

Te Mahere ā-Tau 2025/2026

Te Tuhinga Whiriwhiri Kōrero

Annual Plan 2025/2026

Consultation Document

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Mihi

**Nau mai e te tai Whakarunga e
te Tai Whakararo**

**Nau mai e te tai Tama-wahine,
e te tai Tama-tāne,**

**Nau mai ki Tāmaki i whakawhenuatia rā,
i ngā waitapu e rua nei arā ki a Waitematā
i te Mānukanuka.**

**Koia i maea ake i te kōpū o Papatūānuku
e takoto mai nei,**

Tuia ki a Ranginui e tū iho nei.

**Ko ngā aituā hoki tēnei e tangihia ana e tō
tātou manu!**

Hoki wairua mai, hara mai haere

**Piki taku manu, kake taku manu ka tau
me he manu-kau noa nei ē!**

**Ko koe te manuhiri kua tau,
Ko au te mana Kaunihera ka kī**

**Ko au, ko au, ko te Kaunihera
o Tāmaki Makaurau!**

Nau mai, Tautī mai, Whakatau mai nā.

Welcome the southern and northern tides, the
tides of East and West.

Welcome to Tāmaki, the land born of the sacred
waters Waitematā and the Manukau

You who emerged from the womb of Papatūānuku
laying here and amalgamate with Ranginui above.

Those who have passed are lamented, called
hither and then home.

Come forth, climb, or ascend, likened to
birds that settle.

You are the visitor who has arrived.
And the Kaunihera who say,

It is I, it is we, the members of
Auckland Council!

Welcome, welcome, greetings to all.



◀ On the cover: Auckland Council Graduate Programme

▲ Whau Te Pou, Rata Street bridge, New Lynn by master carver Te Taonui-a-Kupe (James) Rickard (Ngāti Koata, Ngāti Hinerupe, Tainui & Ngāti Porou)

Wāhanga tuatahi: Tirohanga Whānui

Part one – Overview

About this document

The purpose of this document is to enable public participation in Auckland Council's decision-making processes relating to its activities in the coming year.

Our proposed annual plan builds on our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP) and this document outlines the topics that we want your feedback on for the second year (2025/2026). These include:

- what we plan to spend money on and the services we plan to provide
- areas where our plans have changed from those in the LTP.

We also want your views on a bed night visitor levy. If this were enabled by government we would use the funds from this levy to support major events and promote Auckland as an attractive tourist destination.

This consultation document is based on the best information currently available. While at the time of writing this document, our financial forecasts are not materially different from our LTP, there are risks. Some flexibility is needed to manage any emerging or unexpected events.

Have Your Say on our Annual Plan 2025/2026

We want to know what you think about our plan.

We want to hear from all communities, so there are a number of ways you can find out more and have your say. These include written and online feedback forms, face-to-face events, phone, social media and webinar options.

There are also translated summaries of this document in: Te reo Māori, Korean, Samoan, Tongan, Simplified Chinese, Hindi and Traditional Chinese.

A feedback form is included on pages 36-38.

You can give us your feedback until 11.59 PM on 28 March 2025. For further information, including supporting information for this consultation document, you can:

- visit [akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/ourplan)
- phone 09 301 0101
- visit your library or local council services location.

The council will make final decisions for the Annual Plan 2025/2026 in June 2025. The final plan will be available on [aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) in July 2025.

So please, have your say.

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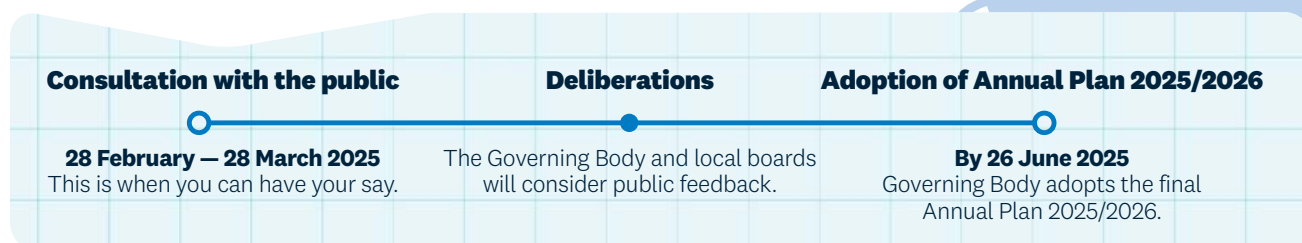
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He kupu nā te Koromatua

➤ Message from the mayor

As your mayor for the past two and a half years, I have remained focused on improving the performance of our organisations, getting better value for ratepayer dollars and getting more from what we have. As a result, we've had success with initiatives like the establishment of the Auckland Future Fund, agreement with the government to deliver significant legislative change to water service delivery and transport, as well as improvements to our waterfront and the financial performance of the Port of Auckland Limited.

Importantly, the council agreed to reform CCOs late last year and the transition has begun. Over the next year Aucklanders will notice greater focus on delivery from the council and its remaining CCOs.

The Annual Plan 2025/2026 marks the last opportunity of this political term to cement a more financially sustainable and sensible approach to the way we do things, getting on with what we agreed to through the Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

I've always said I believe the LTP is like a social contract with Aucklanders; an agreement that sets out the services and infrastructure we will deliver and how we will spend ratepayer dollars.

While there are plenty of risks to manage for 2025/2026, we must do everything we can to mitigate them within existing budgets. That means we stick to our end of the agreement by:

- 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 our approach to the fairer funding of local boards.

The main proposal included in the consultation material considers the way we fund destination marketing and major events. In our LTP we signalled that without a bed night visitor levy in place for the 2025/2026 financial year, we'd have a \$7 million budget shortfall. A levy, of course, unfortunately requires central government legislation. Many leaders in the tourism sector prefer this to a targeted rate (like the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate we used to charge).

I acknowledge that major events like the Women's Rugby World Cup, Sail GP and mega concerts are popular with many and contribute economic and social benefit to Auckland. However, we must recognise business sectors across the region also generate income from this type of investment. A targeted levy is therefore a much fairer way to share the costs between those who benefit most.

To support our ongoing discussions with central government, we'd like to know your thoughts on the concept of a levy that would provide for a more equitable way to fund destination marketing and major events, instead of asking the ratepayer to pick up the tab.

I want to hear your views – public submissions are an incredibly important part of this process that will help to inform future decision-making – so make sure to have your say.



Wayne Brown

Koromatua | Mayor of Auckland

➤ Our vision

The mayor and councillors have provided a direction for this annual plan, just as they provided direction for the long-term plan (LTP).

The longer-term vision is a more efficient council focussed on value for money for Aucklanders.



Our vision for Auckland is to create an Auckland that is beautiful, thriving and safe. This includes:

► Our proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026

We are getting on with delivering year two of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034.



► Question 1: Our proposed plan

What do you think of our proposed annual plan? (see feedback form on page 37 of this document)

- a stunning natural environment – harbours, beaches, forests, maunga, islands, urban trees – that can be accessed and enjoyed by Aucklanders across the region
- a transport system and development pattern that enables us to live in decent houses in nice communities and move around the region easily, affordably and in a way that meets our climate commitments
- decent and affordable public services, amenities, and infrastructure
- a diverse and dynamic city, which honours the place of Māori and includes a rich array of cultural and sporting events, museums, galleries and built heritage
- a thriving economy that supports growth and opportunities for all.



➤ Progress with delivering the LTP

We're delivering the financial and physical resilience committed to in our LTP. This is reflected in the latest reviews by credit agencies Moody's and S&P Global, both stating that the council's ratings are "unchanged with a stable outlook". They noted that, while New Zealand's local government sector is under pressure, Auckland Council has maintained a sustainable approach to managing its debt levels.



Auckland Future Fund

The Auckland Future Fund provides us with more sources of revenue and reduces how much we rely on rates to fund our plans.

In 2024, we:

- established the fund and appointed directors to manage it
- set up a trust deed for the fund
- supported the drafting of the Auckland Council (Auckland Future Fund) Bill to provide the fund with legislative protection
- began establishment of a \$20 million 'Fix and Finish' Fund which is to be set aside from the expected returns from the Auckland Future Fund in 2024/2025. The fund will enable us to 'fix and finish' community projects in legacy Manukau City and Auckland City areas.
- completed the transfer and sale of Auckland International Airport Limited shares which provided \$1.3 billion to be invested in the Auckland Future Fund.



Operating cost savings

We've been getting on with achieving the savings targets that have been set. By December 2024 we had achieved 65 per cent of the \$66 million target for the 2024/2025 financial year. This built on other targets from previous plans.



Capped \$50-weekly public transport pass

In July 2024 we introduced a capped \$50-weekly public transport pass. This was one of the main initiatives in our LTP.

The \$50-cap applies to Auckland Transport (AT) buses, trains and inner-harbour ferries. It limits travel costs on public transport to \$50 over any seven-day period. In the first 12 weeks after the weekly cap was introduced, AT reported that over 20,000 Aucklanders had benefited from it.

AT rolled out contactless payment methods including debit or credit cards, mobile phones and smart watches in November 2024. Over a million journeys have already been paid for this way.



Improvements to our waterfront

We're getting on with work to open up the city centre waterfront to Aucklanders, including the opening of the new Karanga Plaza Harbour Pool.



Fairer funding for local boards

We are making progress towards introducing a fairer funding model for local boards from 1 July 2025 (visit page 17 for details).



Water reform

Through the government's water reform programme, Local Water Done Well, the financial independence of Watercare has been enabled. This means Watercare can invest more without being constrained by Auckland Council's debt limits. This allows them to deliver an extensive capital investment programme while keeping water affordable for Aucklanders.



CCO reform

We've made decisions and are progressing significant changes to three of the five substantive council controlled organisations (CCOs) – Eke Panuku, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Auckland Transport – to improve how we deliver our services.

These reforms do not include any funding or service cuts. They involve changes to the organisations, to make council services more responsive to Aucklanders by bringing decisions closer to elected members.

We are also building shared services capability to improve efficiency across the council group.



Reducing corporate emissions

We have several programmes and projects underway to reduce our corporate emissions. These programmes focus on:

- replacing gas boilers in our buildings
- increasing the use of solar energy in our buildings
- decarbonising our stadiums
- monitoring our energy use.





➤ Funding destination management and major events

Attracting visitors and securing, promoting and delivering major festivals and events, which are vital to developing Auckland’s economy.

In our Long-term Plan 2024-2034, we said we would continue to fund cultural festivals but that without a bed night visitor levy, we would have a \$7 million budget shortfall for funding of major events such as the ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival from the 2025/2026 financial year.

A bed night visitor levy requires central government legislative change. They have yet to agree to introduce this legislation.

We considered several options to respond to this shortfall. Most of the options are either difficult to implement, or in the case of options like raising rates, are not aligned with our LTP commitments to ratepayers.

We have been advocating to central government to introduce this levy. A bed night visitor levy of 2.5 per cent to 3 per cent paid by visitors who stay in short-stay accommodation, would raise around \$27

million each year to fund destination management, marketing and major events activities in Auckland.

Investment at this level would allow us to deliver a full ‘destination management’ and major events programme, including ongoing national sport content and major one-off international events like Sail GP and World Rally Championship. If we do not address the \$7 million budget gap, we cannot fund mega, major or regional events. This would mean that events such as ASB Classic, Auckland Marathon and Auckland Writers Festival, might not be funded from Auckland Council. Some major events where the investment has already been made will continue to be delivered.

To inform our work with the government, we welcome your views on funding destination marketing and major events through a visitor levy.

For more information see section four of the Supporting Information.



▲ SailGP image (Image courtesy of Tātaki Auckland Unlimited)

➤ Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

(see feedback form on page 37 of this document)



▼ Images clockwise from top: SailGP (credit: SailGP Photography Team), Auckland Writers Festival, World Dance Crew Championship (image courtesy of World Dance Crew Championship).





► Proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 at a glance

There are seven areas of council activities, or investment, that contribute to the vision for Auckland. The following is what we are planning to deliver in 2025/2026:



Transport

- Support the development of the 30-year Auckland Integrated Transport Plan.
- Progress Eastern Busway Pakuranga to Botany, including the completion for Rā Hihi (flyover).
- Support City Rail Link go live in 2026, including buying more trains, removing level crossings, and managing disruptions from rail network closures with KiwiRail and Auckland One Rail.
- Install driver safety screens on approximately 1,100 buses across Auckland by 2026.
- Repair 95 per cent of potholes on main arterial routes within 24 hours of notification.
- Practically complete all flood recovery works from the storm events in 2023.
- Deliver key capital works planned in Auckland Transport’s Statement of Intent, including asset renewals, decarbonisation of ferries, and a road safety programme.



Water

- Continue work funded by the Water Quality Targeted Rate programme, including completing the Lower Khyber separation works to improve Eastern Isthmus water quality.
- Renew and upgrading critical assets such as the East Tamaki Dam and Paremuka dam culverts.
- Advance the Making Space for Water programme that aims to reduce, avoid and raise awareness of flood risks.
- Bring the Central Interceptor wastewater tunnel close to completion, with service expected to commence in 2026/2027.
- Undertake construction works for the City Centre’s midtown wastewater upgrade.



Built environment

- Collaborate with Kāingā Ora and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to progress infrastructure investment in the Auckland Housing Programme areas of Māngere, Tāmaki, and Mt Roskill.
- Progress city centre works including Te Hā Noa – Victoria Street to maximise the benefits of City Rail Link opening.
- Progress a masterplan to develop the central wharves into a public space, and aligning cruise facilities and ferry services with Port of Auckland Limited operations.
- Continue to regenerate our neighbourhoods in key areas such as Wynyard Quarter, City Centre, Takapuna, Northcote, Henderson, Avondale, Manukau.



Natural environment

- Meet council’s obligations set out in the Regional Pest Management Plan 2020-2030 and increased funding and extension of the Environment Targeted Rate in delivering pest plan, animal and pathogen control and restoration activities.
- Coordinate and implement the kauri dieback management programme to protect our kauri forests.
- Undertake marine biosecurity education and engagement programmes, increased surveillance and monitoring of existing and emerging marine pests, such as the exotic caulerpa seaweed.
- Expand the network of resource recovery facilities around the region, including Community Recycling Centres that receive, collect, repair and refurbish unwanted items from the public.
- Complete the standardisation of the kerbside refuse service by transitioning remaining areas to rates-funded refuse collections, including Franklin and Rodney.



Community

- Implement fairer funding for local boards.
- Increase the Sports and Recreation Facilities Investment Fund to address the deficit in some sports facilities in Auckland.
- 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.
- Expand Auckland libraries' physical and digital offerings, including e-books and e-magazines, to meet growing digital demand.
- Progress urgent community asset renewals to safeguard our facilities from asset failure and support high-priority growth projects.
- Enhance animal control services through increased resourcing, improvements and increasing capacity at our animal shelters.
- Boost community safety with initiatives such as safety hubs in the city centre and compliance wardens to fill the gaps in safety across the city.



Economic and cultural development

- Work with central government on new funding tools for visitor attraction and economic development, including exploring a bed night visitor levy for major events and destination marketing.
- Continue to deliver iconic cultural events such as Pasifika, Diwali and the Lantern Festival.
- Continue to provide experiences for visitors to the Auckland Zoo, Auckland Art Gallery, and New Zealand Maritime Museum.
- Facilitate international and domestic events, including musicals, concerts and exhibitions.
- Progress a local board led plan for the North Harbour Stadium.



Well-managed local government

- Support the Auckland Future Fund Trustee Limited board to achieve long-term average annual returns of 7.24 per cent, with 5.24 per cent distributed annually to the council and the remaining reinvested to grow the fund over time.
- Invest \$16 million into Māori outcomes including the ongoing Marae Infrastructure Programme, and grants to improve the capacity of mana whenua and mataawaka to engage in Auckland Council decision-making processes.
- Progress towards Auckland Council's savings and efficiency targets, targeting an additional \$47 million in savings by 2025/2026, on top of the \$90 million annual savings already achieved and \$38 million Annual Plan 2023/2024 target.
- Continue investment into fit-for-purpose technology to deliver better and more efficiently.
- Continue acceleration of group shared services and consolidation of service functions to reduce duplication amongst council organisations.
- Progress towards achieving the asset recycling target of \$300 million set in the LTP.



➤ Financial overview

Auckland Council Group’s financial strategy, as set out in our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP), seeks to improve Auckland’s physical and financial resilience over the next decade. It serves as a strategic roadmap to achieve not only short-term financial stability but also long-term sustainable growth and development.

The Annual Plan 2025/2026 is being developed in a more stable economic environment, with some ongoing risk areas that we are continuing to keep a watch on. Inflationary pressures, while high in recent years, have started to stabilise. As a result, at the time of writing our financial forecast remains predominantly in-line with the second year of the LTP.

This section provides a high-level overview of our key financial projections for the 2025/2026 financial year (year two of the LTP).

\$ millions	Long-term Plan 2024-2034		
	Year 1 2024/2025	Year 2 2025/2026	Year 3 2026/2027
Total capital investment*	4,199	3,987	3,835
Total operating expenditure	4,729	5,068	5,189
Average residential rates increase	6.8%	5.8%	7.9%
Rates revenue	2,784	3,010	3,304
Total operating funding sources	5,808	6,225	6,638
Total assets	77,613	82,569	88,973
Total borrowing	14,057	15,604	17,182
Total equity	57,683	60,843	65,655
Debt to revenue ratio	250%	213%	214%

*The Transport capital programme was revised downwards in November 2024 after Auckland Transport received notice of a lower than expected National Land Transport Programme funding level than assumed in the LTP. The reduced capital investment figures are reflected above.

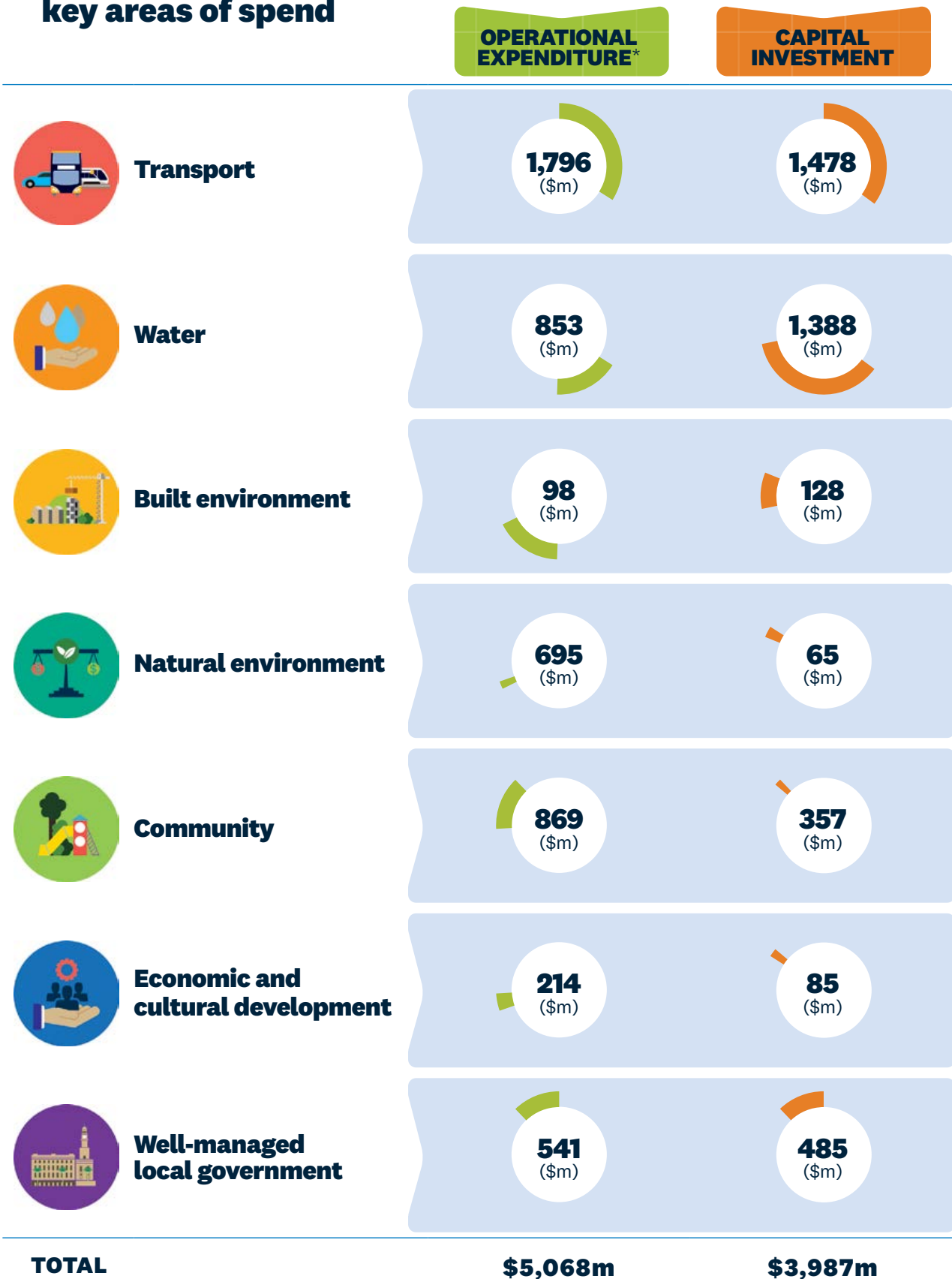
Detailed financial projections and key assumptions are included in section two of the Supporting Information.

➤ Financial flexibility

- Emerging cost pressures and risks beyond council’s control might impact the financial projections for 2025/2026. Though challenging, these are smaller in scale compared with previous budgets. We will review draft budgets for 2025/2026 to address these issues, while getting on with plans to deliver the key budget requirements in the LTP.
- Currently, there is no pressing need to deviate from the projected rates increases in the LTP or other essential financial settings, other than in respect of the rates items that we are consulting on. However, budget adjustments might be necessary when we refresh our budgets in May/June 2025, potentially affecting operating spending, capital investments, asset recycling targets, and, as a last resort, rates increases.
- In a worst-case scenario, the council might consider a rates increase for the average residential property by 1-2 per cent more than projected in the LTP. Debt levels could be marginally higher but still within the 250 per cent prudential policy limit. Should more significant changes be required, then the council would undertake public consultation before final decisions.
- While there is no current intention to deviate from the LTP settings, it is prudent to prepare for potential challenges and ensure readiness to address them effectively.



▶ Annual Plan 2025/2026 key areas of spend



*Operating expenditure figures exclude depreciation and amortisation expense.

For more information, see pages 10-11 of the Consultation document and section two of the Supporting information.



➤ Major projects in progress for 2025/2026

➤ North Auckland



Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant, Wellsford

Upgrades to improve waterway quality and covering regional growth



Rosedale Bus Station

Starting construction for a new busway station and multi-mode access improvements to Rosedale Road



Mahurangi community building

Comprehensive renewal including library reconfiguration, toilet facilities and delivering on seismic assessment recommendations



Te Kori Scott Park, Hobsonville

Develop a sustainable sport park

➤ West Auckland



Te Whau Pathway

Design and construction of the boardwalks/bridges and concrete paths between Roberts Field and SH16



West Wave Aquatic Centre

Renew components in the main pool, leisure pool and recreation halls, including heating and ventilation systems, lighting and changing rooms



Te Hono / Avondale Community Centre replacement

Development of an integrated library and community centre hub

➤ Region wide



City Rail Link (CRL)

Work to transform Auckland's public transport system continues. With the construction work now largely complete the project is focused on the systems, control, integration, testing and commission phases



Central Interceptor

Watercare's supersized tunnel will reduce wastewater overflows into central Auckland waterways



Sports field capacity development programme

Developing, upgrading and renewing sports fields to increase sports field capacity across Auckland



Urban regeneration

Revitalising underused council land to improve social, environmental, economic and cultural outcomes



Get Auckland Moving

Developing new travel solutions and improving public transport



Land acquisitions

Acquiring land for parks and open spaces to contribute to Aucklanders' quality of life, as well as make better use of the parks we already have

► Central Auckland and Gulf Islands



Central Library

Comprehensive interior building refurbishment including the renewal of mechanical services, lighting, furniture, fixtures and equipment



Leys Institute - seismic strengthening and restoration

Undertake the restoration, modernisation and seismic upgrading of the Leys Institute buildings, which includes the library and community centre



City Centre Programme

Delivering on the outcomes of the City Centre Masterplan to create a vibrant, accessible and inclusive city centre that contributes significantly to the Auckland region

► East Auckland



Eastern Busway

Pakuranga to Botany, including the completion of Rā Hihi (flyover)



Waikaraka Park, Onehunga

Consolidation of speedway at Waikaraka Park



Michaels Avenue Reserve

Stage two — Renewal of carparks and playspace

► South Auckland



Nathan Homestead, Manurewa

Seismic retrofit and upgrade to heritage community facility and café



Develop neighbourhood parks, Franklin

Bremner Road Drury, Glenbrook, Patumahoe, Clarks Beach, Ngakarao Reserve, Ray Fausett Reserve



Ōpaheke Sports Park, Papakura

Develop fresh water and wastewater system using the full Bellfield Encumbrance reserves fund



Level crossings removals

Works to improve remaining pedestrian rail crossings at some rail stations



Wāhanga tuarua: Ngā poari ā-rohe

Part two: Local boards



► Working in the heart of our communities

Local boards are responsible for the local services that strengthen Auckland communities, including parks, environmental initiatives, libraries, pools, arts, recreation centres, community halls, programmes and events, as well as support for local community groups.

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The Governing Body approved a fairer funding approach for local boards in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034. This will enable local boards to better respond to the needs of their communities.

This annual plan begins to address the funding imbalances between the 21 local boards that have been in place since Auckland Council was established in 2010.

Funding for community services differs between local boards. This is because these funds are still allocated based on the assets and services provided by the regional councils before they merged to become Auckland Council in 2010.

This will change in 2025/2026 with our 'fairer funding' approach which allocates available funding to local boards based on an 'equitable funding level'. This is calculated according to each local board's:

- population (80 per cent)
- levels of deprivation (15 per cent)
- land area (5 per cent).

To support a transition to this new approach, an additional \$35 million of operating funding and \$33 million of capital funding will be allocated to local boards in 2025/2026. Currently some local boards are funded at or above the equitable funding level and some local boards are funded below the equitable level. The boards that are already funded at or above equitable levels will not receive additional funding in 2025/2026.

With additional funding and budget responsibilities comes additional accountability. Local boards will make decisions and prioritise the activities and services provided in their local area with the available funding. This could involve reprioritising investments to address the growing costs of running facilities.



Our grants programme

To find out about our grants programme to support community-led initiatives and how to apply visit:
www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/whataregrants



Ngā Poari ā-Rohe

Local boards

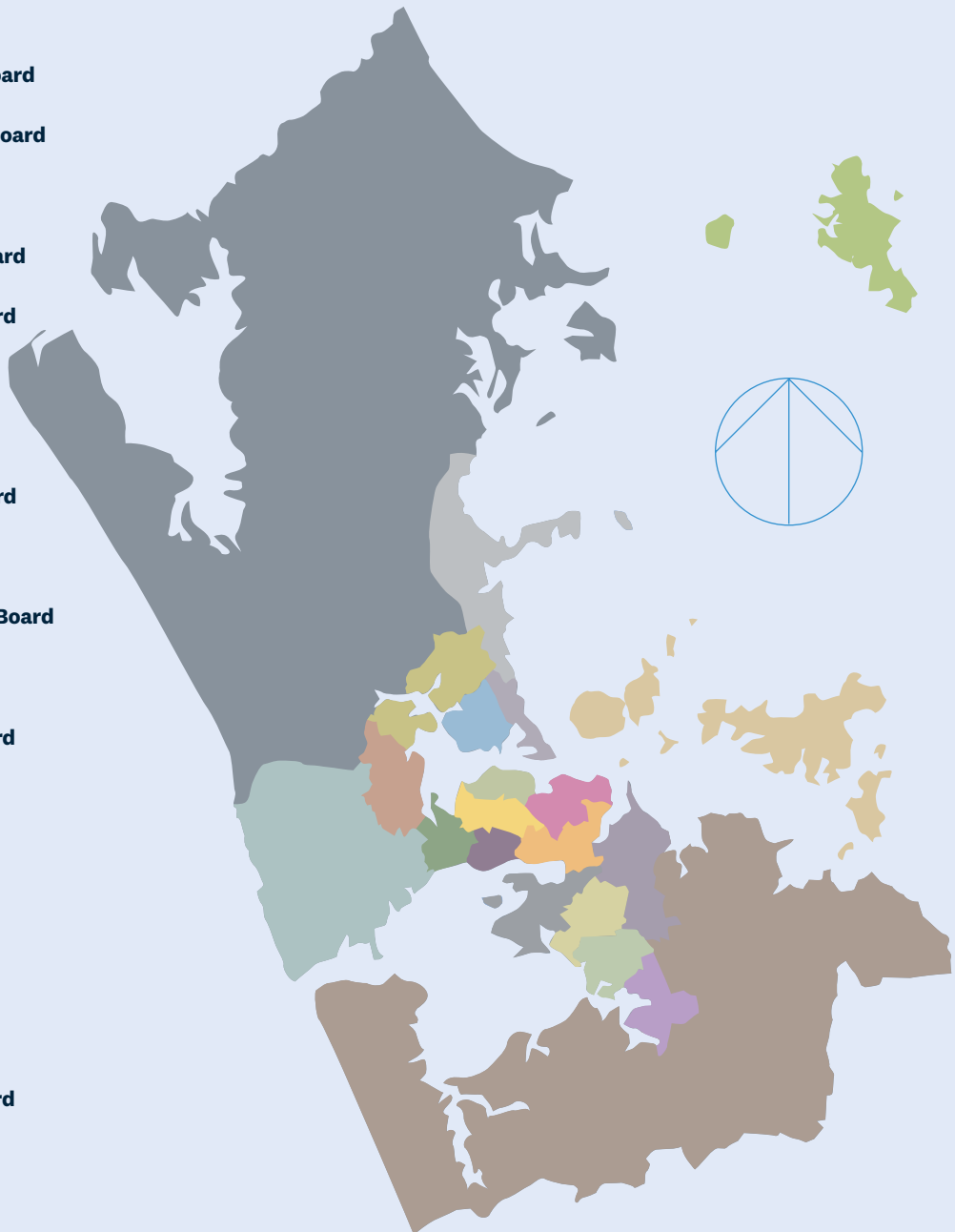
Below is how local board funding is proposed to be used.



Key areas of spend 2025/2026

	LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES	LOCAL GOVERNANCE	TOTAL
Planned capital spend to renew and develop assets	\$194.4m	-	-	-	\$194.4m
Planned operating spend to maintain and operate assets and deliver local activities	\$400.1m	\$6.6m	\$27.4m	\$23.5	\$457.6m

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Te Poari ā-Rohe o Albert-Eden
Albert-Eden Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$7.3 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$21.1 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$3.7 million and capital spend of \$3.5 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$7.3m	\$19.2m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.2m
Planning Services	-	\$0.6m
Governance	-	\$1.1m
TOTAL	\$7.3m	\$21.1m

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Aotea/Great Barrier
Aotea/Great Barrier Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$1.7 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$3.9 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$1.1 million and capital spend of \$1.3 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$1.7m	\$2.9m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.2m
Planning Services	-	-
Governance	-	\$0.8m
TOTAL	\$1.7m	\$3.9m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.



We want to know what activities you think we should prioritise for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.1 of supporting information.

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.



We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.2 of supporting information.



*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Devonport-Takapuna
Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$5.8 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$17.1 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend).

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$5.8m	\$13.7m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.1m
Planning Services	-	\$2.4m
Governance	-	\$0.9m
TOTAL	\$5.8m	\$17.1m

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Franklin
Franklin Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$7.4 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$22.4 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$3.3 million and capital spend of \$1.7 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$7.4m	\$19.6m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.3m
Planning Services	-	\$1.1m
Governance	-	\$1.4m
TOTAL	\$7.4m	\$22.4m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.

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:

- Local arts and culture activities; Arts and community centres - programme and activation;
- Community development and support activities; Community programmes and services; Community events; Youth activities; Grants
- Libraries, pools and leisure facilities - opening hours and services; Local parks strategy and planning; Sports and park activation activities
- Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities; Community climate action and sustainability activities
- Local waste minimisation activities; Local water quality activities.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.3 of supporting information.

*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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. The key projects and activities we could increase spending on are:

- 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 Awhitu, 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.



We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.4 of supporting information.

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Henderson-Massey **Henderson-Massey Local Board**

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$21.6 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$35.0 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend).

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$21.6m	\$32.8m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.3m
Planning Services	-	\$0.6m
Governance	-	\$1.3m
TOTAL	\$21.6m	\$35.0m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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 whānau that incorporate te reo, tikanga and supporting the area’s Pūrākau (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.



What do you think of our proposed priorities for your local board area in 2025/2026?

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.5 of supporting information.

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Hibiscus and Bays **Hibiscus and Bays Local Board**

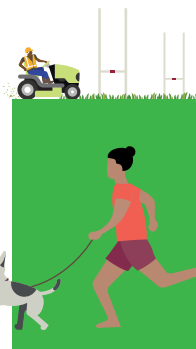
In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$17.2 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$28.6 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$1.3 million and capital spend of \$0.8 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$17.2m	\$26.0m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.3m
Planning Services	-	\$1.1m
Governance	-	\$1.2m
TOTAL	\$17.2m	\$28.6m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.



We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.6 of supporting information.

*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Howick
Howick Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$10.6 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$35.3 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$100k and \$1.85 million capital spend of allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$10.6m	\$32.7m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.4m
Planning Services	-	\$0.9m
Governance	-	\$1.2m
TOTAL	\$10.6m	\$35.3

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Kaipātiki
Kaipātiki Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$9 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$24.2 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$2.1 million and reduction of capital spend of \$0.2 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$9m	\$22.4m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.4m
Planning Services	-	\$0.4m
Governance	-	\$1.1m
TOTAL	\$9m	\$24.2m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.

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:

- Local arts and culture activities
- Arts and community centres - programme and activation
- Community climate action and sustainability activities
- Community development and support activities
- Community programmes and services
- Environmental restoration, volunteers & pest control activities
- Community events
- Grants
- Local parks planning
- Sports and park activation activities
- Local waste minimisation activities
- Local water quality activities
- Youth activities.

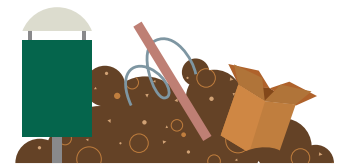
We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.7 of supporting information.

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.8 of supporting information.



*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$9.4 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$24.7 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional capital spend of \$1.7million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$9.4m	\$20.9m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.3m
Planning Services	-	\$2.4m
Governance	-	\$1.1m
TOTAL	\$9.4m	\$24.7

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- explore a site for a recycling centre
- local playground improvements in areas like Māngere Bridge
- maintain local road safety with limited budgets
- more support to volunteer networks
- push to deliver local business initiatives.

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:

- Local arts and culture activities
- Arts and community centres - programme and activation
- Community climate action and sustainability activities
- Community development and support activities
- Community programmes and services
- Libraries and pools and leisure facilities - opening hours and services
- Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities
- Community events
- Grants
- Local parks strategy and planning
- Sports and park activation activities
- Local waste minimisation activities
- Local water quality activities
- Youth activities.



We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.9 of supporting information.

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Manurewa Manurewa Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$9.4 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$25.0 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating funding of \$5.8 million and capital funding of \$547,000 allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$9.4m	\$22.5m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.1m
Planning Services	-	\$1.2m
Governance	-	\$1.2m
TOTAL	\$9.4m	\$25.0m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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 2023
- 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.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.10 of supporting information.

*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$13.4 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$21.1 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$0.8 million and capital spend of \$2.6 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$13.4m	\$18.0
Environmental Services	-	\$0.2
Planning Services	-	\$1.7
Governance	-	\$1.2
TOTAL	\$13.4m	\$21.1

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Ōrākei

Ōrākei Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$7.5 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$18.3 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$1 million and capital spend of \$2.06 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$7.5m	\$16.3m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.4m
Planning Services	-	\$0.6m
Governance	-	\$1.0m
TOTAL	\$7.5m	\$18.3m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.11 of supporting information.



What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.



We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026.

We also request your feedback on what you think about a targeted rate to enhance our beaches and their attendant infrastructure.

For more information see section 1.12 of supporting information.

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Te Poari ā-Rohe o Ōtara-Papatoetoe Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

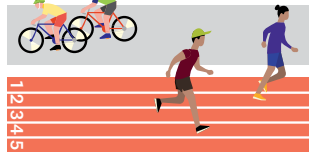
In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$8.5 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$24.6 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional capital spend of \$1 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$8.5m	\$22.1m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.3m
Planning Services	-	\$1.0m
Governance	-	\$1.2m
TOTAL	\$8.5m	\$24.6m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

The key projects, changes and activities we plan to deliver next year are:

- 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.



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:

- Local arts and culture activities
- Arts and community centres – programme and activation
- Community climate action and sustainability activities
- Community development and support activities
- Community programmes and services
- Libraries and pools and leisure facilities – opening hours and services
- Environmental restoration, volunteers, and pest control activities
- Community events
- Grants
- Local parks strategy and planning
- Sports and park activation activities
- Local waste minimisation activities
- Local water quality activities
- Youth activities.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.13 of supporting information.

*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Ōtara-Papatoetoe Papakura Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$5.7 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$17.0 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional capital funding of \$1.5 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$5.7m	\$15.2m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.1m
Planning Services	-	\$0.5m
Governance	-	\$1.3m
TOTAL	\$5.7m	\$17.0m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- progressing some of the new Sports and Recreation Plan, economic development, and youth projects identified from the work being completed in 2024/2025
- requesting strategic assessments to understand needs relating to: Ōpaheke sports and passive parks; Awakeri Wetlands; Kuhanui Reserve, Karaka; Park Estate Reserve, Park Green; new play facilities at Bruce 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.

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:

- Local arts and culture activities
- Arts and community centres - programme and activation
- Community climate action and sustainability activities
- Community development and support activities
- Community programmes and services
- Libraries, pools and leisure facilities - opening hours and services
- Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities
- Community events
- Grants
- Local parks strategy and planning
- Sports and park activation activities
- Local waste minimisation activities
- Local water quality activities
- Youth activities.



We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.14 of supporting information.



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Puketāpapa
Puketāpapa Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$5.7million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$13.9million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$2.4million and capital spend of \$3.1 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$5.7m	\$12.7m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.2m
Planning Services	-	\$0m
Governance	-	\$1.0m
TOTAL	\$5.7m	\$13.9m

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Rodney
Rodney Local Board

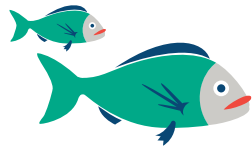
In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$8.2 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$26.2 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$8.0 million and capital spend of \$1.0 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$8.2m	\$24.0m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.6m
Planning Services	-	\$0.3m
Governance	-	\$1.3m
TOTAL	\$8.2m	\$26.2m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.



We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.15 of supporting information.

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.16 of supporting information.



*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Upper Harbour

Upper Harbour Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$6.9 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$20.4 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional capital spend of \$1.8 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$6.9m	\$18.3m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.3m
Planning Services	-	\$0.8m
Governance	-	\$1.0m
TOTAL	\$6.9m	\$20.4m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.

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:

- Local arts and culture activities
- Community centres - programme and activations; Community events; Youth activities
- Community climate action and sustainability activities; Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities; Local parks strategy and planning; Sports and park activation activities;
- Community development and support activities; Community programmes and services; Grants
- Libraries facilities - opening hours and services; Pools and leisure facilities - opening hours and services
- Local waste minimisation activities; Local water quality improvement activities.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.17 of supporting information.

*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waiheke

Waiheke Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$3.2 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$7.6 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$1 million and capital spend of \$2.4 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$3.2m	\$6.5m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.1m
Planning Services	-	-
Governance	-	\$1.0m
TOTAL	\$3.2m	\$7.6m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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 Rakio 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.



We want to know what activities you think we should prioritise for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.18 of supporting information.



Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waitākere Ranges **Waitākere Ranges Local Board**

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$4.8 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$13.3 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$0.4 million and capital spend of \$1.8 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$4.8m	\$11.0m
Environmental Services	-	\$1.4m
Planning Services	-	\$0.1m
Governance	-	\$0.7m
TOTAL	\$4.8m	\$13.3m

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Waitematā **Waitematā Local Board**

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$7.1 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$36.0 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional capital spend of \$0.6 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$7.1m	\$24.0m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.3m
Planning Services	-	\$10.5m
Governance	-	\$1.2m
TOTAL	\$7.1m	\$36.0m

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.

We want to know what activities you think we should prioritise for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.19 of supporting information.

What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.



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 possibly reducing spending in some other activities such as:

- Local arts and culture activities
- Arts and community centres - programme and activation
- Community climate action and sustainability activities
- Community development and support activities
- Community programmes and services
- Libraries and pools and leisure facilities - opening hours and services
- Environmental restoration, volunteers and pest control activities
- Local events
- Grants
- Local parks strategy and planning
- Sports and park activation activities
- Local waste minimisation activities
- Local water quality improvement activities
- Youth activities.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.20 of supporting information.

*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities

Te Poari ā-Rohe o Whau

Whau Local Board

In 2025/2026 we plan to invest \$24 million to renew and develop assets (capital spend) and \$22.5 million to maintain and operate assets as well as deliver local activities (operating spend). This includes additional operating spend of \$3.4 million and capital spend of \$3.6 million allocated to the board in the Long-term Plan 2024-2034 for fairer funding for local boards.

Key areas of spend 2025/2026	Planned capital spend	Planned operating spend*
Community Services	\$24.0m	\$20.0m
Environmental Services	-	\$0.2m
Planning Services	-	\$1.1m
Governance	-	\$1.2m
TOTAL	\$24m	\$22.5m



What we propose in your local board area in 2025/2026

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

- 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.

We would like to hear from you on your priorities for our activities for 2025/2026. For more information see section 1.21 of supporting information.

*The distribution of operating spend across the key areas of spend may change based on the feedback on local board priorities



Wāhanga tuatoru: Ō reiti me ētahi atu tūemi

Part three: Your rates and other items

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Your rates pay for a wide range of day-to-day services and support investment in Auckland's infrastructure.

Your rates

Our proposed Annual Plan 2025/2026 includes a proposed overall rates increase of 5.80 per cent for the average value residential property for 2025/2026, or around \$223 a year (\$4.29 a week). This is in line with what we said in the LTP.

The proposed rates increase includes:

- an average general rates increase of 6.40 per cent for existing ratepayers
- an average increase of 3.5 per cent to the Natural Environment Targeted Rate (NETR) and Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate (CATTR) for existing ratepayers, as set out in the LTP
- an average increase of \$2.12 in the Water Quality Targeted Rate (WQTR) to cover the operating and interest costs for the programme, as set out in the LTP
- a 3.3 per cent increase to the overall Waste Management Targeted Rate for standard refuse, recycling and food scraps services (excluding changes to the refuse component as part of the rollout of rates funded refuse), below the 4.93 per cent forecast in the LTP.

The LTP provided for 31 per cent of general rates and the WQTR, NETR, and CATTR to be collected from business properties. The growth in the value of business properties has been lower than growth for non-business properties. To maintain business properties 31 per cent share of these rates, we will be making an additional increase to business rates for 2025/2026.

We expect the rates increase for the average-value business property to be 6.8 per cent for 2025/2026, subject to the impact of the revaluation as discussed below.

Rates increases may need to be adjusted based on the final budget.

Revaluation

We are currently undertaking our three-yearly revaluation of properties. We are required by law to undertake the revaluation every three years. This ensures that properties of similar values pay similar rates as property values move over time. The rates increases for individual properties will depend on how the value of each property moves in relation to the overall movement in value for properties.

The council will set and charge rates for the 2025/2026 rating year based on these new values – not the current ones.

However, because the revaluation is not yet complete, we don't yet know the property values that will determine:

- exactly how much each individual ratepayer will pay in 2025/2026,
- what the average increase for each property category will be in 2025/2026 (with the exception of our proposed 5.8 per cent average rates increase for residential properties, as projected in our LTP),
- the rate in the dollar for capital value based rates.

We have therefore included below estimated average capital values and rates increases based on the current (2021) rating valuations.

While this analysis gives an indication of how rates may change based on the best information we have available at the time of this consultation, we note that the new values from the ongoing revaluation may result in changes to the average capital values. It may also result in changes to the projected rates increase for the average value business property shown in the analysis.

The revaluation will not affect the proposed rates increase for the average value residential property.

You can find more information about revaluation at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/property-rates-valuations/our-valuation-of-your-property/Pages/general-property-revaluation.aspx>



Total rates change for 2025/2026

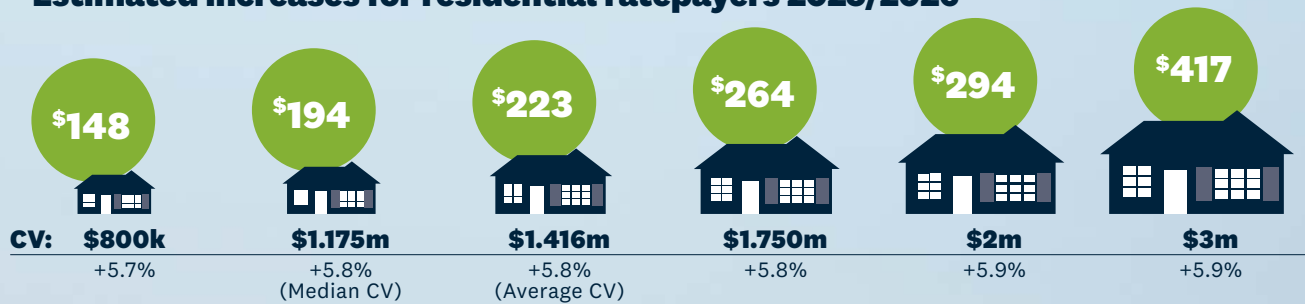
We calculate rates increases for average-value properties in the residential and business categories as set out in the following table.

Proposed rates changes for residential and business property	Residential \$	Business \$
Average CV	1,416,000	3,777,500
Total rates 2024/2025	3,845.07	20,715.61
Breakdown of changes to 2024/2025 rates		
General rates increase	203.33	1,372.36
Change to Waste Management Minimum Base Service rate	-16.18	-16.18
Change to Waste Management Standard Recycling rate	12.32	12.32
Change to Waste Management Standard Refuse rate	19.64	n/a
Change to Waste Management Food Scraps rate	-1.94	n/a
Change to Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate	2.26	16.06
Change to Natural Environment Targeted Rate	1.44	10.27
Change to Water Quality Targeted Rate	2.12	13.34
Total rates 2025/2026	4,068.06	22,123.78
\$Annual change	222.99	1,408.17
\$Weekly change	4.29	27.08
Annual change per cent	5.80%	6.80%

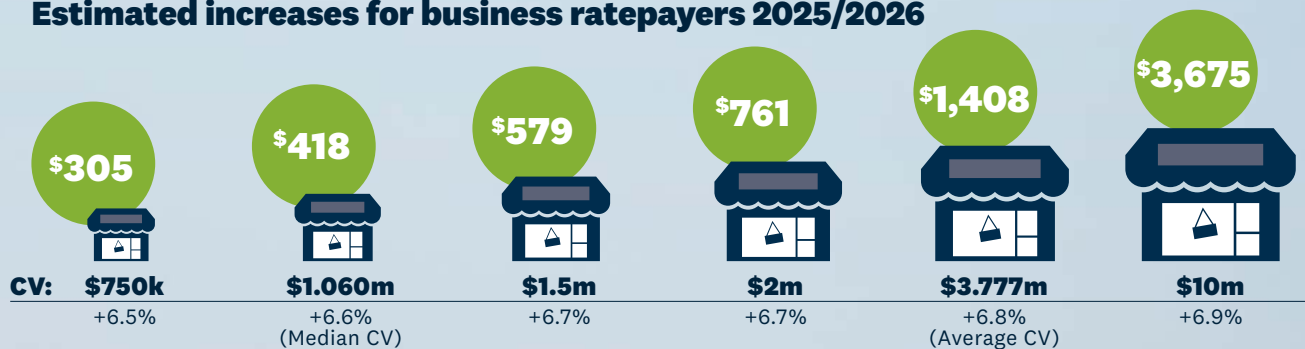
The following graphics show proposed rates increases in 2025/2026 for residential and business ratepayers for a range of property values. The figures are estimates.

The actual rates changes to individual properties will depend on the outcome of the revaluation.

Estimated increases for residential ratepayers 2025/2026



Estimated increases for business ratepayers 2025/2026





Other changes to rates

Proposed changes to Waste Management targeted rates and charges

We are continuing to implement a standardised waste management collection service and to standardise how these services are paid for. The rates-funded refuse collection presently available in the former Auckland City and Manukau City council areas is being rolled out to the North Shore, Waitākere and Papakura this financial year, and Rodney and Franklin next financial year.

Residential and lifestyle properties in Franklin and Rodney will be charged a refuse targeted rate for the first time in 2025/2026. We are proposing that:

- the refuse targeted rate for Franklin be calculated on the basis of a full 12 months service
- the refuse targeted rate for Rodney be around 83 per cent of the full year charge, reflecting the scheduled start date of early September 2025.

From July 2025 waste management services and targeted rates will be extended to the commercial areas in Manukau where the service isn't presently available.

Other proposed changes to rates

We also propose to:

- establish Business Improvement Districts (BID) and associated targeted rates in Takanini and Grey Lynn
- consider the future of the Hunters Corner and Māngere East Village BID.

Changes to fees and charges

In addition to most fees and charges which we are adjusting in line with inflation, we propose specific changes to the following fees to help cover the costs of providing these services:

- dog adoption fee and vet fee
- fees for some cemetery and cremation services
- realign bach fees into pricing tiers based on occupancy levels, capacity, and location
- align staff charge-out rates with staff pay bands for services in regional parks

For further information on these proposed changes please see section three of the Supporting Information.

Notes to the rates increase analyses presented in this section

- The indicative rates shown in the table and graphics in this section include general rates, the Water Quality Targeted Rate, the Natural Environment Targeted Rate, the Waste Management Minimum Base Service Rate, the Standard Recycling Rate, the Standard Refuse Rate (included for residential properties only), the Food Scraps Rate (included for residential properties only), and the Climate Action Transport Targeted Rate.
- We include the Standard Refuse Rate for residential properties as it provides a useful indication of these costs across the region including areas where this rate is not applied or will only be available for part of the year and charged on a pro-rata basis. We also assume that the average-value residential property is paying the full standard refuse targeted rate in both years, to ensure a like for like comparison of rates between years. The refuse targeted rate is not included for business properties as it only applies to some business properties in the former Auckland City Council area. We have proposed a number of other changes to our rating policy that may affect individual properties. For more information, see section three of the Supporting Information.
- The rates shown above do not include water or wastewater charges which will be set by Watercare in March 2025. It is currently expected that these charges will increase by around 7.2 per cent. You can see more information on the Watercare website: www.watercare.co.nz
- The rates numbers included in this document are based on property information held by the council as of November 2024 and cost information (including inflation assumptions) available at the time the consultation materials were developed. They are subject to change.
- The final rates will be adopted in June 2025 after taking into consideration any cost changes since consultation including more up-to-date forecasts on inflation. In a worst-case scenario, the council might consider a rates increase for the average residential property by 1-2 per cent more than projected in the LTP.

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

What do you think of these proposals? (see feedback form on page 37 of this document)



Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan

The Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 (the Act) came into effect on 29 August 2014. The Act vested the Crown-owned land in 14 Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) in 13 iwi/hapū with interests in Auckland (Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau). The Act also established the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (an independent statutory board comprising the council and Ngā Mana Whenua) to administer the Tūpuna Maunga.

The Act requires that the Tūpuna Maunga Authority prepare an Annual Operational Plan to provide a framework in which the council must carry out the routine management of the 14 Tūpuna Maunga, under the direction of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority. This must be prepared and adopted concurrently with the council's annual budget plan and included in a summary form.

► **For more information, see section five of the Supporting information.**



Wāhanga tuawha: He ara hei whakaputa i ō kōrero

Part four: How to have your say



➤ Give us your views on our proposed Annual Plan

There are a number of ways you can share your views with us on the Annual Plan 2025/2026. Please take the time to get involved.



Written and online feedback

- You can provide feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan
- Or you can complete the feedback form included in this **Consultation Document**,
- Or you can request documents at libraries, local board offices and council service locations and then send it back to the freepost address: Annual Plan, Auckland Council, Freepost Authority 182382, Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142
- Or download a copy online and send it to the freepost address provided.

Face-to-face

Face-to-face events will take place across the region where you can provide feedback in person. The details of these events will be published on the website at akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan or you can call for more information on 09 301 0101.

Social media

You can find out more on the following social media channels:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- LinkedIn

Webinars

We will also be holding online webinars, where subject-matter experts will be discussing and providing information on the annual plan. You will have an opportunity to listen and ask questions.

For more information and to register for these webinars go online to akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan.

Translations

We want as many people as possible from Auckland's communities to have their say in this process.

To help with this, translated summaries of this consultation document as well as the feedback form are available in te reo Māori, Korean, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Samoan, Tongan, New Zealand Sign Language video, Hindi and Easy Read.

The translated documents are available:

- online at akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan for downloadable translations and feedback forms
- on request in libraries and service centres
- by emailing akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz
- by calling 09 301 0101

Where to find more information:

You can find everything you need to know at akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan including the Supporting Information, an online feedback form and a schedule for Have Your Say events. The full Supporting Information that supports this Consultation Document will also be available at libraries, council service locations and local board offices. If none of the above methods are suitable for you, please call us on 09 301 0101 to discuss alternative options.



➤ Annual Plan 2025/2026

Feedback must be received by **11.59PM 28 March 2025**.

Please read the consultation document, available at akhaveyoursay.nz/ourplan or at any library or Auckland Council service location, before answering any of the following questions.

It has more information about the issues and choices that we want your feedback on.

We encourage you to give feedback online or you can:

Scan and email your completed form to:

akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Post your completed form to:

Annual Plan
Auckland Council
Freepost Authority 182382
Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142

Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will not be made available to the public.

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Email or postal address: _____

Your local board or suburb: _____

Are you providing:

- Your **personal** feedback Feedback as the official representative of an **organisation**

Organisation name: _____

These optional questions help us understand who is engaging with us.

What gender are you?

- Male Female Another gender: _____

What age group are you?

- Under 15 15-17 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

Which ethnic group(s) do you feel you belong to? (Please select as many as apply)

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pākehā/NZ European | <input type="checkbox"/> Māori | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Islands Māori |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan | <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean |

Other (please specify): _____

Important privacy information

The personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Auckland Council in accordance with our privacy policy (available at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/privacy and at our libraries and service centres) and with the Privacy Act 2020. The privacy policy explains how we can use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information. You should familiarise yourself with this policy before submitting this form.

➤ Your feedback (all questions are optional)

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➤ 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.

For more information, read Part one (pages 5-15) of the Consultation Document.

What is your opinion on our proposed annual plan?

Support all

Support most

Do not support most

Do not support any

I don't know

Tell us why

➤ Question 2: Destination management and major events

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

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

For more information, read page 8 of the Consultation Document and section four of the Supporting Information.

Do 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

Do not support

Other

I dont know

Tell us why



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

For more information, read Part three (pages 30-32) of the Consultation Document.

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 the council’s rubbish collection service, replacing the current system of purchasing rubbish bags.

Support

Do not support

Other

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

For more information, read Part two (pages 16-26) of the Consultation Document.

4A. Which local board does your feedback relate to?

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

Support all

Support most

Do not support most

Do not support any

I don’t know

To view local board priorities, see pages 16-26 of the Consultation Document.

Tell us why

➤ 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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