri dieback management programme is not providing value for money. This should be scrapped and all associated funds spent on opening all previously closed tracks. Funding should be redirected from roading projects to active mode improvement projects and road safety projects.

## 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**

Minor tax is appropriate.

## 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?**

Waitākere Ranges, Whau

## 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

Support Whau proposals.

Do not support Trial of phosphate use on kauri. This has been proven to be ineffective in the long term. Better to fund planting of new kauri, and open tracks.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

### How important are these priorities to you?

#### The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

#### Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Less important

#### Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

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

I don't know

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



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

PLanting of Kauri and public access into the waitakeres should be top priorities. We need the tracks back!

## **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**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

I don't know

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

I don't know

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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 any

### Tell us why

Concentrate on that basics, roads, parks, libraries. Ditch transport or privatise it. And Water needs to be governed by experts, not a council.

## 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**

No. Why? Clean up Queen St. Make it hospitable. Multi agency care of the homeless. Why aren't they being looked after. We need a second City Mission accomodation purpose built multi service hubs in East, West & South Auckland.

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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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Why penalise those in these areas? It's unfair. Why can't you base it on usage? Be sensible about your approach.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

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Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Do not support any

#### Tell us why

Why cut funding to libraries. Madness

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Less important

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

Very important

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Very important

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

Very important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Less important

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**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)**

Stop pivoting your mandates and ideas around woke agendas. We're sick of the signalling. Make spaces for all people. Cmon!

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**#3931**

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### **What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

### **Tell us why**

Havent read it but want you to make Auck SAFER & clean up those sleeping rough. Give them a park to pitch tents in making it illegal to sleep on streets. Make begging ILLEGAL with those who wash car windows exempt from getting moved on as theyre actually 'working' not begging. Have more shelter over playgrounds from sun. Add more skate ramps & ball hoops for older kids to keep em out of mischief with water fountains along walk ways. STOP blocking water views eg along River Whau by the huge trees n shrubs you plsnt that grow too high n block view. Have more seating for elderly to sit along the walk & areas we can sit n put feet in water like around Harbour View. Speed humps at traffic lights is overkill. Get more free left turns to reduce traffic but ur taking them away which is idiotic as adds to traffic. Put some traffic lights on flashing at night so we can proceed with caution vis raging about being forced to sit at a red light when nobody in sight.

## **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**

### **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?**

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**Tell us here**

Allow more free parking why should we have to pay money in little neighbourhoods and stop making one way street? They just make the traffic worse by forcing people to have to go in a circle to get to where they want





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

It's great to see investment in social, natural, physical and cultural capitals.

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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 will help to manage the environmental impacts of tourists such as additional waste, water use, as well as the pressure points, they put on transport infrastructure.

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## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support all

#### Tell us why

great mix of investment in people, infrastructure and nature, which will help build the productivity and community of this area, and hopefully without putting future generations at risk.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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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)**

It's great to see the council working to make sure the equity of benefits is considered when making investments in Auckland.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Please look for opportunities for investing in things that have a number of co-benefits, for example public spaces can include features that encourage both adults and children to play, whilst also connecting insects and with plant corridors, discouraging littering and reducing stormwater runoff, plus re-using materials that might otherwise go to landfill.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

It's not really clear what the plan is, just seems like a convoluted tactic to justify raising rates. Auckland is falling behind and things have really deteriorated since I moved here in 2009. Just seems like a lot of puff but will you actually fix anything?

## 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**

Again just more justification for raising rates. Use our assets properly. Stop wasting money of fancy advertising campaigns such as the green fairy for a waste disposal rollout that very few people use. Why not put a levy on visitors instead of the people trying to eke out a living in an increasing unaffordable city.

## 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)*

Collecting rubbish is a basic requirement of councils, if you can't even do that, there is a significant misalignment here.

## 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**

I'm living in a community that was promised a new library in 2018, it still hasn't happened. There of numerous other community initiatives we were promised that have not been delivered. Why would I believe anything new when such facilities still haven't been delivered 7 years later?

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.**

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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### **Tell us here**

Council needs to get its priorities right, and listening to its people, its audience. Such consultations seem nothing more than an audit tick, where I imagine none of the feedback will be implemented and you'll just steam ahead with rate increase despite feedback. Increasing rates won't solve your problems, throwing money at the problem won't solve that.



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Do not support most

### Tell us why

We have been paying increased rates for decades , but transport of Auckland remains the same.  
Not sure where the funds are chanalised 🤔

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

Tell us why

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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

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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)*

Eden park is sufficient for events, don't waste taxpayer money on the same project again , heard news today that your voting for another updated venue. Happy with Eden park,

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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### Tell us why

There are other ways to fund

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Support

**Tell us why**

It is sensible

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Support

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Bags are a waste of time re bird and dog strike - backward 18th century thinking

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

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

Henderson-Massey



## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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

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

### Support most

#### Tell us why

Sensible

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Needed long term

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Provide mini Police stations in strategic areas - nothing expensive just a shelter type unit.

**#4108**

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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Can you think of something else rather than increasing the rate by 5.8% already many families are suffering financially

## Question 4:

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Support

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### **Local board priorities**

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### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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**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**

I don't know

**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

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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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**What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I don't know enough about the scale of what's going on <sup>7</sup>

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Support

**Tell us why**

They are cost on water, electricity taking free parking with free access to the majority of beaches parks and hiking trails.

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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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Collection of ,rubbish should have a cap on amounts picked up if charged in rates

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Sorry don't understand what the Tupuna Maunga is

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Rate rise is too high. Need to reduce it. Do not agree with reducing community services. Need to keep good funding for libraries, community events, community centre's, need our citizens advice bureau. Need our green centre's.. transport and watee is important but not at expense of the above. Further the infrastructure needed to improve the latter 2, is way bigger than what is



proposed and planned for. It begins with town planning and a lot of it is already in place difficult to improve and or expand.

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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 not a prime target destination. This will discourgae tourism and reduce our income. Continue to lobby government to support.

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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?**

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No, prefer rubbish stickers, user pays. No point charging people who do not use as much as or less than others.

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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

Less important

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Libraries and cab vital.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Too much waffle .

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Other

**Tell us why**

Its not going to happen. 'Continuing to advocate' is just waffle

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I don't know

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Do not support most

#### Tell us why

They dont tell us what the spending is on.

- work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.- how much ?
- continue to support volunteering, community and business participation - how much
- increase community participation and capability...how much
- foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience...how much
- investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations.. what does even that mean , its unintelligible waffle
- provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces...how much

This is not a plan its generic waffle for all the local boards.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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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 your priorities are just generic ....., provide, investigate foster, increase Continue work with , plan etc

Buzz words which pretend theres action . No actual amounts are specified. If that cant be specific then no money as it will be wasted on just saying the same things next year

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Its not a plan.

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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**

## **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?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Waitākere Ranges

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?****The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Very important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support 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?**

Other

**Tell us why**

I support it for international travellers but not local. It makes these events even more inaccessible to people who don't live in Auckland but are NZers.

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

Waitākere Ranges, Whau

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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### Tell us why

Local board priorities

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### How important are these priorities to you?

#### The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Very important

#### Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Very important

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Very important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

#### Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Fairly important

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

I don't know

#### 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)

Where are the priorities for Avondale? We need green spaces. We need a supermarket. We need more planning around the high density building. We need planning around increases in traffic.

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support it but it's not enough. Avondale is a mess. A small but impactful example, we need our rubbish bins back. The streets and parks are covered in rubbish. We need green spaces that aren't just sports fields, we need trees!

We need more of a town centre, a supermarket, better transport and traffic options.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

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

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Very important

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

Especially the last one. We need more green spaces. The walkway in Te Atatu would be a great addition in avondale also! We have no access to the beautiful water.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Please save avonale. Currently it's all about high density housing with no plan as far as I can see for truly improving the community





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Save Avondale Racecourse.

Build Avondale a pool.

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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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Build Avondale a pool.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 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?

Support all

#### Tell us why

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Build Avondale a pool.

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Save Avondale Racecourse. Buy it. It's a no brainer. Losing Avondale Market would be a devastating blow to the local economy and culture. It is Auckland's number 1 market forever. Plus the fields are used for local sports and recreation.

Build Avondale a pool. The pool should be in Avondale. We have been asking for 100 years.

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Tell us why

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### **Local board priorities**

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### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

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We want direct bus from Kelston to Auckland City (Victoria Park) go via Point Chev, Westmere. This will save us almost 1hr. Even buses from New Lynn does not take this route.

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Support

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Less important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Auckland's needs more investment and actions into its infrastructure and modernisation.

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

Sounds good

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#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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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?**

Other

### **Tell us why**

Is the targeting local travelers or overseas visitors only? It is hard to encourage locals to travel and support locals across NZ if they are targeted with more costs.

It's better to have different entrance fees for locals and visitors - just like they always had in Europe and other countries.

## **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 rubbish bag system works well in Rodney. Why change what works.

## **Question 4:**

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Whau

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

**Tell us why**

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Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Very important

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

I don't know

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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Fairly important

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Very important

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

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Support most

### Tell us why

I don't think money should be wasted on public events

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**Tell us why**

Save the council money and rate payers money

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**Tell us why**

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Support

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I do not support the 5.8 percent rates increase, which will also be based on bloated and inaccurate CVs

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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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Do not support any

### Tell us why

I am retired

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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 dnt attend any of these events

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

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

*(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,Henderson-Massey,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei,Ōtara-Papatoetoe,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?**

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.**

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)**

## **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?**

Do not 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**

Less important

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

Less important

**Community marine education and marine biosecurity work**

Less important

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



## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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

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

**Do not support most**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Less important

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

Less 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?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

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)**

**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**

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**

Less 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?**

No

**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?**

Do not support most

**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**

Less important

**Addressing safety concerns in neighbourhoods, common areas and town centres**

Less important

**Delivering on increased local economic outcomes**

Less important

**Supporting small businesses to act on environmental sustainability**

Fairly important

**Progressing the planning for options to address community service needs in Old Papatoetoe**

Less important

**Supporting local environment groups to work collaboratively with community volunteers in efforts to clean, manage and plant our local reserves and open spaces**

Fairly important

**Planning for the delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl**

Less important

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

### **Manukau Sports Bowl**

**Do you support prioritising the planning for delivery of facilities at Manukau Sports Bowl?**

(This may include exploring alternate sources of revenue, such as a targeted rate in future years)

No

**Tell us why**

### **Hunters Corner Business Improvement District**

For the 2024/2025 financial year, the Governing Body did not set a targeted rate for the Hunters Corner Business Improvement District. This was due to the Hunters Corner Town Centre Society Inc (HTCTS) not complying with the BID Policy. If the HTCTS remains non-compliant with the BID Policy by April 2025, council will not set the rate for 2025/2026.

**Do you have any comments on the Hunters Corner Business Improvement District?**

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

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

Community programmes and services, Libraries and Pools and Leisure facilities – opening hours and services, Sports and park activation activities

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

Local arts and culture activities, Arts and community centres – programme and activation, Community climate action and sustainability activities

## **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**

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

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

We pay rates visitors don't so hardly user pays.

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Support

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No

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Less important

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

I don't know

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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Fairly important

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Less important

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

Have parks people can exercise in without extra burden on ratepayers.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Pay our rates yet gutters aren't or rarely cleaned. Trees aren't been trimmed anymore. Public Rubbish bins have been removed in many places and people just dump their Rubbish. Should have an opt out option for Scraps bins as we pay for our own to be emptied.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Definitely need more linking of transport. Light rail an absolute must for NZ era to depart and arrive.

Water ways, board walks all good for the community

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

It is so expensive to fly in and around NZ, accomodation is expensive enough. If a levy then radically the lowest sum.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

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

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I think we need to get communities involved in bringing and sorting their own rubbish. At least an option instead of a flat rate of every rate payer having to pay for all.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 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?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Providing the bike lane to connect families and give people the opportunity to exercise is an enormous positive step in building a community.

I would like to see more of a community hub in Kelston.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Very important

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Very important

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

We need to build a resilient second harbour crossing that does not get closed due to wind and cause havoc in the city.

We should charge people to park on public roads overnight.

We should have congestion charging.

Less funding for random public art and no money to Americas cup type events.

## **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**

These events should be self supporting not publicly funded. There should be no need to have a bed tax if the were funded on a user pays basis. You want to go to it. You pay for it.

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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?

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support most

#### Tell us why

More spending on playgrounds to encourage people outdoors and children to be active. Open the libraries in the weekend so families can go.

Community youth work is not the role of a local board/council - this is not supported. Community groups should raise their own funds rather than ask for a handout - I do not support community grants.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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

Fairly important

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

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

It would be better if the priorities could be separated more. I support weekend library opening but do not support community grants. There should be more spending on playgrounds to encourage people outdoors and children to be active.

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Traffic management costs millions of dollars a year and the recent change requiring the removal of traffic management on arterial roads outside of work has significantly increased the cost of traffic management. This folly is due to the Mayors determination to remove road cones - road cones mean progress and infrastructure improvements and is a knee-jerk and unthought through response.



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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**

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Whau

### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

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Stop work on maioro st and leave it alone. Remove speed bumps as they are drastically adding wear and tear to everyone's vehicles as well as increasing fuel consumption.

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**Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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Less important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Less important

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

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Less important

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

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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?**

Whau

### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

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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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Do not support most

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

you are depriving businesses

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Support

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### **Question 4:**

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Henderson-Massey



## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

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**Do not support most**

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Very important

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

Less important

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

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Very important

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

Very important

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

it's people's choice

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Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

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## **Question 4:**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Don't support bed levy

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Detrimental to hospitality and tourism industry

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Increase in rates is too high for Seniors

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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**

Avondale - new community centre is much needed

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#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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Very important

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

No Māori wards. Not enough Māori input into each of the council districts/boards For example, when mentioning the whenua: parks, kauri dieback, walkways, waterways, historical areas, pūrākau, then this should be in collaboration or/& consultation with Mana whenua/Tangata whenua.

On each board it should be made mandatory to weave into the plan recognition to Mana whenua as the Tangata Whenua it should be overseen by Māori (wards) as we have an invested interest in every part of Tāmaki Makaurau. There is historical kōrero/knowledge attached to every part of Tāmaki and that needs to be brought forward. These are the treasures that fascinate and inspire us. And bring visitors back time and again.

Ngāti Whātua, Te Kawerau a Maki, Te Kaipara, Waikato/Tainui..... Mauri Ora ki a koutou!

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

How much?

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Support

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No.

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

Henderson-Massey, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

**Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

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They acknowledged and spoke about Mana whenua and pūrākau. Ngā mihi.

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**How important are these priorities to you?****Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

Less important

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

Very important

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

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Fairly important

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

It's good.

## **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 most

#### **Tell us why**

He pai.

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**

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)**

It's a good shape.

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Support most

### Tell us why

AT shouldn't get any increased funding until it learns to actually listen to the communities it goes about destroying with their computerised utopias. If AT and council are going to push public transport they should put their money where their mouth is and use public transport during the

working week and see how they manage getting to and from places they need to get to. Don't tell everyone else that they should use PT if they don't - so many AT cars on the roads.

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Support

### **Tell us why**

Bed taxes are used overseas in major tourist destinations but are clearly indicated separate to the accommodation fee. that way it is transparent and people can then choose to stay or not. But it should not be the sole fund. Businesses who mainly benefit from these events should also contribute i.e. Sail GP, America's cup (god forbid we get landed with putting money into that) the boat industry benefits hugely so should put some money towards it. The general ratepayer doesn't really benefit.

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Support

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Fairly important

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

Youth activities that actually attract youths to take part are important. Life can be pretty boring if you can only take part in activities if your family has the financial capacity to fund. This is an important group to encourage involvement in activities and community.

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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)*

Transportation fees should be minimized or the rate of student concession must be higher student travels mostly.

## **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.**

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.**

**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.**

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

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No

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#### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

#### Tell us why

Council spent too much money with out any 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?

Do not support

**Tell us why**

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**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?**

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For what already paying too much

**Question 4:**

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Council pay too much for non NZ contractors money going out of country

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Support most

### Tell us why

have only read the summary documents but they look largely reasonable. then again - what they don't include is what is being cut or sold (if anything) to achieve the goals. didn't see a mention of council housing? does council have any? it should.



support targeting of support for ethnic and minority groups - central government might not like it but it is critically important and local government should keep doing it.

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Do not support

### **Tell us why**

too many people will go to air b n b and i don't think council should give people another reason to do this. also - is too narrow a base - easy but not really a well targeted funding platform. Would prefer that you looked at adding a nominal charge to the ticket price / entry fee for events like the auckland marathon, concerts etc. then it actually fairly targets all event users not just tourists who may get caught up in timing without even knowing it.

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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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I don't support the generalised collection in this way. prefer tags. used to put out a bin each fortnight. now paying for a weekly collection i don't even use. should be able to opt out of these collection's - especially where there are 2 / multiple bins on a property and the residents can share it, thus using fewer bins. your just encouraging waste.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Whau

### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

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

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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

**#4875**

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

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

all these things are important. support more a local swimming facility as my circumstances have changed. didn't think about mobility as much before as i do now. would be really good to see someone engaged to give the street trees on Seabrook Ave a good tidy up. some of them are very scrappy and if the crown was lifted away from the pavements, it would be much better. great to have the trees there - just need to be maintained.

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totally support multi use of community centres. would be good to see more repair hubs/ cafes. the e-library service rocks! Congestion charging on the motorways in peak hours will kill the central city further - support public transport options instead. good to see this being done in this document.

**#4943**

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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)*

The rates are too high now only .

Council need to cut your cost and manage your funds for development and make this Auckland a affordable living place .

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

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

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

I think for some people it is already a lot of money to pay for flights and events and extra money on top of accommodation might just tip it the other way.

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Support

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With the focus on infrastructure and waste management, I hear the plans but on a daily level when there are regularly leaves blocking drains and then heavy rains that create pooling and potential flooding, I believe that simple and regular street cleaning could prevent some of these more major fall outs. Also the shrubs./trees that are invasive/toxic like Privet that flower and spread and create health issues for lots of people could be curtailed by a street by street tidying of this.



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Support most

### Tell us why

The speedy pothole repairs seem like a bit of a waste of money but otherwise i'm a fan of the plan.

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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, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

### **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**

not sure why business associations need board support/funding, otherwise I agree with other proposals.

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.**

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.**

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)**

## **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**

Very important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Less important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Very important

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

Very important

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

Very important

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## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support all

**Tell us why**

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

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

Very important

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

Less important

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

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Most of the plan is irrelevant to me and my family. Things I would like to add are:

Transport: We are not public transport users, but more concerned for enforcing rules for road users. Other than speeding and aggressive driving, rules around fast /passing lane is never

enforced. A compulsory in class lesson for road code and written test for overseas driving license holders should be operated and enforced.

Water: The major failure of Watercare and AKL council not recognizing the lack of wastewater treatment facilities in Hibiscus area has become a real problem for any developments in these areas. No one should have to wait for 5+ years to get a resource consent approval to just build an addition to their house. It should be recognized how significant the effect is and more \$\$ and human resources should be invested in speeding up this Army Bay Wastewater treatment plant.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Yes, this will make the rest of the country hate Aucklanders more. But it will not stop them visiting Auckland. As for overseas visitors, they will definitely not care about the 2-3% accommodation cost. They pay more for their credit card uses.

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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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It's finally up to Franklin and Rodney to join the refuse ways like the rest of the Auckland.

As for the other rates and charges are understandable.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

#### **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?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

The Avondale town centre is long due for a revamp. Hopefully, after the new community centre being built, the rest of the shops will keep up with the standard too.

The school pool situations really need improving. My son's intermediate school (BBI) only takes the students to a pool day (one hour actually, rather than a day) once a year. The students have turns of about 1-2 minutes in the water...

The youths in the area really need some more attention and guidance.

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Less important

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**Tell us here**

No more feedback. Need some more information on Tupuna Maunga Authority Plan.



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Support all

### Tell us why

Transport takes up too much of our time therefore improvements here would translate into real improvements to our lives. I need water to live, please keep it in good supply.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Personally, I am not often attracted to major events so would rather not pay for other's enjoyment of it.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

If you look at the stupid spending you do when the public says NO yet you still go ahead, doing up of main road in Henderson

Speed humps , a a ridiculous cost of \$390,000 an now \$30,000 ea to be removed

Doing up the Gt Nth Rd Hepburn rd ontersection in glendene , well if you going to New Lynn you sit for ages waiting for the lights to go green an traffic builds u back past kirby street, if your going to Henderson , if your at the lights at the bottom of waikumete hill with s large truck infront of you an thr light at Hepburn goes green , you get through the lights an so foes the truck wanting to turn into Hepburn as thsts how long they stay green. !!!

Trcks now turning int Hepburn from glendene sit in both lanes so they can turn in ! , why did you remove the free turn that eas there before, this tchange took months then after it open dffernt road works started which went on for weeks ?

Cant it all be done one after the other

If it doesnt need gicing leave it alone

Fruitvale road on the other hand needs widening so people who catch the train or live on that road can park as modern houded font have enough parkinh, by getting rid of the verges an making them parking areas as the toad is , it would make traffic floe much better an stop right hand turning into Gt Nth Road too as it holds up traffic during the day due to the favt they park in the middle of the exit instead of to the right

Trains run fine onky problem with them is hoe horrendously noisy theyve gotten since xmas an ive asked the rail company for answers

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

People are struggling to live and you want to take more off them. Doon people will stop coming to New Zealand due to horrendous pricing.

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Other

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Water needs something done, but rates, I'm not happy with, you give us a waste food recycling bin that I don't want and don't need as I make my own and use it in my garden, so why should I pay for something I DON'T USE

Taking away bin tags: I'm single and it takes me 6 weeks to fill my bin so why should I have to pay the same as a family of 4 or more if I don't use my bin as much as them

Rates increases are revenue gathering when you've badly spent \$\$ as per speed humps and road redesigning that wasn't needed and was voted against but you still went ahead and did it anyway

You want people to all live in those horrid multi-level houses, that's been proved don't work well overseas

The koranga buildings have people that dump trash every week on the roads kerb side

They have dogs that bark continually, so rates increases isn't fixing anything in my eyes, roads are a horrendous mess, I can't see how my rates get spent wisely at all, so why would I agree to pay more?

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****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?**



I don't know

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Less important

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

Less important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

I don't know

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

I don't know

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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

Well one thing i can think of is it gets people iutside in tge sun to get vitamin D

But one thing you need to really consider is the closing of the Avondale Markets, if you put in more houses what are the people going to do, there's enough land there to do both, it will keep businesses running, get people out and it's a great West Auckland icon

Don't just scrap it

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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#### **Tell us here**

Stop stuffing things up, think about it in 10 yrs will it still work or is it going to need redesigning again at a greater cost, seeing ahead at your level is completely different from how us as general public see it, so think about something really hard, and if you ask the public and we say No Don't do it

Listen to us, don't just ask but do what you want

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

It is vital that Council continues to invest in core services and to avoid falling into an austerity mindset. Further increase in rates is acceptable to allow for good core services.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Hosts who benefit from events should pay their fair share.

## 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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## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

Support all

#### Tell us why

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Other

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please don't raise business property rate, due to it is already very high, now many businesses are closing down.

### **Question 4:**

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Tell us why

Rates have been rising ,

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I am talking about increasing rates for private home owners. This is burning our pockets and the majority of my neighbours that I have spoken with are off the same mind. The amount of rates we pay now is absorbent and you are intending to increase even more. This country needs a reality shake and needs to get back on track in every sector. I do not support the rate increases, the funds you receive now need to be spent sensibly without milking us more.

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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

The only concern on this would be for those who are in emergency housing. It would be nice if the levy could be targeted to those who are specifically overseas or out of town visitors and not homeless/in need people.

## 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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The local libraries in the west need a lot more funding and support. They can't offer half of what the wealthier areas are offering and the people in the west auckland area are more needy of their services.

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Albert-Eden, 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**

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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.**

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.**

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

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

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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parking which is causing congestion on side streets due to overflow parking. Housing prices are incredibly out of hand and people are in need but this is not a trouble-free answer and more thought needs to go into planning for the upkeep of these units and the actuality that they need at least 2 parking spaces per unit instead of 0-1 with side street parking as the alternative. Also, housing prices need to be in line with local incomes to prevent the displacement of marginalised people to rural areas that lack the services and supports they need. Gentrification through runaway housing prices increases inequity for already at risk individuals and families.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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

Very important

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

Very important

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

Fairly important

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

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

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

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

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)**

The local libraries need a lot more funding and support. They can't offer half of what the wealthier areas are offering and the people in the west auckland area are more needy of their services. For example, the Avondale library closes shortly after kids are released from schools, is only open a few hours on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays. They don't have enough staffing to really support the programming the area would like to enjoy either.

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do not like your transport plan

### 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?**

Other

**Tell us why**

I think it only targets commercial and could go further.

## **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)*

Over my ownership of the property rates have quadrupled, with less results for the money paid. This council has stagnated and is focused on commercial not private home owners.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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

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

I don't know

#### Tell us why

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**

I don't know

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Very important

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

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

What are you doing for improving Green Bay shops area and Green Bay overall!!!

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**Tell us here**

Have some plan for Green Bay area.



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Support most

### Tell us why

I would like to see the transport aspect taken further. There needs to be a greater focus on cycling infrastructure as it reduces congestion and improves health and environmental outcomes. The Te Whau Pathway is a great example of a project currently underway that ticks this box but more are

required. The greatest priority should be linking all the existing paths to make the network fully connected.

Additional major rail projects should also be prioritised, such as Southdown which should already be under construction considering all the required land is already owned. Other major projects should be lined up ready to follow existing ones. As an example following the completion of CRL another project should be ready to go so as to utilise the equipment (such as tunnel boring machines) which is already paid for. An example could be another rail connection from Britomart to Beach Haven, to Hobsonville, to Westgate to Swanson to further reduce reliance on vehicles.

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

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Support

**Tell us why**

Provided the money is actually reinvested back into the correct products.

## **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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I would like to see the council utilise other methods of collecting revenue so as to reduce the rates increases, in particular user pays charges for various services. Additionally I would like to see money funnelled back into projects directly related to where the money is collected, for example when congestion charging is brought in, the money collected should be used to reduce public transport costs or create further cycleways.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

#### 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?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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

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.**

Less important



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I want Auckland Council to invest in and deliver more fast and affordable safe cycleways (eg. pop up bike lanes) and convenient public transport (eg. bus priority lanes). This can be done fast by reallocating road space (parking or extra lanes) and building back better during road renewals; giving all people safe options for getting around by any transport mode.

Invest in and deliver the Carrington Road safety improvements.

Ensure any money saved on cycling projects is reinvested into other cycling projects.

Invest in and progress the City Centre Master Plan which includes improvements for walking, cycling, and accessibility in the city centre – including retaining the safe cycleway the length of Victoria street.



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Do not support most

### Tell us why

Your Council are still wasting money shifting the Speedway from Western Springs, AT is out of control and rates should not increase any more than 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?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

Hospitality has not recovered from Covid yet.

## Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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Do not support

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

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## Whāu 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

I'm concerned about development of Avondale Racecourse. Density would kill the suburb and what will happen to all the kids who enjoy the playing fields every weekend. Removal of rubbish bins around Avondale College and Heron Park.

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#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Less important

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Fairly important

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

I personally think we need youth facilities to give teens places to go instead of running riot committing break-ins, taking cars which don't belong to them, drag racing around Rosebank and Lanford.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

I have no idea what Tupuna Maunga means.



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Do not support most

### Tell us why

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## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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

Manurewa, Waitākere Ranges

## 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

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**

Fairly important

**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**

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**

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**

Fairly important

**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?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

My experience is that I hesitate to pick up my letters from my letter box as the fence dog jumps on me while picking up the letters.

The solution is that those who own the dogs should have a higher fence, causing no issues to the neighbors.

Further the dogs do bark in the late night causing disturbance to the neighbors

## **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**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

Less important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Fairly important

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

Fairly important

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

Less important

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

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The overall plan is good but some areas need improvement.

### 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**

This is good policy and should go ahead, we should be pushing this as a priority with the MP for Auckland

## **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?**

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Very important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Very important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Very important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Fairly important

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

Fairly important

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

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)**

I would like to see more priority given to cycling infrastructure in and around out town centres.

### **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)?

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Only thing is the need to invest more in active transport, making it safer for children, Uni Students, workers and residents to get to places safely.

## 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**

It would be better to invest more in local community events, and local art galleries more than the large events, which often lose money.

## 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?**

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?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Need to invest way more in active transport, to make it safe for tourists, a lot of them a walking and cycling around the motu and it is dangerous, as well as for the local residences ( who need to be encouraged to walk or cycle to the 4 square, or beach instead of driving. Lots of people do short drives on the motu, and this culture needs to change.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Delivering core council operational services, such as mowing, track and facility maintenance, and the library**

Fairly important

**Programmes which protect, restore, and enhance the island's natural environment, and initiatives that provide opportunities for community connectedness, capability and resilience**

Very important

**Progressing recommended actions within the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan**

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**

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)**

No need for a swimming pool, we have wonderful beaches. It would be better to give free swimming lessons at the beaches etc.

**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**

as above there is no need for a swimming pool, we have wonderful beaches. It would be better to give free swimming lessons at the beaches etc.

**Whau Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Need to invest more in active transport, especially on Rosebank rd, making it safer for students, residents and workers to get to school, work, shopping etc. and connecting a safer connection for cyclists between Rosebank Rd and Trent St.

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

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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

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us why****Question 2: Destination management and major events**

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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?**

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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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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Rates rise and borrowing are too high.

### 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**

New Zealand is already expensive for visitors. This type of tax will result in less tourism. I do not think the Auckland Council should be funding events. That activity is for private enterprise.

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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**

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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**

Most are wasteful and unnecessary.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Less important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Less important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Less important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Less important

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Less important

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Less important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I want council money spent on residents' needs, such as maintaining infrastructure and core council services. None of the 9 things listed below fit into that. If none of them were done, 90% of the ward's population wouldn't notice. In fact, some of them are silly.

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**Tell us here**

5.8% rate increase is far higher than inflation. It is unsustainable. Far too much unnecessary wasteful spending.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

They all need improvement.

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Support

**Tell us why**

To help fund further activities & infrastructure.

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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)*

\* All of Auckland region to get off purchasing rubbish bags.

\* Property & Water Rates is a rip off in Auckland. (Further justification would be appreciated, as it looks like Auckland Council is incompetent with expenditures).

### **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?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

It's helping to improve the Whau community.

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**

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Very important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

9. Gym machines & exercise activities to be placed around Ken Maunder Park like it was prior so many decades back.

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I support the fairer funding for local boards and I particularly support the priorities for my local board (Whau)

I support the prioritisation of public transport and the CRL, and the completion of the wastewater upgrade Central Interceptor.

I was concerned to read that the council plans to Deliver differently by transitioning of the Parks and Community Asset portfolio to a lesser dependence on assets and more innovative ways of delivering council services.

I want access and enjoyment for all aucklanders of our parks and beaches to continue unchanged. Do not sell our parks! Pay our groundskeeping staff appropriately, maintain facilities (toilets, rubbish bins, groundskeeping, playgrounds, BBQ, benches) I don't want to see this amazing benefit of living in our city reduced in any way.

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Support

### **Tell us why**

I think it's important that our city supports destination management and major events activities. Events like Writers and Readers Festival etc are an important part of our city's cultural wellbeing. A bed levy seems a logical way to assist with funding.

## 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)*

i don't feel I should comment as I don't live in Rodney or Franklin

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

#### 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?

Support all

#### Tell us why

All of these priorities align with my values and aspirations for our community.

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

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I think this is a fantastic set of priorities which centre the people in our community and our specific community assets such as parks, community centres, town centres.

I appreciate that there is funding for arts, youth, ethnically diverse communities, and especially the restoration of library hours - the cuts were very much felt.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan: This sounds amazing! I can't wait! Difficult to actually find the information though - had to really go hunting to find the detail.

ARAFa: I think it's really important for the council to maintain integrity and stability of funding that major arts and water safety institutions receive through Amenities Fund legislation. In particular, Auckland Philharmonia and the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust are just two organisations that provide incredible value to our city. These can be calculated in very real \$ terms through impact lab

reports, but also there is no price you can put on life and wellbeing - both organisations are vital to our city.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

### **3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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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?**

Kaipātiki, Whau

## **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**

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**

Very 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**

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**

Less 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.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Birkenhead United needs more support to deliver for its growing membership numbers. I play football for Birkenhead and it's a great welcoming club, however it really sucks when our trainings and Saturday games get cancelled due to poor weather and not enough grounds for all the grades (Northern Football prioritises the top sides yet we pay the same fees). We need more artificial turfs and floodlit training facilities within the Kaipataki Local Board area.

## Whau Local Board Priorities

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Fairly important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Fairly important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Fairly important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

I don't know

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

I don't know

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

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**

Fairly important

**Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

Don't get rid of our green spaces. We need affordable housing, but not at the expense of our sports grounds.



#5558



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Support all

### Tell us why

Affordable transportation is a must, which will ease off the burden on roads and emissions of carbon, which will also allow, council to upgrade roads, when it's not too busy.



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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 do support, but I am afraid that might discourage visitors.

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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 plans seems nice, I would rather be better to bring in a plan to reward households, which waste lesser water and produce lesser rubbish.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

**Support all**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

Very important

**Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)**

Fairly important

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Fairly important

**Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area**

Very important

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## Question 5: Other feedback

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Transport, water and garbage collection and incentives for good households.

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

The distribution of fund is based on local boards where some local boards receive more funding. Why the rates increase is same it should be according to the percentage of funds allocation.

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Support

**Tell us why**

If there a cost to manage some activities, that cost should be absorbed by the activities only.

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Support

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Rates increase are shown for every year, which is the trick to fool. An average a single house owner with 3 bedrooms pay between 50 to 55 dollars a week if this increase keeps increasing the way it was proposed a single family have to pay 55 to 60 dollars an year. This increase is not proportion to increase in wages. Living cost in Auvkland is a big headache to a average family. We

have to live here because no job facilities if leave Auckland. So I strongly oppose the increase in rates as the increase in rates are already very high and unaffordable.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities**

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Support most

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

We need to look at other solutions than just taxing a visitor. Will be an additional cost for businesses

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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

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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 really see the work of councillors in my area (whau) it would be good to hear more about what progress they are making rather than just being paid to sit on a board

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Fairly important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

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.**

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Very important

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

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.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I think restore areas for recreation this is far more important than youth initiatives. There are already services and policy's central government agencies deliver that perhaps council focuses on trying to influence rather than using our rates to fund locally.

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**Tell us here**

There are clear inequities in the fixing of our local area parks and sidewalks walks that our kids and community use in our area compared with other streets in my Glendene neighbourhood. Please explain why? I would also prefer the rates mo rt went into better street lighting for our streets I'm on Barry's Road Glendene and the night lights a not near the quality of our neighbours in new Lynn or teatatu south. Please help us! It helps with safety and reduced crime

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Everything in line with what I want, maybe more investment in active transport but there is some good proposals for that in West Auckland (Te Whau)

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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 people come to Auckland for a big event they need to help contribute to the funding of it

## 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

## 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

In principle all the priorities are good for the community.

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.**

Fairly important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Very important

**#5652**

**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)**

Concept and restoration more important than portable pump track hence my rating. Overall, all are very good.

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**#5901**

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**#6284**

## Annual Plan 2025-2026

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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**

A balanced way to fund public celebrations.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**Tell us why**

We need this to keep hosting top events.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Tourists get great value—this supports it.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Great for local tourism and entertainment.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Keeps Auckland's cultural calendar full.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Good for Auckland, good for visitors.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**Tell us why**

An easy and practical funding approach.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Visitors should help maintain the attractions they enjoy.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Events bring tourists—this ensures they keep coming.

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A fair and effective funding strategy.

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Support

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Support

**Tell us why**

Visitors enjoy Auckland—let them help fund it

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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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impact on domestic tourism

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inefficient use of funds

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perception of overcharging

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

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Do not support

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Rubbish bag system works well, if you don't want to live in an area that has that system in place then don't live there

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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

Avondale community center project

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Very important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Very important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Less important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Fairly important

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

Very important

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

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.**

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 any

### Tell us why

We already paying so high rates and not affordable to maintain payment. I pay quarterly not annually and if late 1 day interest had been charged. Act towards us very cunningly. It's enough very frustrating.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Do not support

**Tell us why**

We dont want any extras. Economy is bad let us be like what it is now

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Do not support

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Ask the residents over there what they need

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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.**

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

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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

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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Support all

### Tell us why

It is essential that Auckland Council provides an adequate level of funding for these activities. The Annual Plan strikes a good balance between affordability and funding these needs.

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Support

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Tourists drive demand for services and infrastructure which have to be paid for by ratepayers. Commercial tourism operators derive a benefit from these services and it is only fair that they should pay their share.

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Support

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No comment

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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**

Will enable the Local Board to develop work programmes that meet the community's needs.

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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**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

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**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

Fairly important

**Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Restoring the level of funding enables the Local Board to progress these initiatives. We support community-led projects as these have multiple benefits.

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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)?

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We request funding for the Wingate Street-Rizal Reserve- Ken Maunder Park section of Te Whau Pathway.



**Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust**  
**Submission to Auckland Council:**  
**Annual Plan 2025-2026**



28 March 2025



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## Summary

The Whau Coastal Walkway and Environmental Trust (WCWET) requests that funding of \$6,286,426 be included in the Annual Plan 2025-2026 to build a section of Te Whau Pathway in Wingate Street (Avondale) and a bridge connecting Rizal Reserve (Avondale) to Ken Maunder Park (Kelston). These are all in the Whau Local Board area. The scope of work is shown on Figure 1 and Figure 2 attached.

Current funding from the New Zealand Government and Auckland Council enables construction of a section of Te Whau Pathway from the Northwestern Cycleway to Roberts Field in Te Atatū (Henderson-Massey Local Board area). This section is planned to be completed by mid-2026.

It is expected that there may be savings achieved during construction of this section that can be applied for the construction of the Wingate Street-Rizal Reserve- Ken Maunder Park section.

As the contractor, HEB, has established a construction yard and developed a bespoke construction methodology, the cost of the Wingate Street-Rizal Reserve- Ken Maunder Park section will be lower if the contractor can commence construction once the current section is finished early 2026.

However, as there may not be sufficient funding available once the Northwestern Cycleway to Roberts Field in Te Atatū section is finished, it will be necessary to provide additional funding.

As funding is financed from loans, there is practically no impact on the rates.

WCWET thanks Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, The Trusts, The Trusts Community Foundation (TTCF), and Transpower for their contribution to date.

## 1. Introduction

Te Whau Pathway is a transformational community/council partnership project that will create a 12-kilometre shared path linking Green Bay, New Lynn, Kelston, Glendene and Te Atatū in various stages, see Figure 1. Project partners include Auckland Council, Auckland Transport, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, Te Kawerau a Maki, Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and the Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust.

Te Whau Pathway transverse a range of different environments, such as open fields, bridge structures and the coastal marine environment (which constitutes more than 50% of the pathway) to provide a unique, iconic and pleasant coastal experience.

The benefits of the pathway include improved access to the coast, better connectivity for the community to the existing community assets (parks etc.) and the addition of an alternative mode of transport for commuters in the form of a largely off-road path that connects with other cycleways and transport interchanges. Provision of greater public access to the Whau River will result in greater environmental awareness and generate environmental, social, cultural and health benefits. There is also the potential for economic benefits from the pathway as a tourist attraction due to its unique location and cycling services.

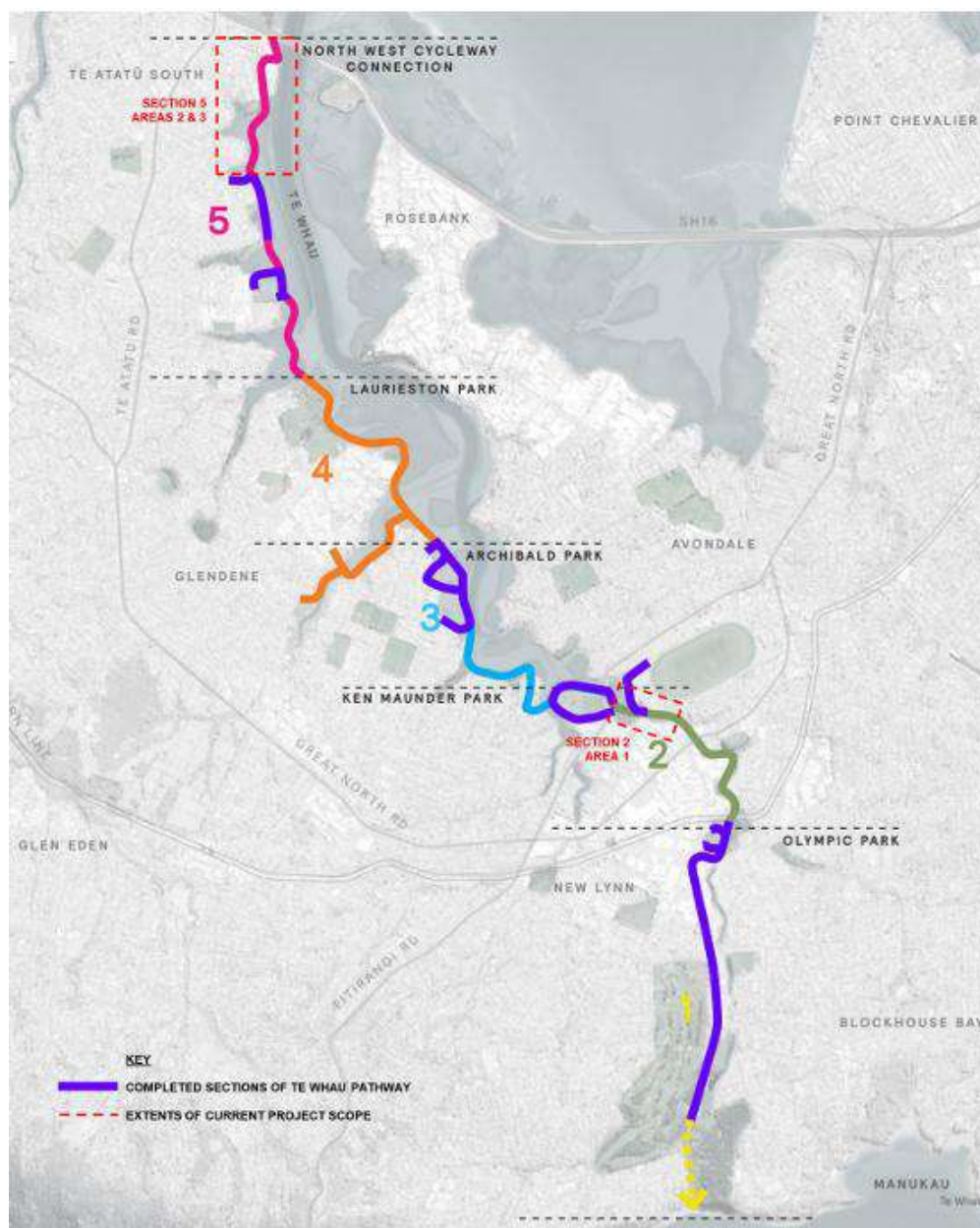
The Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust raised nearly \$2.02 million since March 2015, which together with the contribution from the Whau and Henderson-Massey Local Boards, Auckland Council and Auckland Transport has enabled the construction of the first stages comprising 3.2 kilometres at Tiroroa Esplanade,



Roberts Field, Archibald Park, Ken Maunder Park, McLeod Park and Olympic Park, connector paths and a pontoon at Archibald Park.

The extent of Te Whau Pathway is shown on Figure 1. Section 5 includes the section under construction and Wingate Street-Risal Reserve- Ken Maunder Park is Section 2.

Figure 1. Te Whau Pathway





The current funding from the New Zealand Government and Auckland Council enables construction of the section from the Northwestern Cycleway to Roberts Field in Te Atatū in the Henderson-Massey Local Board area. This section is expected to be completed by mid-2026.

Previously, nearly \$9 million has been invested to date on the project, as follows:

- Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust, \$2.02 million
- Auckland Transport, \$1.35 million
- Auckland Council, Henderson-Massey and Whau Local Boards, \$5.63 million

## 2. About the Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust

The Whau Coastal Walkway Environmental Trust was established in 2014. Our Vision is: To construct a shared pathway for walking and cycling linking the Manukau and Waitematā Harbours along the Whau Estuary; while achieving social, cultural, economic, environmental and health benefits.

Our Mission is:

- a) To promote design and construct a multifunctional active transport walkway around the Whau River with the purpose of improving the conditions of life for the members of the public.
- b) To assist in the environmental restoration of water quality and the coastal environment in the Whau catchment area.
- c) To facilitate the construction and viewing of Public and functional art along the proposed Whau walkway.
- d) To enhance appreciation of the cultures including Mana Whenua, communities and histories associated with the Whau River.

Since our inception we have raised funds to create stages of the pathway, resulting in \$2.05 million of assets which were gifted to Council. Additionally, we have carried promotional activities designed to progress our Mission in partnership with the project partners and community organisations.

## 3. Project scope

Te Whau Pathway is a 12 km long shared walking and cycling path, on and off road that links the Waitematā Harbour with the Manukau Harbour, from Te Atatū Peninsula to Green Bay. The route has been split into the following five distinct sections based on environmental and design options:

- Section 1: Portage Road to Green Bay beach;
- Section 2: Olympic Park to Ken Maunder Park;
- Section 3: Ken Maunder Park to Archibald Park;
- Section 4: Archibald Park to Laurieston Park; and
- Section 5: Laurieston Park to North-Western Cycleway Connection.

Te Whau Pathway is primarily an off-road path with the exception of Queen Mary Avenue and Portage Road and has been designed to cycle metro standards and to cater for pedestrians including disabled users. 90% of the proposed route is fully segregated from traffic with only five vehicle crossings and two road crossings.

The sections of pathway in parks and reserves have been designed to be 3.0 m wide shared paths with additional



0.5 m buffer zones to vegetation (or fencing) either side. Within the parks and reserves there is ample space available, such that the full path width can be used with lighting, and signage also able to be placed alongside the buffer zone.

The sections of pathway designated to be boardwalk have been designed to be 4.0 m wide. This allows for a buffer zone of 0.5 m from the handrails which is more generous than the normal 0.3 m requirement. This means that the boardwalk actually provides an effective pathway width of 3.4 m which provides excellent consistency along the route.

The work programme will be delivered as a community partnership model and includes environmental restoration of the Whau River catchment and environmental education.

Te Whau Pathway has been granted a resource consent for the whole project. As all the pathway is within Reserves there will not be any barriers to implementation.

#### 4. Alignment with Local Board Priorities

Our funding request is aligned with the Local Board Priorities, as follows.

##### 4.1. Henderson-Massey Local Board

The Henderson-Massey Local Board Plan 2023 includes advocating for continuing the funding partnership with government to complete Te Whau Pathway.

##### 4.2. Whau Local Board

The Whau Local Board Plan 2023 states that the Board will continue support of partnerships and external funding for Te Whau Pathway.

#### 5. Demand

Analysis of compliance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the Government Policy Statement, the Auckland Plan, the Auckland Regional Land Transport Strategy and other applicable transport planning documents shows that the shared path will contribute to the objectives of those documents and fits well with the overall and specific policy framework, particularly in regard to environmental suitability, integrated transport network and public health promotion objectives.

Te Whau Pathway will connect with the Avondale to New Lynn Shared Pathway that is currently under construction and the North-Western cycleway. Therefore, it can be expected that the users of Te Whau Pathway will be predominately commuters. However, it is very likely that a large number of recreational users such as walking and jogging, sport cyclists, tourists and recreational river users will also utilise the path. Way finding signs will be provided to address the needs of the different users. To maximise the potential user base, the design caters for users with disabilities and their requirements.

Modelling shows that Te Whau Pathway is expected to attract on average 113,150 cyclists and 226,300 pedestrians annually in Te Atatū South; and an average of 105,850 cyclists and 211,700 pedestrians yearly for other sections.

The following Table 1 summarises pedestrian and cyclist daily average demand estimates of 900 trips per day for Te Whau Pathway. Forecast cycle trips are influenced by the impact of e-bikes and the Te Atatū bus interchange.



Table 1: Estimated 2026/2028 annual daily average trips on Te Whau Pathway

Section	Approx. cycle trips	Approx. pedestrian trips	Total trips
1 Portage Road	350	450	800
2 Olympic Park to Ken Maunder Park	360	450	810
3 Ken Maunder Park to Archibald Park	640	450	1,090
4 Archibald Park to Laurieston Park	340	450	790
5 Laurieston Park to SH16	580	450	1,030
<b>Te Whau Pathway Average</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>900</b>

Source: Flow Transportation Specialists, 2021

The pathway connects about 98,000 residents in Green Bay, Blockhouse Bay, Avondale, New Lynn, Kelston, Glendene and Te Atatū South: 35 schools with 17,487 students and 33 parks and reserves, providing safe off-road facilities for going to work, school and shopping and for recreation. Thus, the students and park users are all potentially likely to use the pathway. This has already been demonstrated in the sections constructed to date, such as Archibald Park. According to public opinion surveys carried out in 2017, 86% of respondents indicated that they would use the pathway.

## 6. Direct Economic Benefits

Construction of Te Whau Pathway has generated to date 52.8 FTE's, with 77.7% being local residents. As well, it is expected that 20 full time jobs will be generated due to activities such as bike repairs, ebike hire, tourism and cafes (for example, we are aware of an existing entity near the pathway that will be developing its facilities to cater for the passing trade).

An economic evaluation has been undertaken using the 40-year analysis and 6% discount rate in accordance with Waka Kotahi NZTA Economic Evaluation Manual procedures. The project achieves a minimum Benefit Cost Ratio of 3.32 indicating that the project is financially viable and could qualify for Waka Kotahi NZTA subsidy at a rate of at least 51%, see Table 2.



Table 2: Te Whau Pathway components of benefits analysis

Benefit Stream		Discounted benefits
Cycling benefits	Health benefits for cyclists	\$60.9 million
	Safety benefits for cyclists	\$1.3 million
	Travel time savings for cyclists	\$1.5 million
Pedestrian benefits	Health & environmental benefits for pedestrians	\$81.2 million
General traffic benefits	Decongestion	\$27.2 million
<b>Total Discounted Project Benefits</b>		<b>\$172.1 million</b>
<b>Total Discounted Project Costs</b>		<b>\$51.8 million</b>

Source: Adapted from Flow Transportation Specialists 2019, 2021.

The economic assessment is considered to be conservative as there are numerous factors that have not been included, such as:

- The pathway is likely to be an iconic structure that will attract tourist and recreational users, these users will likely experience health benefits which are not taken into account in the assessment;
- Benefits to the existing network associated with mode shift such as congestion, emission and driver confusion have not been account for;
- Potential environmental improvement associated with the pathway such as granting better access to clean up efforts and providing education to public on sustainability of the Whau River is unlikely to be measurable in relation to its benefits.

The benefits of the pathway are expected to be associated with the improved access to the coast, better connectivity for the community to the existing community assets (parks etc.) and the addition of an alternative mode of transport for commuters in the form of a largely off-road path that connects with:

- The North-Western Cycleway and on to the Project Twin Streams shared paths. Te Whau Pathway is only 11.7 kilometres from the CBD, a 45-minute bike ride.
- Cyclists and walkers will be able to complete a loop along Te Whau Pathway, the New Lynn to Avondale, Waterview/Oakley Creek and Northwestern cycleways, a total of 19.4 kilometres.
- The New Lynn to Avondale cycleway and on to the New Lynn Transport interchange.
- Auckland Transport's Te Atatū bus interchange, part of the staged construction of a rapid transit corridor along the Northwestern Motorway. This interchange is predicted to be used by 1,670 boarding/alighting passengers in the 2046 morning peak period, a portion of which will be expected to walk or cycle to/from the station via Te Whau Pathway





- Auckland Transport and Panuku both propose improvements to the cycle network within the wider Henderson area. These proposed changes are anticipated to be cycleways and cycle lanes physically separated from general traffic. Notably, the route from McLeod Road to Henderson will connect directly to Te Whau Pathway.

Provision of greater public access to the Whau River will result in greater environmental awareness and appreciation of the Whau environment and generate environmental, social, cultural and health benefits. There is also the potential for economic benefits from the pathway as a tourist attraction due to its unique location, as has been the case for the New Plymouth Coastal Walkway.

## 7. Environmental benefits

Te Whau Pathway will link a series of reserves and esplanade strips along the western edge of the Whau River. This project has the potential to open up the River, and Coastal Environment to promote community engagement and education and to protect and restore the coastline. Information points outlining the key vegetation and bird species likely to be seen will be key to engaging the public. Te Whau Pathway will support the creation of neighbourhood based environmental programmes to restore water quality and the terrestrial environment, for example predator control networks to buffer the River corridor.

Ecological health in the Whau River catchment in West Auckland is in urgent need of restoration. Jobs for conservation work and enhancement of biodiversity in this culturally and ecologically significant area are both critically needed, and we will be seeking investment to accelerate this mahi in collaboration with the community. We are currently developing a comprehensive plan for implementation of improvements to the Whau River terrestrial and aquatic environment, based on a mana whenua-community-Council partnership model.

We have been working with a number of partners to improve the quality of the aquatic and terrestrial environment in the Whau River catchment since 2015. During that time, we have cooperated with the Whau River Catchment Trust to build on their experience in community-based restoration projects and its ability to collaborate with a diverse range of community stakeholders. As well, we have been active partners in the Whau Wildlink project.

## 8. Annual Plan 2025-2026 Funding Request

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2025-2026, as set out in Table 3.

**Table 3: Funding request**

Section	Scope	Funding		
		2026/27	2027/28	Total
Whau Local Board Wingate Street - Rizal Reserve - Ken Maunder Park (Figure 2)	155m boardwalk (2x sections) and 300m of at grade path.	\$2.5 million	\$4 million	\$6.5 million

Cost estimates depend on ground conditions informing the final design and based on best information available at present.

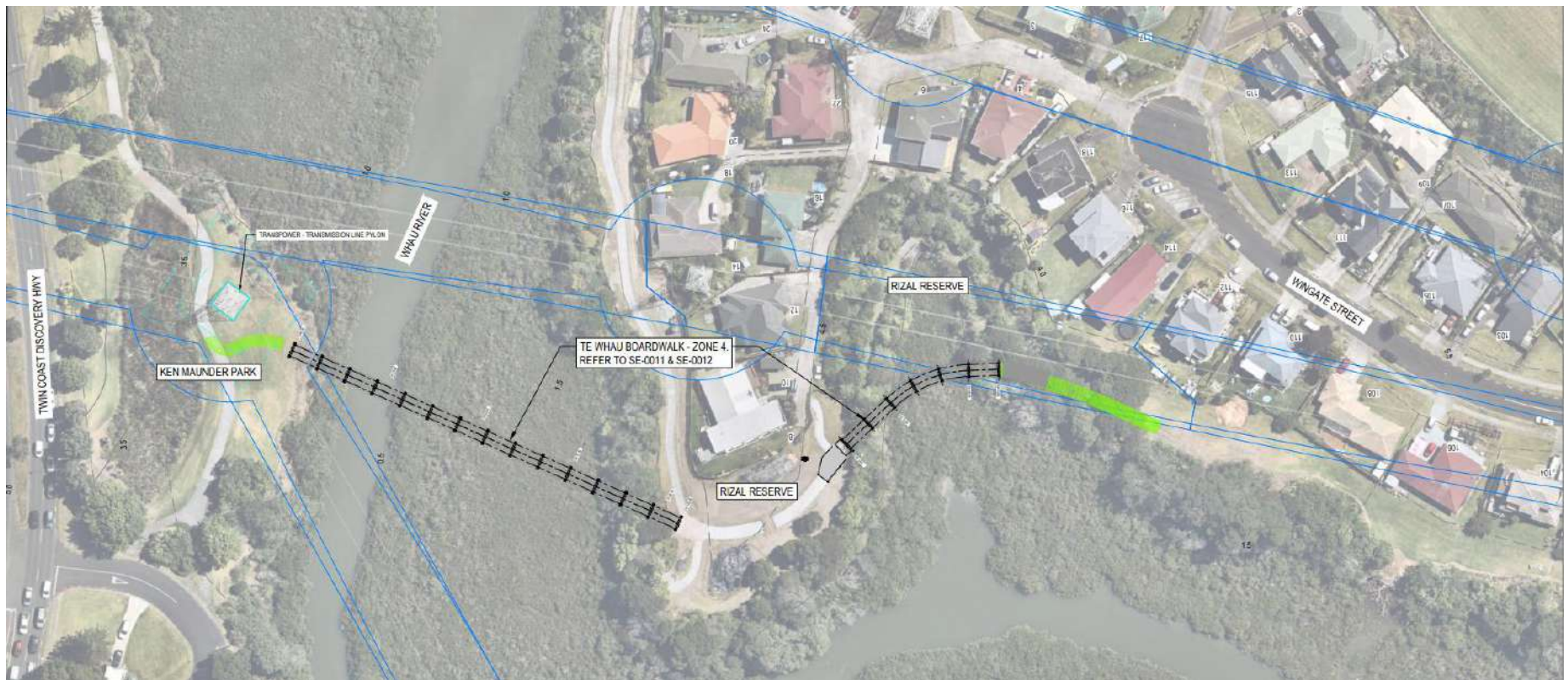
The costs for this section will be lower than for the current build, which includes all the cost of establishing the precast yard and all those upfront and sunk costs etc. Savings can be achieved by using the established yard. Taking into consideration that we are making use of the procured materials, then it is more economical to build this section.

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Figure 2. Wingate Street - Rizal Reserve - Ken Maunder Park







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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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**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Restoration of funding to service levels that had previously been reduced is of great importance. The libraries function is a vital community hub and third place. Also increasing community grants will help create a more vibrant Whau. Planning for an aquatic centre in the Whau is also of great importance and will once complete add a great deal to the Whau.

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**

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Very important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Increasing the number of community events will be of great benefit to the Whau. Regarding priority 9 we also need to have a particular focus on enabling active recreation space and lifestyles for the disabled communities in the Whau.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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We need to make sure that we keep funding community events such as movies in the park series as well as the larger cultural events such as Pasifika and the lantern festival. These events help make Tamaki Makaurau Auckland the wonderful city that it is

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I believe it covers almost all the important areas that are relevant to the residents of Auckland. The challenge is how the plan can be implemented effectively and efficiently.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change and they have yet to agree to introduce this legislation. We continue to work with central government on this and your views will help inform this work.

**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

This will discourage visitors to the events. The council should try to attract more visitors to the events which will be good for the businesses in Auckland and indirectly generating more revenue for the council.

## 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)*

I agree with proposal 3A but not on the increase of other rates for residential areas. The rates for the residential areas are already very high and good savings can be achieved by making the services more efficient and and by reducing waste. There are people who violate the council's rules and the council can generate good income from them through an efficient system of identifying the culprits and collecting fines from them.



## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**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?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

The areas listed in the plan are important for the people and environment and can have a positive effect on the lives of residents of the Board provided the plans are implemented properly and effectively with little or no waste.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Very important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Very important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Less important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Less important

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

Very important

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

Fairly important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

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)**

Community services such as library hours, healthy activities in the parks, community and youth programmes, and recreation in parks are all useful programmes for which the required funding can be justified, and hopefully used effectively.

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

The current transport system suffers from significant inefficiencies and requires urgent reform. High fares and unreliable service frequencies discourage commuters from relying on public transport. Additionally, many buses run nearly empty during off-peak hours, such as midday and late evenings. Operating large double-decker buses during these times is unnecessary—replacing them with smaller, more frequent buses would improve efficiency and service quality.

Some Australian cities are introducing flat fares for entire journeys, regardless of zones, which is expected to be more successful. Auckland should follow this example, as simplified pricing would incentivize greater public transport use. Increased ridership would not only boost revenue but also reduce traffic congestion and environmental impact by taking more cars off the road.



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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?**

Support

**Tell us why**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitākere Ranges

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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**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**

Fairly important

**Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association**

Fairly important

**Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges**

Fairly important

**Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks**

Less important

**Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Whau

### **Whau Local Board Priorities**



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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Very important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Very important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Very important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

I don't know

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

I don't know

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

I don't know

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

I don't know

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

I don't know

**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.**

I don't know

**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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**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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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu, Waitākere Ranges, Whau

## **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**

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**

Less important

**Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

To help the local board understand priorities and areas of importance for the community, we are seeking feedback on areas that are the most important to you so we can prioritise investment in higher priority areas or address rising costs by potentially decreasing investment in lower priority areas.

**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

Community programmes and services, Environmental restoration, volunteers, and pest control activities, Local parks strategy and planning

**Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme**

A BID is a local economic development initiative run by a business association under the Auckland Council BID Policy (2022). It involves businesses in a defined area paying a targeted rate to fund specific services or projects in their BID boundary. The Māngere East Village Business Association Society Inc. (MEVBA) has failed to meet key BID Policy requirements, including accountability reporting, AGM minutes, strategic plan, and appointing a BID Manager. MEVBA also breached its constitution and did not notify the council of non-compliance. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board is now considering terminating the BID programme and targeted rate, with the possibility of re-establishing a compliant BID programme in the future if conditions are met.

**Do you think we should end the Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

Fairly important

**Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners**

Fairly important

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Less important

**Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson**

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**Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association**

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## Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

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.**

Fairly important

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

Fairly important

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Less important

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

Less important

**Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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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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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Whau

### **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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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?**

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

## **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**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

##### **Explore a site for a recycling centre**

Fairly important

##### **Local playground improvements in areas like Mangere Bridge**

Less important

##### **Maintain local road safety with limited budgets**

Very important

##### **More support to volunteer networks**

Very important

##### **Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

Very important

#### **Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

I chose maintain to a road safety with limited budget

because it directly impacts the wellbeing and security of the community

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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

#### **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?**

Yes

**Tell us why**

failed to meet key requirements as state above

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**





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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?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Yes I support it on the condition it will help keep rates lower for locals and is used wisely. If it's just going to be wasted I will be very disappointed.

## **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)*

I

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Very important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

I don't know

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Less important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Very important

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

Fairly important

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

Less important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Very important

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

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**Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.**

Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Regarding parks and recreation, I would like to see the development of Avondale Racecourse to be led by the community and surrounding residents. It is a very important space for ALL of Auckland, and should not all be turned into housing, we must keep some of the very limited green space we have in the community. Avondale also doesn't have accurate infrastructure to support more houses at this scale.

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Support most

### Tell us why

It addresses a lot of the current issues that residents face

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

It costs a lot already yet alone another charge

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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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Water care has to be more accountable.

Libraries need to be supported

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Local focussed

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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Tell us why

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**Tell us why**

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Support

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Support most

**Tell us why**

I completely disagree with fluoridation and the harm it is causing in reducing the I.Q. of children.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Many additional people at events require extra amounts of our utilities and services to make them happen

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Support

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Auckland Council removing precaution and protections in the Unitary Plan increases liability costs and contamination risks from GMOs for Aucklanders as a result of the Gene Technology Bill. It is wrong that Council should just sit by while precaution is removed at public and ratepayer expense.

It is Council's duty to defend the protections in place against costs from commercial biotechnology users said John Carapet, spokesman for GE Free NZ.

The introduction of Civil Liability is recommended in the submission of the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment on the Gene Technology Bill.

(<https://pce.parliament.nz/publications/submissions-on-gene-technology-bill/>)

With any emerging technologies, monitoring has to be a part of it so at least we know what is happening and provide transparency. We can not trust government/councils to do it.

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

People can't afford a rates increase.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It's a better way to raise funds.,

## **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)*

Switching from the rubbish tags back to weekly roadside collection of general rubbish (red lid bin) is a rip off to the community / rate payers .

Being a 2 person household we actually only need to put our general rubbish bin out monthly.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**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?**

I don't know

#### **Tell us why**

I am not going to read 10 pages. You need to condense it down to a page.

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Fairly important

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Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Number 6.

Is a community hub in Fruitvale really necessary?

Can't they use New Lynn facilities?

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support all

### Tell us why

Future proof our 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**

They do it everywhere. Just come back from Italy where it's standard.

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitākere Ranges

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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

Have to justify increases

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

### How important are these priorities to you?

#### The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events

Fairly important

#### Arts and culture programmes delivered through our community arts partners

Fairly important

#### Tailoring programmes to serve diverse communities (youth, older adults, Pacific and ethnic communities)

Fairly important

#### Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Less important

#### Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

#### Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

Very important

#### Trialling phosphite treatment of kauri infected with kauri dieback on selected local parks

Very important

#### Improving neighbourhood parks: George Herring Common, Koroī/ Clayburn Reserve, Tautoru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.

Fairly important

### Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

No real clear commitment to safer streets for those walking, cycling and getting around sustainably. This should be a priority for our council.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Arts, culture and events are hugely important parts of making our city great. I support finding ways to ensure they are funded. Fund them more!

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Whau



## Whau Local Board Priorities

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### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

#### Tell us why

I would like to see some progress towards the Te Whau pathway in our area, or more funding towards creating healthy, people-focussed streets especially for our tamariki and those who walk, cycle, and wheel.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

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Fairly important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Fairly important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Less important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

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**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

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I want our city to focus on our climate - especially giving safe options for more sustainable travel. This includes prioritising public transport, separated cycleways and shared paths, and prioritising movement over on street parking.

Get bikes on buses. Let us unlock more multi-modal trips.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

We need to be thinking more of the investment back into the city and I have seen the improvement since this new council took over and have liked what i have seen and the steps taken so far. This plan seems to be a common sense approach to the next decade of what we need as a city.

## Question 2: Destination management and major events

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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)*

About time Was ridiculous how long this has taken

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

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Support all

#### Tell us why

I Like the plan for youth by youth and the future of a water facility for us- we desperately need one here. The community centre will be very welcome and is also desperately needed but I want us to retain the green areas and I am concerned re the use of the Avondale racecourse for more housing. We have such a huge amount of recent major multistory residential buildings here without own gardens/ green areas that more green areas are needed for the community. Once it's built on its never able to be got back. Can't wait for the City Rail Link to be done as its causing a huge amount of disruption to those of us trying to commute by train currently. Motorways from here to central Auckland are bad and getting worse, I'm not sure this addresses that enough.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

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**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**

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**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

Fairly important

**Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.**

Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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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?**

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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**



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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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Less important

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For the local board it would be good to support cheap local transport initiatives like increasing bus lanes, or parklets. For council in general I also support anything that will make the city better for people at the expense of cars



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

Tell us why

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Council needs to get back to providing core services to rate payers. Your role should be limited to such endeavours. Today we see sponsoring, NGO's, bureaucratic waste and meddling.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

It's expensive enough coming to NZ, we want to encourage visitors

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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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Rubbish - bags have been scrapped already and are now charged within rates. This is not encourage people to manage their waste. Some of us produce very little waste and yet have to pay for those who can't be bothered.

## Question 4:

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us why**

Atm there's an iwi involvement, they are unelected, everyone else has to be elected. That's not right.

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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I don't know

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I don't know

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Back to basics please

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It all sounds very politically correct and we can't afford it. Let's make the most of the facilities that we have, maintain them and encourage use. Get costs down.

Things like movies in the park are good because they must be fairly low cost and a good family event.

I'm currently trying to build a small 2nd dwelling on my 1 acre section, everyone warned me that dealing with council is a nightmare. And they were right! It's slow, expensive, overly fastidious and generally a miserable experience. I've been given an invoice for \$10K for 'developmental contribution'. Part of that is for using drains that I have to pay to put in. Crazy.



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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 who can afford to come to these events can afford to pay a tax to support the costs the Council incurs in putting on these events. They can look forward to more events if the Council can raise more money from a bed tax. It's win win.

### **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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n/a

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

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#### Tell us why

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n/a



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

I support western springs speedway and buying wayne brown a one way ticket out of here

### 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?**

Other

**Tell us why**

Speedway keep it at western springs

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

### **Question 4:**

#### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey



## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

**Do not support any**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

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**

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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**Tell us here**

Keep western springs



#7352



# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

There is a lack of mention about Auckland Transport network improvements because focus has been on the CRL, the busways, and cycling paths. AT needs to look at improving network routes to keep up with the times. For example, a lot of businesses are being encouraged to move to Wynyard Quarter, but this area remains woefully underserved by buses. It takes at least 15

minutes to walk from Britomart, and a lot of buses terminate at Vulcan Lane, necessitating a very long walk to Wynyard Quarter. Furthermore, AT should also be aware that by removing the express buses for 22 and 24 buses, it takes a lot of time to commute to the city. In my case, I live in Avondale, and it takes at least one hour to get to Wynyard Quarter. This discourages people like me to come more often to the CBD because of the time spent commuting could have been better spent if one worked from home instead. AT should learn to understand commuters pain points and spend money only on where the impact is biggest, not on worthless improvements like adding more bus lanes to a short stretch of road that is not congested or problematic in the first place.

## 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 think it's fair that people who go to these events and stay in short-stay commercial accommodations pay a levy to fund it because they are the ones who are ultimately benefitting or enjoying from the hard work of others who made the event possible. Visitors are also likely to spend quite a bit on a major event so a 2.5 to 3% levy is not a big amount to ask for. It's better to use ratepayers money to improve Auckland for the long term rather than spend on major events that only has a short-lived economic benefit.

## 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)*

A solution needs to be found for AT fares. It cannot be the case that AT keeps on increasing it. There needs to be a way to manage public transport fares.

**Question 4:**

**Local board priorities**

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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?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

**Support most**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

Very important

**Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)**

Fairly important

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

Very important

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

Fairly important

**Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area**

I don't know

**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

5.8% rates increase is bit over the top.

### 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**

Auckland and NZ is already super expensive destination for visitors compared most of the other markets. This levy will put the visitors off and makes us less attractive

## **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?**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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## Your feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitākere Ranges

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities

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)

Fairly important

#### Community development, placemaking and activation in our growing neighbourhoods and centres such as Glen Eden, Sunnyvale and Swanson

Fairly important

#### Supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, develop and liven-up our town centres, including assisting Glen Eden Business Association and establishing of Titirangi Business Association

Less important

#### Environmental programmes to help protect and restore the Waitākere Ranges

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.

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?

Other

### Tell us why

Request to keep rates at the current amount

### 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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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)*

Keep the current rates unchanged

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**



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Support most

### Tell us why

not in favour of increasing rates rise

### 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)*

Residential rates rise

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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#7598



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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?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitematā

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?****Waitematā Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

**Tell us why**

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**

**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)**

Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities, Local waste minimisation activities, Local water quality activities

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?**

**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**

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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?**

Whau

## Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026 however there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which may need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

#### Tell us why

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Increasing our community programmes that are delivered from our libraries and community centres in Pt Chevalier Mt Albert Sandringham and Epsom.**

Less important

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

Fairly important

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

Very important

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

Fairly important

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

Fairly important

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

Very important

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

Less important

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Mount Eden festival could be cool? Close mount eden road, have bands, markets

More markets!

## **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

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Fairly important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Healthy active lifestyle for all

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

Tell us why

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Support

#### **Tell us why**

It is a good way to make the most of attractions to the city that largely benefit private businesses but a lot of infrastructure used is public. It will mean the city can support more attractions in the future

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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 think that everyone should be on the same service, although it would be good to have pay as you go because we got a smaller rubbish bin but still don't need to put it out every week but have to pay for weekly collection.

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**Whau Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

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Support

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Support

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there should be higher fees for parking, there should be much more invested in non-car transport options. these should be prioritised much more than they are. giving the population safe options to travel around their areas and around the city is the thing i see being underfunded and underestimated. it is a lot about how i decide to vote.

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Need more focus on safe cycling

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Support

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7. More flooding and unpredictable weather events are inevitable with climate change. We need to prepare and change the way people move around our area. 9. Cycling will make us more resilient as a transport option and will make our population healthier. we need more cycle lanes. I love and frequently use the New Lynn Avondale cycleways and want to see Te Whau Pathway completed to encourage cyclists and keep them safe. 5. We need to fund not for profits, and individuals working in the conservation sector but make sure that funding is made accountable. 9 More focus on securing public ground for public access and enjoyment as well as biodiversity. Rangimatariki should be an asset for our local people not a speedway ground. Especially as we live at higher density. We must use our public space wisely

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Support most

### Tell us why

I support increased investment in infrastructure and community based projects. I'm unsure what knock in effects some of the proposed changes to rates etc will have on my community.

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Support

**Tell us why**

It will help cover the costs and I think most international guests won't mind paying extra. I think some kiwis might have an issue with this especially if they aren't travelling for that event.

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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 support the new compost waste bins and the associated fees with this roll out - it's better not having bin tags anymore. New Lynn based resident.

## Question 4:

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Really keen to see more community activation and participation I and I think these proposal will nurture that.

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Please consider a public transport etiquette campaign that explains the dos and don'ts for public transport considering best practice and how to navigate public spaces with people who have disabilities.



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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Aquatic center is a priority and should be fast tracked

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Support all

### Tell us why

All these projects are behind in attention. Now is the time!

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Support

**Tell us why**

We need events in our city but not at the expense of charging its own residents

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Support

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Rates are very high as is but waste management could be way better. Charge those who do a bad job of recycling

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Margaret Griffin park - do spot checks on behalf of public, recreational users. Freedom camper status needs to be reviewed



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Support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

It is already quite an expensive city to stay in and I am not sure the bed tax will be supported. The events that require funding should really be able to stand on their own merit rather than looking for extra funding

## **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?**

Whau

## Whau Local Board Priorities

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support most

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Fairly important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Less important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Fairly important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Less important

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

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Less important

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Fairly important

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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### **Tell us here**

I have some real concerns over the Tupuna Maunga Authority and what they have been given in respects to management of our various mountains in the Auckland region. There view to remove the already established trees and replace with native and considerqble expense to us the ratepayer with little to no consultation borders on environmental sabotage. This needs to be halted and more input from us the ratepayer before any work is carried out on the mountains

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Support all

### Tell us why

Because you are trying to formulate plans to benefit the communities so these are necessary measures and initiatives for 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**

Because this is factor that is essential for anyone who want to attend interesting and attracted events...to have an affordable and secure to stay in order to attend that event.

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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 prefer this new rubbish development. Less hassle in buying the tags and such.

The water rates if it can be lessened as it is we are having problems updating our bills and we are minimizing our water usage when we shouldn't especially daily watering of our plants etc.

## Question 4:

## Local board priorities

### 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?

Support all

#### Tell us why

Because they are necessary and priority for now for most of the residents.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### How important are these priorities to you?

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Very important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Fairly important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

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Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

These initiatives promote community involvements and especially encourage youths to be more participative and promote and advocate environmental awareness. I like the approach. But how to get down to the participating stakeholders in the civil society levels is a necessity. For example, our Church youth group would like to partake in some activities. But when we applied for fundings for a cause we were never successful because we are a religious group. As Pacific Islanders, our Church is normally comprised of indigenous from one background island and we are no difference from any community group.,

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Not at the moments

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

It is important that library and community services remain at the forefront of council activities

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Support

#### **Tell us why**

A fee that exists in many cities around the world. Residents pay rates, visitors can pay a levy.

I do think that it is important however that Aucklanders staying at short term accommodation at another location in Auckland are not subject to this levy as that would mean they are paying twice.

## **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)*

As I am not in Franklin or Rodney I do not feel it would be appropriate to comment on the targeted rate,

Otherwise I support rate changes for waste disposal - I see a reduction in the fee for food waste disposal - it is important to maintain this service

## Question 4:

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### Whau Local Board Priorities

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

#### Tell us why

I especially support restoring funding for libraries and community grants

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

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**Tell us here**

Overall, unless I have missed something nasty in between the lines, this seems to be a more positive, community focused plan, and I am pleased to see it.

I support the rates increase in order to better look after our communities. Libraries are the lifeblood of our communities. I like to see them fully supported.



#7882



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Do not support any

### Tell us why

Believe the goal of the council should be more focused on efficiency and not how clean and green we are. Our rates go to you providing us the basic amenities we need and not concerned about the co2 emitted by a council smaller than some of the larger Chinese factories.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Administrative cost of implementation will far outweigh the benefit. Any additional cost is passed to the customer further dis-incentivising visitors to our 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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Removal of carparking and bike lane replacement means our central cbd is full of tourists and homeless. Average Aucklanders don't go anywhere there's no carparking

## 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**

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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.

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.

Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

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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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**Tell us here**

Stop putting up rates and only having vapid park events to show for it



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Do not support

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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 most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Increased investment in public transport and climate action should be prioritised.

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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**

Major events are critical to the economic success and vibrancy of Auckland

## **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)*

Support increases to dog adoption and vet fee, fees for cemetery and cremation services, bach fees, and staff charge our rates in order to help cover the costs of providing these services.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitematā, Whau

#### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

### Waitematā Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

#### **Tell us why**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

I support the Grey Lynn paddling pool remaining a padding pool and not transitioning into a splash pad.

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**

Less 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)**

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 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 most

**Tell us why**

I would like to see emphasis on City Rail Link readiness, and improvements to facilities and pedestrian safety near New Lynn and Fruitvale train stations

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Fairly important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Very important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Very important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Fairly important

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

Fairly important

**Increase community participation and capability in community hubs, houses and with established community partners, and progress the development of a new community hub in Fruitvale**

Very important

**Foster climate/emergency preparedness and resilience in our community**

Fairly important

**Investigate a future space for youth and engage a youth coordinator to support and promote for youth by youth activations**

Fairly important

**Provide appropriate options for healthy, active lifestyles through recreation in parks and open spaces with particular focus on our ethnically diverse communities, women, and girls.**

Very important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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**Tell us here**

I support continued progress on congestion charging, and the delivery of infrastructure to support people who cycle. I support continued investment in the city centre, and City Rail Link readiness programmes (level crossing removal should be considered in the context of an intersection with traffic lights, people in cars will just have to wait)



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Because this council is not focused on core services and reducing the rates burden on ratepayers. The continued focus on minority groups and social engineering , including but not limited to climate change, race based decision making and LHBTQIA+ funding puts an unfair and ideologically based burden on ratepayers.

## 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

Because it catches small mum and dad operators that are just trying to make ends meet and pay there bills, even after paying what can be extortionate rates bills. They are in effect subsidizing the bigger commercial operations. A residential rental property can have a number of families living in it and would be returning a higher yield than a small time B+B. Residential ratepayers should not be funding events. If those events can not be viable without ratepayer funds then they should not be going ahead.

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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)*

All council services should be paid for by ratepayers on the same basis regardless of location.

**Question 4:****Local board priorities****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**

The Whau local board is completely focused on minority groups within our local area and is not focusing on our community as a whole. Funding decisions are made on ideological, race, and a sexual and gender preference basis rather than to benefit the community as a whole. There is no justification for paying R18 Drag Queens between \$250 and \$1250 per hour to read queer themed books to toddlers or for ratepayer funds to go toward pride MONTH and parades, not to mention the adorning of public buildings with queer regalia and symbolism.

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Restore funding to service levels in some areas that were cut in recent years, e.g additional library hours, programmes and community grants**

Less important

**Increased service levels in our parks and town centres including progression of Te Hono project**

Less important

**Plan for the future Whau aquatic and recreation facility and facilitate public access to school pools in the interim**

Very important

**Work with local Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) to find new ways of delivering vibrant and welcoming town centres through art activation and beautification projects.**

Less important

**Continue to support volunteering, community and business participation, through environmental and ecological initiatives around the Manukau Harbour foreshore, the Whau River and its tributaries, and our urban ngahere**

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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)**

Again the choices you give have a particular focus on minority groups and subsequently make inappropriate funding decisions based on ideological, race and sexuality/gender basis due to personal relationships and influences.

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Climate change is another inappropriate expenditure of ratepayers funds. Huge amounts of money are spent on ideological climate change non science based, decision making. in particular the massive expenditure allocated for compliance as a C40 city is extortionate and inexcusable.



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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**

APTR should apply until bed night visitor levy legislative change passes. Disagree with rate payer funding the short-fall in the interim.

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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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Food scraps collections - There is no published data on the effectiveness of the food scraps collection program. Anecdotally, the number of food waste bins in use is rare and does not seem cost effective.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Whau

## **Albert-Eden Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

#### **Tell us why**

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

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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.**

Very important

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**How important are these priorities to you?**

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Fairly important

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Very important

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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

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Fairly important

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Very important

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Do not support most

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Rates are a big cost these days .If someone has a large house and has spare rooms they should be able to have whom they want to offer hospitality to. When I see properties rented out where they have 10 people living in a 4 or 5 bedroom home and even in the garage I feel they are using so many services and not paying their share. They park cars all over the grass verge and footpath, have rubbish and recycling bins overflowing and Council wants to charge ratepayers who may have people offering hospitality I say you need to get real. These people who want to put on events need to look for sponsors. These events do not suit all ratepayers. For a start why are we paying for events in libraries where R18 drag queens read their stories to children. Put that show on in a private venue where people pay to see the show. When protesting quietly with a sign librarians called the police and screamed at us. Apparently trespassed us for 2 years. No written notice was received. Yet apparently we cannot have anything to represent the real reason for the season at Christmas or Easter. Yet I pay huge rates and get nothing in return. Our street is never cleaned. An 80 year old neighbour cleans up her own grass verge and street rubbish.Our footpaths need work with elderly finding it difficult to walk up the road without tripping. The foot bridge at the end of Cradock St needs replacing. The Avondale board at the time paid out of our rates to put this in. WE have waited forever to get our new community centre and library to replace the continued mess of our rundown community centre. Now they want to make it smaller than originally planned. The new one needs to be fully operational before the old ones are sold because the money from that land needs to be added to the budget for the new one. The old historical murals need to be touched up where the paint has peeled and not with coloured splats of paint. As for rates being used for certain events for some nationalities why not have a couple big events with groups that may want to put an event on together. They money should be divided up and sponsors support the rest. AS for climate change, C40 cities, pride month and all that goes with it this is all a waste of money when nothing gets done in certain areas. When I mentioned this at a meeting of the 10 year plan they said ther aws no money for the Whau ward. When i said well dont spend on R18 drag queens the chair said We like them Then we were all thanked for coming to the hui. It was a meeting I went to NOT a hui.

When we came to a meeting in the town hall I was disgusted with what came out of the mouth of the so called Whau councillor and the way she spoke to other councillors who didn't support her stand for maori representation. Do you really think I am happy paying my rates for all this rubbish?? I was pleased when we had a Mayor that was not labour but it seems they still have control of council when the councillors do not seem to support the Mayor right from the beginning when everyone knew that AT needed an axe taken to it. But no councillors still did not support Wayne Browns suggestion. A lot of other countries have also changed their mind on paying for globalist agendas of climate change and C40 cities. WE cannot afford this.

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Does anybody listen? WE just get used and abused. Why is it that we do not have at least a week of Christian celebrations and stories around Easter and Christmas. I do not mean bunnies and chickens or elves and santas. Yet we can have events at the library of other religions. It should be all or nothing and get back to the basics of cleaning up Auckland. All these multi story properties and yet no community centre that is fully usable and certainly no recreation centre for anyone, Have a walk around the streets and check that the cleanup teams are picking up rubbish everywhere not just in the elite areas. On a trip to Cambridge I complimented a worker on how nice their streets and parks looked. He told me ' if we dont do our job the ratepayers let us know in uncertain terms. I think the Whau area has given up . It should not be this way. Come on Wayne walk the talk.

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Less important

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

Rates are to provide for the whole community. Where is any focus on the elderly and boys who certainly need to have recreation and swimming programmes. Why are you talking about just

women and girls. When have you had meetings with the boys to see what they feel is important to them as well. Who is having all the input into these priorities? Can you give a list of meetings held with these different groups and who was in them?

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I would also say that the option of New Zealand could not be added as it had kiwi added to it so I left it out. Also my heritage did not have the option of Cymru but thankfully did have Welsh. Please remember that we also need to be Proud of our own heritage. To see and join in to maypole dancing and enjoy circus acrobatics we had to go over to Northshore mall who got these groups in so our spending goes over there because there is nothing this side of the bridge. In Avondale we have business associations telling us we cannot complain about illegal free palenstine waited on a huge wall. So Avondale businesses are dead to us when we are told to just shut up. Yet residents flying the flag of Israel have their house (with children inside)has been shot at 4 times and their flag cut down. Along with a girl standing at their gate with a palestine flag. Surely the job of council is to keep everyone safe. Do you all really know what is going on under your nose 🙄 😞. Please add this to my submission.

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I don't know

### Tell us why

The providing plan and how money will spent and how they will be delivered are unclear so that I cannot trust the council will achieve the goal

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Auckland accommodation prices are already high enough so if we increase the price, how can we guarantee that the number of visitors will not reduce and will reach the targeted income?

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Albert-Eden,Puketāpapa

## **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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**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

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## **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**

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.**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

How to pay for services and investment: I think it is unfair to taxpayers to increase the land tax of the average residential property by 5.8% and to raise debt to finance capital expenditure of NZ\$4 billion.

My reason is:

If the supervision and accountability of land tax use are not solved, the waste of land tax is inevitable and no matter how much the land tax increases, it will not be enough. The problems of the city government's project bidding being opaque and the hidden transfer of benefits should be solved first, and then we can see how big the funding gap is and how much the land tax needs to increase. The sky-high stairs, sky-high sidewalks, and many wastes that we don't know about have caused the current situation where land taxes are rising year by year and services are getting worse day by day.

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Support

**Tell us why**

User fees are reasonable. Taxpayers, especially the elderly, have limited income and should not have to pay for non-essential infrastructure and activities.

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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There is little information about the special garbage tax and the method of purchasing garbage bags. I hope to hear the opinions of residents.

The current situation of garbage disposal being monopolized by foreign companies should be changed.

The Chinese community has good new technologies for ordinary garbage and hazardous waste disposal, but they cannot get support from the municipal government because the market is occupied by two major foreign companies and the municipal government only has a small share, so it is impossible to support new technologies and new companies to enter the market.

## **Question 4:**

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I don't know

#### **Tell us why**

The Local Board should provide a report on the use of previous funds, explaining how the funds for those projects were used, and on this basis explain why the budget needs to be increased.

Secondly, it should not simply say that more money needs to be spent for the sake of future visions. This is irresponsible to taxpayers.

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**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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 have no idea what the Ancestral Mountains Management Agency is, so I can't comment.

# Annual Plan 2025-2026

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## Your feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

we all know we have big finance challenge, but i hope the govt can put more effort on reducing cost, to find out the waste.

Also hope can put more effort to improve old and bad basic facility and service, not increasing new



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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**

no reason to ask visitor to pay, and why should we pay.

who get the benefit who should pay

## 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)*

should focus on how to reduce rubbish and reduce living cost.

right now we have to pay weekly rubbish bin clean service, but almost nothing inside.

really dispoint on waste management policy

**Question 4:****Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Whau

**Whau Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

n/a

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really dispoint on living cost increasing but nothing to help us to increase incoming.



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### Tell us why

The price is increasing every year but there is no cost saving. Look at the cones and workers on the roadside. Each construction site has 1-2 people working, dragging on for months and longer. Others are standing and talking on the phone, directing traffic, chatting, walking around. Is there anyone supervising? Why is the project being implemented? Is there anyone supervising?

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

This will cause more people not to come to Auckland, and the tourism industry and economy will be worse.

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Support

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*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Learn from E Musk in the United States and audit all expenses carefully. There must be a problem.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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**

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**

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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.**

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **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?**

Do not 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?**

Do not support most **Tell us why** This is a plan that wastes taxpayers' money. It happens every year. It overspends every year. It is a very bad plan that increases the burden on taxpayers. 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?

**Do not 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)**

## **Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

**Do not support most**

**Tell us why**

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

**Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)**

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

**Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Do not support most

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Support the youth networks in our area to help our young people thrive, and to have a voice in local board decision-making**

**Support and advocate for further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation through methods such as re-naturalisation, or daylighting**

**Support the development and increased use of our local parks, reserves, and sports fields by being available for people of all abilities, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds to enjoy in a range of leisure and recreation activities**

**Encourage local business associations to continue to support business development, to contribute to safer, more vibrant, and attractive town centres, that continue to meet the changing needs of our residents**

**Support and fund efforts to mitigate and adapt reserves, parks and public assets from the effects of climate change through initiatives such as the Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy**

**Contribute funding for the development of a vision and plan for the future of the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

#### **North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct**

Our community gave clear feedback in the long-term plan consultation that they would like to see the North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct used more effectively for the local community. The Upper Harbour and Hibiscus and Bays Local Boards are jointly leading a working group of local representatives to develop a vision and plan for the future. The work will need both regional and local funding and our local board will need to contribute.

**Do you think we should contribute funding to the development of a vision and plan for the future of North Harbour Stadium and the Domain Precinct?**

**Tell us why**

## **Howick Local Board Priorities**

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not 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.**

#### **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)**

## **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?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

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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?**

Do not support most

#### **Tell us why**

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Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Explore a site for a recycling centre**

**Local playground improvements in areas like Mangere Bridge**

**Maintain local road safety with limited budgets**

**More support to volunteer networks**

**Push to deliver local business initiatives.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

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### **Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme**

A BID is a local economic development initiative run by a business association under the Auckland Council BID Policy (2022). It involves businesses in a defined area paying a targeted rate to fund specific services or projects in their BID boundary. The Māngere East Village Business Association Society Inc. (MEVBA) has failed to meet key BID Policy requirements, including accountability reporting, AGM minutes, strategic plan, and appointing a BID Manager. MEVBA also breached its constitution and did not notify the council of non-compliance. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board is now considering terminating the BID programme and targeted rate, with the possibility of re-establishing a compliant BID programme in the future if conditions are met.

**Do you think we should end the Māngere East Village Business Improvement District (BID) programme and associated BID targeted rate?**

**Tell us why**

## **Manurewa Local Board Priorities**

The local board has additional funding in 2025/2026, but there are unavoidable increases in the cost of existing services which will need to be considered alongside the additional funding.

**4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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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?**

Do not support most



**Tell us why**

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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?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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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?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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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?**

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**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?**

Do not 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?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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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?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

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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?

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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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?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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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.

### **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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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.

### **Tell us why**

Do not support most

### **Tell us why**

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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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**Which three of our services are most important to you? (select up to three)**

## **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**

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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**



#8276



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## Your feedback

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

What I want is to see bins reinstated at local parks. Since they've been removed there is a big increase in rubbish in picnic areas as well as dog faeces. It doesn't make sense to remove the solution and then charge people a high flat fee. The user pays waste collection worked so much better than a flat rate. If the flat rate worked why has the public rubbish increased?

## 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.*

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?**

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?**

I don't know

#### **Tell us why**

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

My concerns aren't in the annual plan as there is no section for maintaining public spaces in a healthy way. Bring back bins



#8342



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I agree that funding for transport is need.

### 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 think funding for cultural festival is good & cultural festival is important to New Zealand's Wairua.

## **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 think this unfair.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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**Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

no comment



#8358



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Other

### Tell us why

I believe this can lead to more effective & inclusive outcomes.

### 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 don't think overnight visitors should be taxed higher.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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I don't know

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Because it gives struggling families in the community.

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I don't know

**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)*

It's unfair to have people pay more money for garbage collection + adds extra financial pressure to these people.

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I disagree with the way the economy is being handled

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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 understand why this would be put in action especially if Auckland wants to further their tourism.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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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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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Because of the Fijian Community

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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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?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

**Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

It's fair for us Fijians here in Auckland. More funding for Pacific people please.





#8452



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**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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## **Question 4:**

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**Tell us here**

I want Auckland Council to rescind their decision to terminate the Western Springs Speedway.

The council vote to scrap the speedway was rammed through with little warning and NO public consultation.

That tendentious decision reflects very unfavourably on the all elected councillors who voted for it; not only is a traditional venue of popular entertainment axed, but the plans of certain wealthy individuals are unduly favoured.

I continue my opposition to the wholesale felling of exotic trees on Maunga across the isthmus.

Planting of natives can be done amid the protective canopy of existing trees, which could be culled when the natives reach maturity.

To persist with present plans is too further damage the reputation of Auckland; seen as being 'led by an hypocritical municipality that fails to practise arboreal protection.

I request Auckland Council to include in the annual budget a \$30k fund for collaboration with other councils on the risk of GE/GMOs locally.

There are regional protections in the Unitary that we need Council to defend, not sit by and have them removed without compensation or other protections, by the Gene Technology Bill.

These were researched and developed by an Inter-council Working Party, which needs to be re-activated to address risks to the region in the Gene Technology Bill.



#8458



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Wish to know what is the future regarding the home ground of New Zealand Warriors Rugby League Football Club at Beazley Rue Penrose, Auckland in light of the rumored dubious method to shift speedway racing from Western Springs. Are the NZ Warriors to receive the same treatment? ie moved from Mt Smart Stadium (Go Media Stadium)

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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**

Support the NZ Warriors

A club in the NRL Australia/New Zealand competition. NZ Warrior's home games have had crowds of excess of 20,000. Many crossing the Tasman Sea to attend those games. It's my observation (right or wrong) to get your sway (sway as opposed to say) as to getting your venue 'stadium rights', is to play them. The decision makers with lattes and gin and tonic, but no one is every corrupt are they? If it worth anything I am (at the present) a fully paid Auckland City Council rate payer. May be you can show these words to KGB, VIA, SIS or Mossad. Here is my phone number \*\*\*\* and my address\*\*\*. Yeah get me bumped off as a counter-revolutionary. Yeah we cannot have them can we,

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Support most

### Tell us why

My observation so far - most of council activities are pro-public. However, I feel some of the suburbs are left behind in terms of maintenance of public property like road, libraries, footpaths, etc. everyone pays the same rate, tax etc. I do not get it why there is discriminations. Thanks.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Just a minimum visitors levy is okay. high levy will discourage the visitors to come to 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?**





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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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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

support year 2025-2026 hope all nation senior&young give a good & better support

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Support

**Tell us why**

All active need 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

## **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.**

**Supporting our community leasing groups to be able to share their space and be sustainable over time so they can continue to provide their great range of community services and activities.**

**Supporting our business associations and vibrant town centres so people can live work shop and play in our local villages.**

**Talking with young people and children to better understand what is important to them in their area.**

**Increasing neighbourhood safety and resilience community wellbeing and emergency preparedness.**

**Reducing waste and increasing the profile and impact of Waiōrea Community Recycling Centre.**

**Delivering on concept and restoration plans we have made for local parks and trialling a portable pump track to move around parks in our area.**

**Increasing the number of local events arts and activations especially in local parks and town centres.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Help our funds continue on for our events.

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Henderson-Massey



## Henderson-Massey Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services.

4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

**Support all**

**Tell us why**

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

**How important are these priorities to you?**

**Working with the community on signature events with the intent for the community to take the lead**

**Engaging mana whenua, Māori and in collaboration with Te Kete Rukuruku, creating Te Ao Māori activations for whanau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area's Pūrakau (Māori history)**

**Expanding youth voice initiatives to academic students in the local board area**

**Work on plans to upgrade Catherine Plaza**

**Continue to support water quality initiatives including the Rivercare group's work in Te Atatū Peninsula, Love Your Streams (EcoMatters) and Ngā Puna Manaaki Īnanga, a project to identify, protect and enhance Īnanga spawning habitats across the Henderson-Massey local board area**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## Question 5: Other feedback

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#9411



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Support all

### Tell us why

growing up having one income was very hard, I do think this would help out especially with one income families.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

## 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 think this is fair

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

## 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**

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**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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Support most

### Tell us why

Raising taxes will increase people's cost of living and is not conducive to economic development.

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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 will increase the burden on tourists and is not conducive to the development of tourism.

## **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)*

Good for the environment.

## **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**

Mostly supported.

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)**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

**Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2025/2026?**

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**Tell us here**

Mostly supported.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Respond to the government's charging system.

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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**

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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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Because transportation is related to people's lives and daily activities.

### **Question 4:**

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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**

Because the government is doing a good job.

Our priorities for 2025/2026 are listed below.

#### **How important are these priorities to you?**

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Increasing government revenue makes people happy.





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Because it will help out with alot of improvements.

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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Ōtara-Papatoetoe



## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### 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**

**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)**

**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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### 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**

## **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?**

Ōtara-Papatoetoe



## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Priorities

The following are the key projects and activities we plan to deliver next year, and any key changes to services

### 4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?

Support all

#### 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**

**Addressing safety concerns in neighbourhoods, common areas and town centres**

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**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)****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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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

I think good public transport is important especially for students.

### 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**

will increase our GDP

## **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)*

I agree because I think caring for our environment is very important.

## **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 all

#### 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**

**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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**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**

### **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**



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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**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitākere Ranges

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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### **Tell us why**

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### **How important are these priorities to you?**

**The Event Partnership Fund to support more community-led events**

**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, Tauru/Maywood Park, and Sandys Parade.**

**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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**Tell us here**

All good.





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

I don't know

### Tell us why

To be understood.

### 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 is beneficial to the development of tourism and economic support in New Zealand.

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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)*

No

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitākere Ranges

## **Waitākere Ranges Local Board Priorities**

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### **Tell us why**

To be understood.

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**Tell us why (please be clear which priority you are talking about)**

## **Question 5: Other feedback**

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No other comments.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

There should be more annual pay for the local communities

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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I don't know

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Support

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This would cover the families in need and in poor situations (waste management proposal)

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I don't know

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I do not know any local boards.

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Stop increases general pricing e.g gas, groceries





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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

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I support because I feel a connection with my obligated to support my fellow kiwis.

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### **Tell us why**

Visitor Levy must also fund destination management and major events budget funding for Auckland Council Regional Parks, Open Space, and Walkways budget too

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4b - We support all of our local Whau Local board priority areas for 2025/2026

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Avondale Community Gardeners supports the Submission prepared by Friends Of Regional Parks re; Auckland Council Annual Plan 2025/2026

and in particular these points :

New approaches and different types of regional parks are going to be required in the future. This should involve:

- A clearer regional park acquisition strategy especially addressing Auckland's growth areas in the south and northwest and intensifying older



neighbourhoods. This may include obtaining smaller countryside type parks closer to and within urban development where people live with the aim of increasing quick and easy public access via green ways that link open spaces.

- A park and open space entity is needed to manage large significant parks such as regional parks and the Domain and to help manage local board open spaces.
- A stronger ranger service is needed to work with volunteers and communities.
- Currently available public lands and private open spaces, such as race courses and golf courses, need to be incorporated into a network of parks. It is also vital to better connect parks to local residents through shoulder improvements, public transport, open space and trail links.
- An exciting, visionary approach to bring citizens along on the journey to live better with and in nature must be created.



Avondale Community Gardeners  
Charitable Trust Board Society  
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Saturday 5 October 2024

To: The Whau Local Board Hearing  
of the application for the Power Motor Sport Lease renewal application  
over Rangimatarili Domain, Rosebank Peninsula, Avondale

Attn :



Council Lease Renewal Specialist



Submission opposing any renewal—beyond 5 final years—  
for the Power Motorsport Ground Lease  
over Rosebank Rangimatariki Domain

Avondale Community Gardeners Charitable Trust Board, who is based in Rosebank, Avondale, will like in 5 years time, for **Rangimatariki Domain** viz.;

**Section 83 SO 510769, held by the Crown through the Department of Conservation and vested in Auckland Council in trust,**

to be managed by Auckland Council and local Board, as a Public Regional Park ( Category 1 )

We will like this area, to be held under Council management in 5 years time, in order to offer equitable access to people living in Avondale, to visit and gain practical experience, knowledge, and enjoyment of the Rangimatariki Domain. The cultural heritage, historical, and natural features of this bastion in the Waitemata harbour, which is claimed by Ngati Whatua Orakei. and adjoins marineland reserves, extends out into the Hauraki Gulf, and is an identity marker for people who call Rosebank, their home.

Environmental businesses, next door, to Rangimatariki Domain, can partner with Auckland Council, to showcase remediation, and mitigation programmes for urban and industrial pollution. These initiatives should also align with community ecological stewardship initiatives and Council partnerships with locals in the Rosebank Peninsula, who have developed Walkways, Indigenous Ecosystems restoration programmes, and a community orchard along the Whau coastlines and reserves. Creating a focus Regional Park at the marine sensitive Rangimatariki Domain, will help progress Sustainability interconnections needed for Cycleways, work environments, private properties - but also to Motu Manawa, Traherne Island and “the wilderness next door,” at the mudflats and North-West causeway, and shorebird wetlands in Te Atatu Peninsula.

Auckland Council, Mana Whenua associations, other locals, and other Stakeholders e.g. Enviro NZ, NIWA, GNS, Civil Defence, and Department of Conservation, need to be brought together to support a Regional Park feature, such as the future Rangimatariki Domain could be

: with interconnections to Rosebank business precinct, and neighbouring ecological habitats and local volunteers

Improved access routes leading to Rangimatariki Domain, e.g. the cycleway / walkway and group transport lanes for group visits, are simple ways for Rangimatariki Domain to re-open to the community and visiting public

A new Park Vision, is a process of community development and Council consultation, which is much needed for this location. Categorisation as a Regional Park, would show the level of commitment of the local community and Auckland Council, towards indigenous ecosystems restoration, cultural heritage and history. Our Trust will like the establishment of a

Rangimatariki Environment Centre at this location. – one that is also Youth and future focused. While protecting the diversity of marine life, marine plants, mammals, and avian habitats, it also gives viewing opportunities on viewing platforms to passively observe roosting and nesting areas for shorebirds and marine mammals nearby e.g. seals, dolphins.

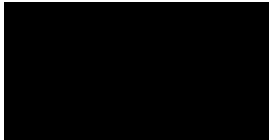
Viewing platforms for viewing the rise of Matariki, and facilities to host ceremonies held with Mana Whenua at this location is part of this new Park Vision, as Park usage grows. The geological features of this area of Auckland, e.g. mudflats, sand dunes, cockle banks, salt marshes, mangroves, marine nesting habitats, reveals a very healthy ecosystem. Close monitoring of water quality, air pollution, urban pollution, heat, sea level rise, and marine seismic activity by locals and Scientists, will help people to predict and ably respond to climate emergencies as they arise in the area.

A Rangimatariki Environment Centre at this location, is our proposed community lease alternative. We will like to see this occurring in 5 year's time. Work of Categorisation and transitioning Rangimatariki Domain as a Level 1 Regional Park, is an idea we will like raised for discussion today.

I will like to speak, on behalf of Avondale Community Gardeners, in the Hearing of the application for the Power Motor Sport Lease renewal application of Rangimatarili Domain, Rosebank Peninsula, Avondale. Our Trust opposes the right of renewal of a second 5 year lease term, to current tenants, after this year's 5 year renewal.

Thank you for this opportunity.

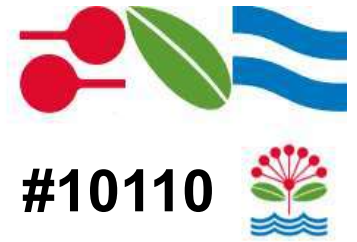
Yours sincerely,



Secretary

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Businesses in the area generate an estimated \$1 billion in revenue, pay significant rates, and employ about 9,000 FTEs. The predictions are that this workforce will increase to 20,000 by 2035.

### **Introduction:**

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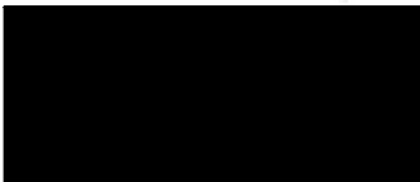
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#### **Submission**

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



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Very important

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In addition, we support the Whau Local Board's vision for New Lynn being the 'gateway to the west' and ask that Council support the assets and asset improvements in New Lynn necessary to achieve that vision.

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27 March 2025

## **SUBMISSION FROM NEW LYNN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION TO AUCKLAND COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2025/2026**

### **Introduction**

- Council is looking to do everything it can to mitigate risks within existing budgets, which means:
  - Retaining the agreed rates increase for the average value residential property of 5.8 per cent.
  - Aiming for a group debt to revenue limit of 250 per cent (excluding Watercare) while ensuring there is adequate headroom to respond to future shocks.
  - Delivering the further \$47 million in savings on top of other savings targets.
  - Continuing to invest in the services and activities Aucklanders care about with \$4 billion of capital investment.
  - Proceeding with its approach to the fairer funding of local boards.
  - A business differential to raise around 31 per cent of general rates (UAGC and value based general rates) from business properties
- The main proposal in the Annual Plan 2025/2026 concerns the way Council funds destination marketing and major events. In the Long Term Plan, Council signalled that without a bed night visitor levy in place for the 2025/2026 financial year, there would be a \$7 million budget shortfall.
- To support Council's ongoing discussions with central government, Council would like to know the community's thoughts on the concept of a bed night visitor levy.

### **Submission**

- Overall, we cannot emphasise enough the need to find more savings and for there to be a much sharper focus on efficiencies and getting the 'basics' right, such as the delivery of core council services and the timely maintenance of essential infrastructure.
- We support the *central proposal* for a bed night visitor levy.
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excessive temporary traffic management. We ask for a detailed plan on how congestion charging/time of use charging will be implemented so we can assess the implications for businesses.

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On behalf of New Lynn Business Association

Chairperson [REDACTED] and Deputy Chairperson [REDACTED]

Minutes 19/3/25

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

It's good to pay back community after we pay the taxes

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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's too complicated. Just use the money to support our workers

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Do not support

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*(Please be clear which proposal you are talking about)*

Too much raising the prices on things. Lets keep it simple

## **Question 4:**

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Support most

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I don't want to pay for rubbish bags

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Making it pretty affordable for the last fortunate



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Support

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Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do not support any service that will possibly make me have to pay increased taxes because public transport and other general local funds and communities are already expensive

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Tourism in New Zealand is already a high paying and taxing fund for citizens and foreign visitors. I support for government funding local community events but not by taxing locals and visitors when living expenses are already high enough

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Other

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not fair

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I support this as I'm seeing a lot of financial struggles in my community and think this would help out people.

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Support

**Tell us why**

festivals + city events are fun.

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Let the people buy their rubbish bags instead of adding tax!

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all this means you can tax more which is exactly what NZ don't want.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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I always forget to buy a rubbish tag and its hoha.

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Do not support any

#### **Tell us why**

I'm moving soon so I don't care.

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### Tell us why

I love this and hope the annual plan executes throughout our communities.

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Support

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Support

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Other

**Tell us why**

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Do not support any

#### **Tell us why**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

**3A. What do you think of the waste management proposal?**

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Support

**3B. Would you like to comment on this or the other rates, fees and charges proposals?**

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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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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

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Support all

### Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

support

## **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)*

Because transportation affects people's daily lives.

## **Question 4:**

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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**

Because the government cares about people's livelihood, people are happy.

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**Tell us here**

Increase government revenue and make people happy in their daily lives.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Public transportation is not yet common and sometimes does not arrive on time. Utility bills have increased too much.

## 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**

New Zealand is a great country for tourism. We should make full use of this resource.

## 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)*

Taxes and fees should not be too high or the burden would be too heavy.

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Well enough.

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Improve social order and provide the people with a safe and peaceful living environment.



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

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### Tell us why

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Support most

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Raising taxes will increase people's living costs and affect consumption, which is not conducive to economic development.

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Increasing taxes and increasing the burden on tourists will reduce the number of tourists and lead to a decrease in revenue.

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Support

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Good for the environment.

## **Question 4:**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support most

#### **Tell us why**

Mostly supported.

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**Tell us here**

Mostly supported.



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Do not support most

Tell us why

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Do not support

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Tell us why

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Support

**Tell us why**

Funding and cultural festivals are a good opportunity for community

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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?**

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I don't think anyone should pay to get rid of rubbish

## **Question 4:**

### **Local board priorities**

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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

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Do not support most

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I don't know

### Tell us why

Not familiar with this funding.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Too many foreigners

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

N/A

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Support most

### Tell us why

I agree with the bed levy

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Support

**Tell us why**

A fair way to meet the costs of funding the financial needs

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Support

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The plan aligns with the long-term plan 2024-2034 ensuring consistency and continuity. prioritising transport, water, and fairer funding for local communities' address growth management needs

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Support

**Tell us why**

The benefits of a bed night visitor levy include redistributing the financial burden of tourism infrastructure and [ineligible] from local residents to visitors

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Support

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Living cost is too high

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Do not support

**Tell us why**

Personally i would not pay this

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Do not support

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**Tell us here**

Lower public transport cost

Training facility for street kids



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

Good for everyone that the Auckland have a long-term plan and 1 year plan for Councils.

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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Support

**Tell us why**

Well supported

### **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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Support

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Low fees rate is my Focus

### **Question 4:**

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Support all

#### **Tell us why**

good proposal and benefit everyone in our local board

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Its a good pleasure to have more of your time to meet with communities. The meeting on the 13/3/25 at EKT Hall Henderson i'm very happy



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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

### Tell us why

I finally believe that this proposal gives our next generation, grandchildren and their children would benefit from this long term investment

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**Do you support a bed night visitor levy paid by those in short-stay commercial accommodation, to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities?**

Support

**Tell us why**

Great initiative to keep these investments attract visitors outside of Auckland

## 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 currently rent so rates not applicable

## Question 4:

### Local board priorities

**4A. Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**



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## **Whau Local Board Priorities**

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### **4B. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2025/2026?**

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

The old saying the proof will be in the pudding

So lets get on with it LOL

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my question is will there ever be a train that will go directly to the airport a thought plays are to build a second harbour bridge. something to think about!



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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 make good money from events, best to keep them running and that is a one awesome way to fund it

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Support

**Tell us why**

Support our city.

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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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N/A

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#### **Tell us why**

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### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

1. Providing fairer funding to local communities is more important.
2. Transportation issues are also a top 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**

Support collecting some taxes, subsidize the funding gap, and make various activities more colorful.

## 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)*

1. The residential property tax is rising too fast.
2. Support the implementation of a special garbage tax.

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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 government's goal is to create a more advanced, prosperous, and more comfortable and safer environment for us.

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### Tell us why

Support the majority.

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Support

**Tell us why**

Charge what should be charged.

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Support

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Collecting garbage requires manpower and resources, so it should be collected.

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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**

It feels good. It's all for the people's livelihood and social development.

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Taxes should be collected to develop the country. Taxes should be collected to build a good economic foundation.



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Support

**Tell us why**

we need the funds to help our events

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Support all

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Support all

### Tell us why

nice and strong

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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 i support this plan. We need to be able to continue with fundings

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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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#### **Local board priorities**

**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?**

Support all

#### **Tell us why**

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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)**

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**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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Organisation (if applicable):

Local Board: Whau

## Your feedback

### Question 1: Our overall plan

Our proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 builds on our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP).

The annual plan focuses on getting on with strengthening the financial and physical resilience of Auckland, while investing where it is needed most to manage growth. In 2025/2026, that includes prioritising investment in:

- transport
- water
- and fairer funding for local communities

It sets out the proposed way to pay for services and investments, including the 5.8 per cent rates increase for the average value residential property which is in line with the LTP, and additional debt to fund \$4 billion of capital expenditure.

### What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Tell us why

### Question 2: Destination management and major events

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**

We need the funding to continue to support our events

## **Question 3: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

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