# Annual Plan 2026/2027

## Written Feedback

## Upper Harbour Local Board

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Rates increasing are very hard to due current economic climate

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N/A

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Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Support the fee increase at Albany Pools.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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

As long as people's safety are priority for any areas funding is less or stopped. Walkways etc

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Do not like paying for so much refuse, recycling & Food Scraps.

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Upper Harbour - Whenuapai area needs more community and health infrastructure. Library, Medical centre, After hours urgent care.

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Funding for animal control should be increased to ensure public safety across the region.Within the limits of what is possible under NZ Law, Council byelaws should be set to ensure maximum cost efficiency at removing and destroying all aggressive dogs wandering outside of their fenced properties.Rebalancing the transport rates to ensure that outlying areas who cannot benefit from City Rail Link can achieve what they can benefit from such as sealed and safer roads

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Safer rural roads and road sealingSafer streets through efficient animal control

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Do not support any

### Tell us why

the government is doing nothing for cost of living and try to get more tax. everyone is getting broke day by day and they just try to get more tax from everywhere. What did AT done on Auckland city? new train station is still not opened. economy of city just gone. nothing to do except britomart area. Stop taking more tax to waste by Auckland transport.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

agreed with sewer lines, but for others? if we pay more tax, what are we going to have? nothing changes in our life, just more taxes. if we pay more tax, something need to be done reasonably good, not making us hard to live.

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please do not raise tax, it is already hard to live with increased living costs. If some tax need to be raised, please cut some other tax. Now everything raised and nothing has been cut. Fuel, food, electricity, water and etc... it is not a time to invest, we need every cost of living to be settled down.

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Please do something to make cost of living down prior to any other plan

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Support most

### Tell us why

While I support most of the proposals, I do not agree with the proposed 7.9% rates increase, given the current high cost of living.

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

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

City rail project, in my opinion, is a waste of money spending on 3.5L tunnel which will bring low value. This money could have been used elsewhere where there would be more value for money. It is not going to make a difference for people already driving to town as they would still need to pay for parking. My suspicions are this is going to cost more in the operational cost.

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Rates increase cannot be justified while there are already job losses and the people are going through difficult financial times. It is time for council to cut down its administration expenses, reduce the number of employees and multiple layers of management. Maximum rate increase could be 1 or 2%.7% increase is a big financial burden on residents, and it will negatively affect residents' finances.

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Council need to improve the customer service. At multiple occasions, I found dog control unit is of no help with dog owners who refuse to provide any information where their dog is a potential danger to others particularly around children parks.

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

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| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Animal control and tighter regulation with dog control around streets and parks.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3181

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I support most of the proposed Annual Plan because the core priorities - transport, water infrastructure, and strengthening local boards - are the right areas for Auckland to focus on at this stage. These investments directly address long-standing structural issues such as congestion, ageing stormwater systems, and uneven community service provision. For fast-growing areas like the North Shore, and Albany/Rosedale specifically, continued investment in transport links and resilience measures is essential.I accept that the rates increase is largely driven by the ongoing operating costs of the City Rail Link, and while this is a significant burden for ratepayers, the CRL

is a once-in-a-generation project with region-wide benefits. However, I would like to see stronger assurances that the council's efficiency programme is delivering genuine, measurable value, and that future increases will be kept under much tighter control.Overall, the plan is directionally sound and focuses on the right priorities, but it should continue to emphasise fiscal discipline, transparent reporting on savings, and investment decisions that clearly contribute to Auckland's long-term resilience, productivity, and liveability.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I generally support most of the proposed changes, provided they are clearly linked to cost recovery and improving service efficiency.- The refuse bin/bag exchange fee seems reasonable as a user-pays mechanism that prevents unnecessary system costs being spread across all ratepayers.- Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga BID boundaries make sense if they better align targeted rates with the businesses that benefit from BID-funded activities.- I do not have strong views on the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme, but I support efforts to reduce duplication, improve environmental outcomes, and create a more streamlined system for affected households.- Increases to Auckland Transport residential parking permit fees are acceptable if they accurately reflect administration and demand-management costs, but these should not be used as general revenue-raising tools without clear justification.Overall, I support most of these changes, with the expectation that each fee or targeted rate remains proportionate, evidence-based, and tied to measurable improvements in service quality or financial sustainability.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

- Flooding and stormwater capacity are significant concerns for me personally, given past flooding issues at my property. For this reason, I strongly support continued or increased investment in resilience, water management, and drainage upgrades across the Upper Harbour area.- I support targeted cost-saving measures (e.g. reduced bollard or low-value bush maintenance) if this helps protect funding for higher-priority infrastructure, especially stormwater networks and resilience projects.- I am comfortable with user-pays adjustments at Albany Stadium Pool if fees reflect actual costs and remain accessible for families and young people.- I support ongoing investment in environmental restoration, walkways, parks, and green networks, which also play a role in mitigating flood risk and improving catchment stability.I would like clearer visibility on how the board will prioritise resilience spending, particularly in growth areas where infrastructure is under pressure.Overall, I support most of the proposals but encourage a stronger emphasis on climate adaptation and flood-mitigation infrastructure, which is now a critical need for many Upper Harbour households.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Other

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

1. Reduce maintenance activities: Support - Reason: Low-impact maintenance reductions (bollards, minor garden infill, low-value bush areas) are acceptable if they free up resources for higher-priority needs such as stormwater, drainage, and resilience investment.2. Reduce grants funding: Other - Reason: Some grants deliver high community value at low cost, though I understand funding constraints. I want smarter prioritisation, not blanket cuts.3. Reduce funding across all programmes (environmental outcomes, events, cycling, community outcomes): Do not support - Reason: Environmental programmes and community outcomes frequently support flood mitigation, catchment stability, and local resilience. Cuts risk undermining critical work.4. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium pool: Support options 1 and 2. Do not support option 3 - Reason: reasonable, proportionate and fair user-pays increase without discouraging families.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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1. Flood resilience remains a critical concern for me personally due to past flooding at my property. I strongly encourage continued investment in stormwater capacity, catchment management, and the “Making Space for Water” programme.2. I support the council maintaining a strong focus on climate adaptation and infrastructure resilience across the region, especially in fast-growing areas like Upper Harbour where networks are under pressure.3. I welcome transport reforms and appreciate clearer governance and accountability between Auckland Council and Auckland Transport.4. I encourage the council to maintain clear reporting on efficiency gains and ensure all savings targets are genuinely realised, rather than shifting costs to ratepayers.Overall, I support the direction of the plan but would like to see an even stronger emphasis on resilience and long-term infrastructure stability, which are now essential given Auckland’s changing climate and recent severe weather events.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland’s longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

1. Flood resilience should be the highest priority due to increasing severe weather events and the direct impact flooding has had on my property. Investment in stormwater networks, catchment upgrades, and water-sensitive design is essential.2. Growth infrastructure planning is critical for Upper Harbour, where rapid development has put pressure on transport, stormwater, and local amenities. Better planning now prevents costly retrofits later.3. Transport improvements, particularly connected, reliable public transport, remain important for the North Shore. The Busway network and the new Rosedale station are high-value investments that support liveability and economic access.4. Environmental protection—healthy streams, wetlands, and coastal ecosystems—supports both climate resilience and community wellbeing.5. Local parks and community facilities should continue to be maintained and renewed, but core infrastructure and resilience should take precedence in the current financial environment.6. Economic development and events are beneficial but should not displace funding for essential services and climate-related priorities.

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3206

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Don't care about CRL and definitely do not want a rates hike

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Don't want a rates hike

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Rodney

### Rodney Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3227

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

NZ rates and taxes are ALREADY some of the highest in the world. The rates are already Ludacris and have all the young and able people moving away and not giving back to the economy. Only forgin investors and boomers can afford to pay the rates as is. I have saved all my life and have just bought with my partner- done the right things you suggest and we are already paying such a crazy amount in rates. The only thing we use now that that pays for is 2 of the 3 bins.... you are not only pricing out your own young kiwis of houses but now pricing out the ones that can afford houses too with the sky high rates. I already pay you 33 percent of my wage. And extra waterbill charges just to

be connected. and half of the cost of every litre of petrol. and over 4000 a year in rates ? I dont want ANY of this new stuff, no one i know even uses what we are already giving you every expendable cent we own for. Stop- figure out your own budget based on what you are already taking from us??? the only thing I would be ok with you taking more for is health care and to actually fix that system but that's nowhere in here. I would expect some educated people to come along and decrease these to make it easier for struggling kiwis, not the other way around. no one cares about fancy community initiatives or trains when we are struggling to survive day to day

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

these do not affect me

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

### Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

#### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

I have already put this ? We can't afford our rates already. We have to pay 33 percent tax and then half tax on fuel and everything else we buy and ontop of that some of the highest rates in the world. Young NZers are leaving in droves as no one can afford to live here- why on earth are you putting rates up to punish the hard working young kiwis who have slaved and worked and done everything right to afford a house. Why not extra rates for investors with more than 1 property ?? Seems you are all widely out of touch. People can't afford food....

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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PLEASE PLEASE HAVE SOME EMPATHY ON KIWI FIRST HOME BUYERS. please do not put rates up to punish us from following exactly what we were meant to do. More and more young people will leave and NZs economy will never recover with you keeping all the money with forginers and boomers. INCREASE RATES FOR PEOPLE WITH MORE THAT ONE PROPERTY USE SOME SENSE

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

healthcare and its not even on here. People are dying while waiting to be seen months by gps

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3232**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The cost is passed down to the people and its already to expensive for an average family and in the name of developmental plans couimcil can charge more from people is ridiculous.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Strongly disagree with this increase in rates proposal as the council should be here to help people and not burden people with high cost of living. These all add up to be one of the reason why people are leaving the country in large numbers

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Just cut down on new plans and just keep maintaining what you already have. If that can help you save some money amd not charge higher rates from the people

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

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Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.,Other (please specify):Bring in more parking and cut down on parking cost. Help people drive to the city so that people can come and support businesses in the city

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3290

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

The current waste service in Auckland is harmful to the environment. Bring back the pay-as-you-throw scheme and prepaid bin tags for rubbish collections.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Waitematā

### Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

Support

**D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.**

Do not support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

Do not support

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

Do not support

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

Do not support the increase in pool and leisure facilities fees.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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| 5 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3316

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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I would like all the large exotic Pines and Macrocarpa trees to be chopped down in the reserve behind PinOak and Laurel Dr.in Schnapper Rock. This will allow for the natives to florish and more light and natural.warmth for the surrounding houses.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3322**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Annual Plan and the proposed rates increase. I would like to comment specifically on the City Rail Link (CRL) funding and the associated $235 million yearly operating cost, which is a major driver of the proposed 7.9% rates rise.1. Significant Cost Escalation Over Time - The CRL has experienced substantial and well documented cost increases that raise concerns about the adequacy of the original financial planning.In May 2019, the approved project cost was $4.419 billion.By March 2023, the estimate had increased to $5.493 billion, a cost escalation of $1.074 billion in just four years.While some of this escalation is attributed

to Covid-19 disruptions, including lockdown impacts, supply chain delays, and workforce shortages, the scale and speed of the increase point to underlying issues in earlier budgeting, forecasting, and risk management.2. Large Ongoing Financial Burden - From a ratepayer perspective, the most pressing concern is the long term operating cost that will fall on Auckland Council once the CRL opens.The consultation materials state that the CRL will cost the council $235 million per year to own and operate. This includes:$167 million in interest on borrowing,$42 million in depreciation, and$26 million for Auckland Transport to run the added services and stations.This breakdown shows that the overwhelming majority of the ongoing cost is not tied to running the rail network but instead to financing and depreciation of an asset whose cost has significantly escalated.3. Impact on Rates and Affordability - The Mayor's proposal acknowledges that the 7.9% rates increase is largely driven by these CRL operating costs. This was reinforced publicly when it was noted that the increase is required to cover the $235 million annual bill once the CRL becomes operational.Given that households are already under cost of living pressure, such a major and ongoing cost needs to be carefully scrutinized.4. Questions on Long Term Financial Planning - Taken together, the rapid capital cost increases and the significant ongoing operating burden raise important questions for consultation:a. Were the original cost estimates and risk allowances sufficiently robust?With over $1 billion in cost escalation since 2019, it is reasonable to question whether the project was scoped and budgeted with adequate contingency.b. How was affordability assessed at the outset?If the long term operating cost was always expected to be in the hundreds of millions annually, ratepayers should understand why this was not clearly communicated earlier.c. How can a $235 million annual cost be justified to ratepayers?Particularly when over 70% of that cost is attributable to interest and depreciation rather than operational service delivery.5. Request for Greater Transparency - For a project of this magnitude, it is essential that ratepayers receive:Clear explanations of historical cost escalations,Transparent modelling of future operating costs,Independent validation of whether alternative funding mechanisms were considered; andA long-term affordability assessment that outlines practical steps to reduce the cost burden over time.The CRL will undeniably bring transport and economic benefits to Auckland, but the scale of the financial commitment now required from ratepayers is extremely significant.I urge Council to provide fuller transparency around:the reasons for the cost increases,the assumptions behind the annual operating cost, andhow it intends to manage the long term financial impact to avoid unsustainable rate rises.Such information is essential for Aucklanders to meaningfully engage with the Annual Plan and to assess whether the current funding approach is reasonable and responsible.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

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Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3337**

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## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Its important to maintain community assets however there is some degree of wastage in this area. ie playgrounds are on a set cycle of being redone every ?? years. I have often observed perfectly good play equipment being tossed out and replaced. How about extending the replacement cycle out by 1 year? I also observe a lot of wasted time by council contractors when doing park maintenance. There seems to be very little accountability for both the time taken and quality of work done in this area of board costs.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I believe increasing the swim fees at the Albany pool by $1 is fair enough as it does not seem to have gone up in price for some time.What is Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee and the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme? Nothing is explained about these in this Annual Plan so how can one comment on them????? I have always thought the 'User pays' model for landfill bin disposal is a good one as it disincentivizes people to consume and throw landfill rubbish. Why was this stopped and we now have it included in our rates? Well in my area anyway.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

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**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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

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## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

Please do not reduce funding to anything that improves active or public transport options. Or projects to improve environmental outcomes for out city. Both of these are so important for the health and welbeing of our people and the planet.

# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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# Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3344**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The 7.97% rate increase is totally unjustified for home owners who are already reeling under the increase in home loan interest rates. If the council need more investment then they should charge a levy for new build homes who are putting pressure on the services rather than punish the home owners.The average rate increase should be around be around 3-4% just adjusted for inflation.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

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Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| 1 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 5 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3346**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

North shore is unable to access the CRL

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Our local board members totally support the local community.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Support

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

User pays

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Why are North shore residents paying for a train system we do not have access to.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| 1 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 3 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 5 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 4 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify):North shore access

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3361

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

I have no income in New Zealand, and my current property tax is already very high. I can't afford another 7.9% increase in property tax.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Paying more taxes and fees is not an option.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3385**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

With the current economic climate, I think this will cripple some families. Just because people own homes worth $1million doesn't mean they can extend themselves further.

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I am upset that most of the plan is to decrease in my area. We are still without a swimming pool complex close by, bus services to Herald Island, footpaths and drains around the island. An increase in rates for less services is unacceptable.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Other

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3430

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Too much pressure out onto rate payers. Need to make some things user pays.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Don't put more statues in parks and reserves that cost a fortune and no one benefits from. Stick to basics

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Do not support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Support

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

User pays  others get zero benefit and have to pay for it in rates

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Stick to basics, user pays for luxury

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Why allow loads of new houses in Albany without doing anything about the old bridge which causes traffic to bottleneck every day. No more new housing till it gets sorted.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3434**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Do not support a worst case of council raising rates by 1-2% more than the LTP.Council needs to manage effectively and drive efficiency. Each year there are contractual increases in costs, but these should be mitigated by more efficient delivery and management to keep total cost of service the same. Auckland cannot keep increasing prices and the resourcing level to deliver the same services. Unless there is an increase in service provision requested by the community, costs should be kept static. This would also help with council's challenge of increasing savings target - these savings should be built into department budgets rather than remain as a target, to drive accountability and

efficiency.Referencing supporting information page96. Operating budgets are based on a fixed nominal baseline and are not automatically adjusted for inflation. Instead, council departments and council - controlled organisations are expected to identify efficiencies and savings, supporting financial discipline and value for money.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Agreed with AT proposal to increase residential parking permit fees. Also council should look to cost recover more with a range of costs which benefit specific small groups of people. User pays concept. Suggest council do an organisational wide look at costs, why these costs are incurred, and reduce what needs to be done, deliver efficiencies, and look to cost recover more.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

Agree with reducing low value spend such as maintaining bush areas that barely provide a benefit, garden infill planting that dies off regularly and requires replanting - these are consumables. Look after reserves that people use, prioritise less on what 'looks nice' and focus on practical benefits.I think the local board spending should be on things that provide wider benefits and has lasting effects, and focus more through cost effective, volunteer led delivery than the use of expensive contractors. The local board should also determine what is really important to the community, and look to make changes to what is currently being delivered.Suggest the pool have a look at utilities usage control - utilities prices are fair enough cost increases as long as we aren't using a heap more as well.If unavoidable costs are truly unavoidable then support the local board's proposed cuts, but there should be more accountability from departments to deliver efficiently as much as possible to mitigate unavoidable costs.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Do not support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

3. Reduce funding across programmes and projects - focus on reducing those which have not delivered proven value for money or sufficient outcomes. Do some items biannually if possible to reduce annual spending burden.4. Do not agree with increasing spectator fee or supervising adult, as 1) spectators have limited cost, and 2) supervising adult fee increase would discourage young children to swim. Unclear also why there is a revenue decrease for Upper Harbour given the visitation numbers to pools and leisure centres had increased by 30% from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026. This should mean more revenue.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 4 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Prioritising making more Aucklanders use Public Transport to better recover costs and reduce traffic/requirements on roads. The buses are all there but not many people using it, more users at no additional cost is better. Walking and cycling is good but make sure these are delivered cheap, fast and good quality - council can use its bargaining power hopefully to land the best deal!Prioritising looking after local parks is number 1 for me, making sure they're usable for the public. Not so much sportsfields and other physical recreation services unless exclusive use from sports groups come with a financial contribution as it's hard for the public to benefit from these as primarily dominated by organised groups and sportsfields or other physical rec services are mostly specific purpose and requires so much money to maintain at that standard.

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Other (please specify):Main thing is the city has some terrible businesses and smells terrible everywhere. I think as long as the city centre is a safe, clean place to walk in, then businesses should naturally succeed - it's not council's job to keep businesses afloat, but for Aucklanders to frequent the city centre.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3435**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

No mention of a second crossing to the North Shore?

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

No to the introduction of the refuse bin/ bag exchange fee. No to increase in residential parking permit fees.

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Investment and budget to increase to support community activation activities and events. To uphold the principal and intent of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the local board should be invest in offering regular Treaty of Waitangi workshops for its residents including newcomers. 54.7% of residents are ethnic, a high percentage of overseas-born with 71.6% total population growth attributed population growth of Asian ethnicity. Learning about NZ's history and understanding the Treaty are essential to promote grounded respect for mana whenua and tikanga Māori, and to help newcomers understand their place in this land, fostering healthy relationships across groups.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Support

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

Grant funding to focus on community-led cross-cultural engagement, activation, and support for emerging ethnic groups.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

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| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Economic development and events.Planning and maintaining infrastructure alongside pro-active future-proofing for population growth.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3462**

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## Submitter details:

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I strongly oppose the proposed rates increase. First, the current rates are already high enough, and I am struggling to afford them alongside the rising cost of living. An additional 7.9% increase is simply unaffordable and places an unreasonable burden on residents like me.Second, as a North Shore resident, I do not believe the CRL provides any direct benefit to our area. The rail system does not serve the North Shore, and I rely heavily on driving, which is currently the most efficient option available. It feels unfair for North Shore residents to pay for infrastructure that we cannot use.Furthermore, I have not seen any noticeable improvements resulting from the previous rates

increases in 2024/2025. Instead, those increases have only added financial pressure to my daily life.In summary, with the current economic challenges, residents cannot absorb yet another increase. This proposal risks driving more people out of Auckland and creating a negative cycle for the city's future. I also question why rates only ever seem to increase — why is there never a decrease?

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

If the above fee is only specific to case or district, I think they are reasonable. The relative beneficiary should pay for what they gain, but the non-relative ones is not reliable to pay for others'.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 4 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 5 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3464**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Opposition to the Annual Plan 2026/2027While the stated intentions of the Annual Plan 2026/2027—strengthening financial resilience, investing in infrastructure, and supporting growing communities—are broadly reasonable, the execution outlined raises significant concerns regarding affordability, prioritisation, and long-term sustainability.1. Disproportionate Financial Burden on ResidentsA proposed 7.9% rates increase places a substantial and immediate burden on Auckland households already facing cost-of-living pressures. Wage growth has not kept pace with inflation or housing costs, and such an increase risks exacerbating financial strain, particularly for middle- and

lower-income residents. Ratepayers are effectively being asked to absorb escalating costs without sufficient evidence that efficiencies within council operations have been fully explored.2. Over-reliance on Debt-Driven Infrastructure CostsThe justification for the rates increase is largely attributed to the $235 million annual cost of the City Rail Link (CRL), much of which consists of interest and depreciation. This highlights a deeper issue: the long-term financial implications of large-scale, debt-funded infrastructure projects. While the CRL may provide future benefits, the current approach shifts a heavy financial burden onto present-day ratepayers, raising concerns about intergenerational equity and fiscal prudence.3. Lack of Transparency on Cost Control and AlternativesThe plan does not sufficiently demonstrate that alternative funding mechanisms or cost-saving measures have been rigorously pursued. Options such as asset optimisation, targeted user-pays models, or reductions in non-essential expenditure appear underexplored. Without clear evidence of internal cost discipline, the justification for a near 8% rates increase is weak.4. Questionable Prioritisation of InvestmentWhile transport and water infrastructure are critical, the plan lacks clarity on how investments are prioritised and measured for effectiveness. There is limited transparency around whether all proposed spending delivers maximum value for money or whether some projects could be deferred, scaled, or restructured to ease financial pressure.5. Insufficient Localised Impact ConsiderationAlthough the plan references supporting local boards, it does not clearly demonstrate how communities will tangibly benefit relative to the costs imposed. Ratepayers need assurance that increased contributions will translate into visible, equitable improvements across Auckland—not just in selected areas or long-term projects with delayed benefits.6. Risk to Public Trust and EngagementSignificant rate increases without strong justification or visible trade-offs risk eroding public trust. Residents may perceive this as a continuation of cost escalation without accountability, which could reduce engagement and confidence in future council planning processes.ConclusionWhile investment in Auckland's future is necessary, this plan places too great a financial burden on current ratepayers without sufficient transparency, prioritisation, or exploration of alternatives. A more balanced approach—focused on cost control, funding diversification, and staged investment—is needed to ensure both fiscal responsibility and community support.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The proposed changes to rates, fees, and charges outlined in the Annual Plan 2026/2027 represent a cumulative and concerning increase in the cost burden placed on Auckland residents and businesses. When considered alongside the proposed 7.9% rates increase, these additional charges reflect a pattern of cost shifting rather than meaningful cost control.1. Layering of Costs on

Ratepayers Without ReliefThe introduction and increase of multiple fees—such as refuse bin/bag exchange charges and higher residential parking permit fees—amounts to a compounding financial impact. While each individual charge may appear minor in isolation, collectively they represent a significant escalation in everyday living costs. This approach disproportionately affects households already managing rising expenses across housing, utilities, and transport.2. Refuse Charges Signal Shift to User-Pays Without SafeguardsThe introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee signals a move toward a user-pays model without clear safeguards for equity. Larger households, families, and those with limited ability to reduce waste (such as renters or multi-generational homes) will be disproportionately impacted. There is insufficient evidence that this policy has been designed to balance behavioural incentives with fairness.3. Increased Parking Fees Without Viable AlternativesThe proposal by Auckland Transport to increase residential parking permit fees in selected areas raises concerns about fairness and practicality. In many of these areas, viable public transport alternatives remain inconsistent or inadequate. Increasing parking costs without first ensuring reliable and accessible alternatives effectively penalises residents for circumstances beyond their control.4. Lack of Clarity and Justification Around BID ChangesChanges to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas lack sufficient transparency regarding their intended outcomes and impacts. Businesses operating within these areas may face additional levies or structural changes without clear evidence of improved value, economic uplift, or consultation outcomes.5. Equity Concerns with Targeted Infrastructure ChargesThe Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme highlights a broader issue around targeted infrastructure funding. While investment in essential services is necessary, the funding model must ensure that rural or specific communities are not disproportionately burdened. There is limited clarity on how costs are distributed and whether they fairly reflect broader regional benefits.6. Insufficient Transparency and Accessibility of InformationDirecting stakeholders to “Section 3 of the consultation document” for details underscores a lack of clear, accessible communication. For changes of this magnitude, residents should not need to navigate dense documentation to understand how they will be financially impacted. This reduces meaningful engagement and informed participation.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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Taken as a whole, the Annual Plan 2026/2027 reflects a continued reliance on increasing costs to ratepayers rather than demonstrating meaningful financial discipline, prioritisation, or innovation in funding. The cumulative impact of rate increases, additional fees, and targeted charges places an unsustainable burden on households and businesses at a time when affordability is already under significant pressure.While investment in infrastructure and community outcomes is necessary, this

plan does not sufficiently demonstrate that all reasonable alternatives have been explored, nor that existing expenditure has been rigorously optimised. The approach risks normalising ongoing cost escalation without clear accountability for efficiency or value delivery.Furthermore, the lack of transparency and accessibility in communicating these changes limits the ability for residents to fully understand and engage with decisions that materially affect them. This undermines confidence in the consultation process and in the stewardship of public funds.In its current form, the plan does not strike an appropriate balance between investment and affordability, nor does it provide adequate assurance that the financial burden is being distributed fairly. A revised approach is needed—one that places greater emphasis on cost control, equitable funding mechanisms, and clear, demonstrable value for Aucklanders.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

A council's primary responsibility is to deliver reliable, equitable, and efficient core public services that enable a functioning city. This includes essential infrastructure, prudent financial management, and ensuring that growth is planned in a way that is sustainable and affordable for current and future residents.With that in mind, my priorities are ranked as follows:1. Water services (supply, wastewater, stormwater)This is a fundamental public good and a non-negotiable responsibility of council. Reliable water infrastructure underpins public health, environmental protection, and urban growth. Investment should prioritise resilience, maintenance, and capacity before expansion.2. Regional transport (focused on efficiency and reliability)Transport is critical to economic productivity and daily life. The priority should be on improving reliability, congestion reduction, and maintaining existing assets—rather than pursuing large-scale projects that impose long-term financial strain without clear, near-term benefit.3. Spatial planning (practical, infrastructure-led growth)Planning should follow infrastructure capacity, not lead it. Growth must be aligned with the ability to deliver water, transport, and community services efficiently. Poorly sequenced growth increases costs for both council and ratepayers.4. Financial sustainability and debt management (implicit across all plans)While not listed as a standalone category, this should underpin all long-term planning. Council must operate within its means, minimise unnecessary debt burdens, and ensure intergenerational fairness. Large capital decisions should be rigorously tested against affordability.5. Local community services and amenitiesLibraries, parks, and community facilities are important, but should be delivered in line with population needs and within financial constraints. These should not come at the expense of core infrastructure obligations.6. Non-core or discretionary initiativesActivities that fall outside core council responsibilities should be deprioritised, particularly where they add cost without clear, measurable benefit to the majority of ratepayers.Additional CommentsOver the long term, Auckland's success will depend less on the breadth of council activity and more on how well it executes its core functions. The focus should be on doing fewer things, but doing them exceptionally well—ensuring infrastructure is reliable, growth is well-managed, and finances are sustainable.A disciplined, back-to-basics approach will deliver more enduring value than expanding the scope of council responsibilities without clear accountability or funding certainty.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3480

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

I live on the North Shore, and I am not a beneficiary. The cost of living and utility bills on the North Shore are already very high!

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

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## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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I live on the North Shore, and I am not a beneficiary. The cost of living and utility bills on the North Shore are already very high!

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Auckland Transport. The current traffic is extremely bad.

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3586**

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

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N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3596

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

theres other ways to generate money. Rates is already way high. Cut back on high salary for all council staff should be the starting point.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Do not agree to increase. you are thinking wrong in increasing fees to generate money. alternatively decrease the fees so more people use council services. what is better, 2 people sitting in 50 seater bus or 30 people or more on reasonable fee.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Devonport-Takapuna,Franklin,Henderson-Massey,Rodney,Upper Harbour,Waitematā

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?**

**A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.**

Do not support

**B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.**

Do not support

**C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.**

Support

**D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.**

Support

**E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.**

Do not support

**F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.**

Support

**G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.**

Do not support

**H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.**

Do not support

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

How can you reduce funding for volunteers whilst volunteers are working for free. Seems priorities are wrong and not well accounted for.

## Franklin Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

## Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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

think about safety first. seems the council wants to deter the public from council services.

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.**

Support

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

Support

**D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.**

Do not support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

Do not support

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

Do not support

# Question 4: Other feedback

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most of the points raised seems to be a joke. who comes up with these. Instead of putting cones on all the roads, try targeting specific areas and moving quickly to the next. saves time and money and

resources for instance. How can council approve thousands of townhouses with no car park in suburbs still beats me.

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I don't know

**Tell us why**

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Upper Harbour

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Do not support

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

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Cycle lanes, what a complete waste of money, they still cycle 3 abreast on the road anyway

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3611

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

These are important services that need to be funded

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3613

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The plan is deficient in that it ignores a long standing health safety and amenity issue which is the absence of a cycle and walk way along Kauri Road in Whenuapai. This road is widely used by both cyclers and walkers and it is perilous. Reducing the speed limit from 70 to 60 is not the solution, separation of road users is the only way to address the risks on this roadway and recognise the community benefits

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 3 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Make our roads safer for all

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3632**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Rates had been increased 10 times compared to 15 years ago, council should seek to increase the economy instead of increasing rates every year. Keeping a house becomes more expensive and un-affordable

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

These changes will make more difficulty to people who live here. Push people leaving Auckland even escape overseas

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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Annual plan means increase rate each year. Put more burden to everyone.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3644

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I don't support to raise council rate by nearly 8% mostly because of paying for the running cost of CRL. It has taken more than 10 years to build only 3.5km city rail train and the ongoing cost keeps going up. Covid is not the only reason to cause the cost up but the total expense on consulting fee, material and labor needs to be audited and reviewed. It is hard to say that the cost can be covered by rate increase by 8% and should the rate be increased again if the cost cannot be covered in the next few years. All the living costs are going up. However, city council should find the way to increase the income of CRL to attrace more people to take the rain rather than increase the rate.

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The rate incrase for the change of rubbish bin and bags should not be included. Is this essential to make the change in year 2026/2027. The family living cost in every aspect including food, transportation, gas and etc. keep increasing. We won't be able to afford more rate increase for items are not essential or urgent. This rate incrase can be postponed.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3653**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Ongoing rates increases have become a constant issue, and the council seems to assume that ratepayers can continue absorbing these costs without limit. There comes a point where people simply cannot keep funding the council's growing spending ambitions without consideration for the community's ability to pay. It's time to scale back expenditure rather than continually adding more to the rates bill each year.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Council should focus on essential projects that cannot be funded by other entities—core responsibilities such as roading and long-neglected underground infrastructure. Basic services like replacing ageing pipes, especially where sewage is leaking into the harbour, should be a priority. Issues like that highlight poor management and a lack of long-term planning. Addressing these upgrades consistently each year would prevent rates from becoming an overwhelming burden on ratepayers. Stop investing in stadiums and underground rail projects that drain council funds and ultimately force further rate increases. These big-ticket projects place unnecessary pressure on ratepayers. It's time to prioritise the needs of the people you serve.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3657

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

The board is focusing on community well-being and resilience, as well as good environmental outcomes.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Other

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Other

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Other

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Other

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Other

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

Reducing maintenancePlease do not reduce mulching in public gardens; we need to keep amenity gardens as healthy as possible and mulching is recognised as a simple, effective way of looking after the soil and plants, therefore general bio-diversity. Not mulching is a false economy - lack of mulching leads to loss of vegetation which eventually has to be replaced, at a cost which includes susceptibility to flooding. It is recognised too that gardens/plantings/trees add value to a community, both in terms of well-being and economically, adding dollar value to a neighbourhood. Given that many of us now live in small apartments with little outside space, it is essential that we have plenty of healthy outdoor visually attractive/ recreational spaces for the community to connect with nature. Not everyone wants a field to run around.Reducing discretionary funding:The sentence relating to this provides no specific information. However please reconsider any cuts which would affect positive environmental outcomes.Halving Contestable funding:As above, but it seems sensible. The community has other options to pursue for project funding.Albany Stadium Pool:As a member I am aware that this is a facility well patronised by many families, for whom the pools offer a well-priced recreation option. In these difficult economic times, and now with the fuel crisis, the board no doubt wishes to do all it can to allow families to continue to enjoy the pools, therefore fee increases must be kept to a minimum. Could it be worthwhile looking at increasing the fees for the gym/pool packages? Given what's on offer, they are very modest ($25.20 a week with discounts for various categories of membership).

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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Good luck! No thanks to the fuel crisis it's going to be an even more challenging year. Public transport programmes (esp CRL etc) look good, and we're going to need more of them.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland’s longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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- **Auckland's spatial plan**
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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Good planning for infrastructure, transport, local parks, community and recreation all need prioritising to keep us connected and sane during these whacky times.

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3674**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Hopefully CRC costs are managed so rates rises are kept below 3-5%

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**

- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

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- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 3 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |

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|---|---|
| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 2 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3692**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Like the mayor's inducement to vote for him and 'FIX AUCKLAND' the plan is largely based on Council decisions made in committee and individually scripted decisions, rather than thos originating from the ratepayers of Auckland. The 'post ipso facto' consultation of ratepayers, the bloated and ineffectual staffing of Council, woeful fiscal management and failure to address basics in favour of 'vanity projects' is just continuing the appalling practice of rasising rates and having ratepayers (only 1/3 of the population) funding Auckland. ... and constantly thae Council wastes

money, fails to be accountavble; fails to hold CCos and sub-contractors accountable, but regularly boasts about ostensible delivery of service. It's a falsehood and a farce.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

As usual, Council has it's 'hands out' for the ratepayer to fund their decisions; much of which downplays the constant need to fund the enormous debt which they've created. Targetted rates for projects like 'food waste' collection and parking plans are just the tipo of the iceberg. The parking costs are a joke when they effectively gave 'carte blanche' to Wilsons to extract millions of local dollars; by a company and management readily identified as on the criminal fring in their own countries of origin. Too lazy or incompetent to run the business themselves; which selling the assets which potentially could have funded the service and provided future security for the ratepayer. WOEFUL!!

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

While some representatives are competent (in spite of the Mayor's efforts to discredit them) many are just passengers and drive personal or sectional community interests. Lack of accessibilty and foresight limits the credibility of their planning and operational vision.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

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Do not support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Do not support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

It's hard to imagine what 'reducing' service levels would mean, as there is little visible service provided for most of the areas evident as one drives or walks in the area. Low maintenance of vegetation; evident neglect of watercourse, roadside ares, parkes and reserves. The contractors openly defend their lack of impact by claiming insufficient time to address obvious issues. Some compalints and notifications have gone unaddressed for several consecutive years. The roadsdes, critical drainage system to prevent flooding are blocked with debris, much of which is on main arterial roads and lies their untouched for literally years. I collect a largeblack waste bag of discarded rubbish or 'fly-tipped' refuse at least once a month. A council employees or contractors incapable of doing similar work? Promises of attending to issues notified, seldom lead to action.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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I have little confidence in the current Mayor or Council. These promises and plans are out of touch with reality; a clear indication that many council employees are also divorced fom the reality of the wider city.Take a trip around the roads and parklands of the city (I speak particularly of the North Shore) and be prepared to be embarrassed and dismayed by the visible state of the city. Rubbish strewn margins to arterial roads and waterways, park and reserve land needing care and maintenance. If wondering about the flood hazards of some areas, it's easy to see the problem when viewing the failure to maintain systems to cope with increased levels of rainfall or storm damage. I would have included further photos of the disgraceful state of the local area, had I anticipated that any notice or active response would occur. I'm still waiting for more than an automated reply to previous complaints, concerns or potentially useful notifications of existing problems ... some date back years!!! Am I wasting my time?? ...evidently that's a YES!

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3711

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Greenhithe Community Trust Ecology Group

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

We are saddened to see the UHLB is facing significant cuts that could impact the local board and various community groups to deliver meaningful and positive outcomes for community members, our local biodiversity and wider. Our public open spaces are overrun with pest plants and pest animals, our wateways are regularly polluted (we reported a shocking silt pollution event today with thousands of m3 sediment laden water discharging into our local awa). Every time environmental services are cut, more harm is caused. Cuts to council staffing, services or funding for local community groups is not the way forward. Community volunteer groups in the UHLB are investing a huge amount of volunteer hours each year, making a difference to our communities and biodiversity. Community organisations are under pressure from reduced funding and increasing cost. More people now than ever are turning to our open spaces, to get out in nature & community conservation groups can help people enjoy them and activate them to care for the environment. Active engagement and connection to open space, community based activities and local connections is important to our community. It's a chance for people from all ages and ethnic groups to come together.We request the governing board to increase the funding for UHLB to enable them to be able to meet the rising costs of providing its core services which are already too thinly stretched.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

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Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

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I don’t know

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

I don’t know

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I don’t know

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

We request the governing board to increase the funding for UHLB to enable them to be able to meet the rising costs of providing its core services which are already too thinly stretched.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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We appreciate the support the UHLB has provided to us at a community group over the past few years. We welcome them to come and see the difference our community is making to the local biodiversity and the connections being formed amongst the community along the way.

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| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 5 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Environmental services need to be prioritised. Natural systems are in crisis, and we need to act now before it's too late.

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3719

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Money for the CRL should come from somewhere else - not ratepayers.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Not applicable to my area.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

The UHLB should not be facing funding cuts whilst we see a rates increase! The UHLB is underfunded, and the governing board should be increasing the funding for the UHLB to meet rising costs of providing its core services, or at least maintain the existing services - not cut. Being involved in volunteering in our local community in the parks, I see the direct benefits of community groups being funded to work with their local community, supporting conservation groups and enabling residents to make meaningful changes to their local biodiversity, which not only is a win for the environment, but a win for them us as individuals, as we connect with one other, meeting our neighbours, working alongside each other, enjoying nature together. Community conservation work brings together people of all ages and diversity. It's wonderful to see school students interning and volunteering in reserves, working alongside retirees, immigrants, and new friendships being formed across cultures.Our natural spaces are under threat, yet this is a time we, as people, need them more. Every time environmental services are cut, more environmental harm is caused. Please don't cut funding to environmental services or community conservation programmes, and other community activities run by community groups, funded by UHLB.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

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Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

The increases to casual swimming seem reasonable - it could even be increased more, but not the spectator fee by $4.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Community conservation programmes and environmental services should be prioritised as our natural systems are under threat, and we need to act now before its too late.

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3731

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Money for the CRL does not need to come from the rate payerr

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

UHLB should not have funding cuts, especially while rates are increasing. The UHLB is already underfunded so funding should be increasing so it can continue to provide and maintain its services. In the local community there are many volunteer working tirelessly to make meaningful impacts to the local biodiversity, which is a win for the environment. This also brings people of ALL ages together creating friendships and a sense of community.The current threat to the environment is immense and we as humans have the opportunity to mitigate this. Every time environmental services are cut, the environment suffers and this is just not ok. Please do not cut funding to environmental services or community conservation programs, New Zealand has a clean green image and we want to keep that.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

Increasing the spectator fee seems kind of harsh. A casual swimmer fee could be increased by more though.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

community conservation!

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3738**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Transport: Public Transport should be priced reasonably to want to use with frequency increased & convenient locations.Whenuapai is not serviced by any mode of public transport. There are no speed breakers on the roads where residential houses are located. Traffic flows at high speeds any time of the day or night. Noice pollution is very high at nights from traffic which affects the residents very much. Water: Water rates are very expensive.. inflation is high. Salaries & wages are not increased proportionately to costs. Eg - 7.9 % increase in rates is way beyond most home owners capability to pay. Over 70% of people are living pay check to pay check.Auckland properties are

over valued.It is nearly 50% cheaper to buy a property in Melbourne, but salaries & wages are at least 20% higher than Auckland. Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities: Whenuapai is not taken care of by the local boards. Hobsonville has developed 100 fold. Why are specific suburbs only developed?

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Henderson-Massey

### Henderson-Massey Local Board Feedback:

#### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

#### Tell us why

There is no mention of any development for Whenuapai. Very disappointing. There is no public transport connection. Residents are forced to use their personal modes of transport.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

TRANSPORT

## Question 6: City centre

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**work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3768**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I hope to maintain the current state.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Plan to revitalize employment opportunitiesRevitalize the manufacturing industry (foster industrial complexes)Actively attract immigrants

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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N/A

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3816

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**Organisation:** Upper Waitematā Ecology Network (UWEN)

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Other

### Tell us why

Natural systems are in crisis, and we ignore the warning signs at our own peril. Investment in nature, our open spaces and climate action is critical. We are appalled that UHLB is facing significant cuts, in real terms, that could impact their ability to deliver meaningful and positive outcomes for people, place and the planet.The levels of parks maintenance that take place as part of the core service contracts are already too little and it is volunteers that often pick up the pieces.UWEN is calling for the Governing Body to increase the funding allocation for UHLB to enable them to be able to meet

the rising costs of providing its core services which are already too thinly stretched.See attachment for full submission.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

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## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

**Annual Plan 2026-27**

**Submission on behalf of Upper Waitematā Ecology Network (UWEN)**

**Dated 26th March 2026**

**UWEN written response**

*"This budget is about continuing to do things better, faster, cheaper to minimise the impact on ratepayers."*

UWEN would like to test this statement and to push back and ask Council to reconsider this "right here, right now" approach and instead, consider the long-term implications of decisions that are made today in creating an environment for our mokopuna. To be ancestors that our grandchildren can be proud of, we need to keep in mind the vision that is set out in this document:

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

- *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."*

Achieving these aspirational statements requires bold thinking, immediate and large-scale action.

Natural systems are in crisis, and we ignore the warning signs at our own peril. Investment in nature, our open spaces and climate action is critical. We are appalled that UHLB is facing significant cuts, in real terms, that could impact their ability to deliver meaningful and positive outcomes for people, place and the planet.

We are at the frontline of tacking a biodiversity crisis, our public open spaces are often overrun with pest plants and animals that cause serious harm on our natural systems. The waterways we work alongside are regularly polluted putting our freshwater and marine systems under immense strain. Every time an environmental service is cut, an area of bush is left unmanaged, which causes more

harm as pest plants and animals just return, unchecked, to redo all the damage that had been starting to be reversed.

Cuts to Council staffing levels or services reduce the opportunity to educate the public and enforce the rules that are in place to prevent or reduce environmental harm.

The levels of parks maintenance that take place as part of the core service contracts are already too little and it is volunteers that often pick up the pieces. Groups that support community volunteers, such as UWEN, are heavily reliant on funding from Local Boards. Reduce UHLB funding and you seriously risk losing a significant portion of the 28,000 volunteer hours that were invested in Upper Harbour alone last year. That's a loss, in real terms of over $800,000 of human capital, with volunteers valued at the Living Wage. We deliver our services with funding from the Local Board of less than $250,000. Small charities and community organisations are already under pressure from reduced rates of volunteering, facing their own increasing costs and needing to deliver more for less to fill the shortfall in services being funded centrally. Now is not the time to put further pressure on by reducing the pool of money available to distribute.

We are all at the frontline of the climate crisis. We all experience more extreme weather events that continue to cost rate payers significant amounts both personally (rising insurance costs, repair costs, loss in capital value of land) as well as footing the repair bills that these events create. We urge you to invest in nature-based solutions to help future-proof the city and to attempt to reverse some of the environmental harm that is done every single day.

Alongside this all, is the largely forgotten aspects of public health and social equity that come with active engagement and connection to open space, community-based activities and local connections. Cuts to community services and contestable grants that enable events to be run and organisations to deliver their mahi, will pile further pressure on already squeezed and stressed households.

UWEN urges Auckland Council to hold the line, to support growth at local, community level and to ensure decisions made today will positively impact future generations, not just deliver some financial savings for the short term.

UWEN is calling for the Governing Body to increase the funding allocation for UHLB to enable them to be able to meet the rising costs of providing its core services which are already too thinly stretched.

*Submitted by* [redacted]

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3819

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 1 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |

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| | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

1. Cleaning and maintenance of local park sports facilities. Particularly restroom management.2. Traffic flow improvement. Adding yellow lines near curves. Traffic congestion caused by parking.3. Improvement of the rainwater drainage system for flood prevention. Cleaning up accumulated waste.4. Request to purchase additional recent books related to Korea for the local library. The collection of books regarding Korea, the world's 6th most powerful nation, is in a very poor state. We desire books related to culture, history, humanities, and philosophy.

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3828**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Business North Harbour

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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- **Water**
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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Other

### Tell us why

Our primary interests are decisions within the Draft Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027 which:• Impact on the cost of business• Impact on economic development and the ability to leverage value from location• Support or restrict business growth opportunities• Impact on access to both regional and localised transport hubs• Provide the scope to leverage natural assets for economic development across the leisure and tourism sectors – enhancing Auckland's reputationAs one of fifty BIDs in Auckland, our role in the Auckland economy is to improve the business environment of our areas, promote innovation, prosperity and employment and to attract new businesses,

customers and visitors.We share the common goal with the Auckland Council group to promote Auckland's economic prosperity and note that the Council group also plays a pivotal role in providing efficient and effective core services for the city which must remain a key area of focus. We believe that Auckland must continually strive to attract more visitors and bid competitively to host major events, as well as supporting locally driven economic development activities.Overall, BNH supports the proposed Annual Plan, as we agree with the intended achievements of some of the objectives set out in the Consultation Document. We would offer the following specific comments:a) BNH acknowledges that Auckland Council continues to face significant budget challenges particularly due to the lack of operational funding previously set aside for the City Rail Link (CRL). Whilst we understand that the 7.9% increase in residential rates is attributed to the $235M shortfall in the CRL operational funding as noted on page 4 of the Consultation Document, we would ask that the rate payer funding requirements for any future major projects be fully outlined from the outset to avoid another unexpected and unwelcome increase in rates.We would point out that residential rates on average value properties have increased by 20.5% over the last three years and adding a further 7.9% in the next financial year will bring additional financial pressure to bear on many families who are struggling to make ends meet. Based upon these figures we believe that Council must do everything within its powers to avoid the additional 1 – 2% increase in residential rates on top of those projected in the LTP, noted as a possibility on page 13 of the Consultation Document.Despite the recent streamlining and cost savings within Council, Council debt has increased to $17.5B so BNH would ask Council to consider increasing the debt to revenue ratio towards the 250% prudential policy limit if necessary, to help reduce the burden on ratepayers moving forwards. BNH also asks that whenever possible Council and its CCOs enter into fixed price contracts to help avoid the repetition of the CRL cost blow out which it appears ratepayers are now having to subsidise.Finally on this topic, BNH would comment that we sincerely hope that the economic benefits of $12B predicted to be produced by the CRL is accurate and comes to fruition. It would also be useful to know the estimated time frame involved in achieving these economic benefits.See attachment for full submission.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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BNH supports any changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga BIDs that are agreed in their respective ballots.BNH opposed pausing the long-term business differential strategy, the intention of which was for the share of general rates paid by business properties to be made fairer, gradually reducing over a period of time to 25.8%. However, not only has the business differential been locked-in at 31%, but due to the fact that the rating base in the business sector didn't grow as fast as the non-

business sector in 2025/2026, business property owners are now facing an average rates increase of 9.84% as opposed to the 8.22% forecast in the LTP to meet that 31% contribution. BNH opposes this raised increase given that business rates are already at a higher level due to their 31% overall contribution and this simply adds another financial burden, particularly for small businesses who make up most businesses in Auckland and indeed New Zealand, to businesses who have been struggling to survive following the pandemic and associated economic challenges over recent years.This issue is exacerbated by the fact that the same increase is being applied to the share that businesses pay of generally applied targeted rates (Water Quality, Natural Environment and Climate Action Transport targeted rates).

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

Overall, BNH supports the priorities for the UHLB area for 2026/2027 and offers the following comments:a) BNH fully supports the proposal by UHLB to progress with the delivery of a new library facility in Albany.b) Within their priorities for 2026/2027 UHLB do not make any specific reference to economic development, however following regular discussions with UHLB regarding the importance the Board places on the enhanced economic performance of the local economy, BNH will continue to work with UHLB whenever opportunities arise to further support the growth of the local economy.c) Upper Harbour is a diverse and vibrant area, continuing to be one of the fastest growing areas in the country in both absolute and percentage population terms, a trend that is expected to continue. This brings both challenges and opportunity for BNH and as the Local Board's only formal Business Improvement District, we look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with UHLB, leveraging from the ongoing growth of the region.d) Maintaining the current level of growth will prove difficult if the infrastructure business needs is not made available. The business community aspires to achieve improved productivity whilst also improving sustainability and reducing any harm to the environment, all of which is critical for the sustainable growth of the region, whilst also aligning with the final bullet point in UHLB’s planned Key Projects on page 78 of the Supporting Information Document.e) Access to, through and around the business district remains of great importance to BNH members and is critical for the 37,000 employees across the North Harbour BID. BNH requests greater support for local transport infrastructure projects which support business and economic development, over and above community or politically led initiatives. We support the increased use of cycleways, walkways and footpaths and making these modes of access more user-friendly, hopefully encouraging some commuters out of their vehicles.f) BNH supports any focus that UHLB places on the infrastructure challenges for the growing population and any advocacy for improved public transport and roading networks. We would

however ask that the provision for rapid transport does not remove or compromise infrastructure assets and facilities depended upon by commercial trade and employee commuters, in the absence of alternative modal options.g) BNH continues to rely on the UHLB's extensive local knowledge, and influence across the Auckland Council family to add value to their role of local board governance. We also collectively rely on the board's ability to influence government decisions for the greater good of the region and the economic vitality of those who choose to create local employment opportunities within the North Harbour district.h) BNH would like to acknowledge the collaborations with and the support received from UHLB over the past twelve months. The Team look forward to continuing to work with UHLB in the coming twelve months and beyond, to achieve the best outcomes for our members and the area as a whole. BNH will continue to support UHLB's priorities and outcomes whenever possible.i) Finally, BNH would like to emphasise that in addition to any economic development initiatives, we would ask UHLB, as far as is practicable, to maintain the services that support peoples' health and wellbeing, sustainability and environmental outcomes and connected, engaged and resilient communities.The 50 Business Improvement Districts across Auckland are directly accountable and responsible to their members for their BID targeted rate level and how it is expended. The Business North Harbour BID targeted rate of $872,149 for the 2026/2027 period has been approved by our members through the Annual General Meeting process and we fully support its approval by UHLB.See attachment for full submission.

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### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

BNH opposes the proposed level of increase to water and wastewater rates of no more than 7.2% which will, when added to the proposed increase in residential and business rates noted earlier, add further stress to household and business budgets in these ongoing difficult times.See attachment for full submission.BNH in general supports the proposed Annual Plan with the caveats noted in our feedback above. We agree with the intended achievement of some of the objectives set out in the Consultation Document, specifically those relating to improved performance across Council, financial discipline targeting an additional $106M savings, stronger economic development, a thriving economy that supports growth and opportunities for all, a Stadium Development Plan which includes a locally led plan for North Harbour Stadium and the creation of a vibrant, accessible and inclusive city centre.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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# Submission: Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026 / 2027

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Submission to Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027

Auckland Council is seeking feedback on the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027.

## Introduction

Business North Harbour (BNH) representing the North Harbour Business Improvement District welcomes the opportunity to make this submission on the Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027.

BNH is a significant commercial and industrial Business Improvement District (BID), representing over 4,500 commercial property owners and businesses within the North Harbour area, who collectively employ over 37,000 Auckland residents and ratepayers. The organisation is located within the Upper Harbour Local Board area, which remains one of the fastest growing areas in the country, in both absolute and percentage population terms, which brings both challenges and opportunities to the North Harbour business district.

BNH represents and works with a wide range of businesses comprising of a mix of sole traders, Small Medium Enterprises (SME), through to multi-national organisations, representing sectors such as ICT, business services, specialist manufacturing, light – medium warehousing, logistics, retail and hospitality. In addition, we have key educational institutions within or on our boundary, including Massey University Albany and AUT Millennium, along with a variety of primary and secondary schools including Rangitoto College, the largest secondary school in New Zealand.

Our primary interests are decisions within the Draft Auckland Council Annual Plan 2026/2027 which:

- Impact on the cost of business
- Impact on economic development and the ability to leverage value from location
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- Impact on access to both regional and localised transport hubs
- Provide the scope to leverage natural assets for economic development across the leisure and tourism sectors – enhancing Auckland's reputation

As one of fifty BIDs in Auckland, our role in the Auckland economy is to improve the business environment of our areas, promote innovation, prosperity and employment and to attract new businesses, customers and visitors.

We share the common goal with the Auckland Council group to promote Auckland's economic prosperity and note that the Council group also plays a pivotal role in providing efficient and effective core services for the city which must remain a key area of focus. We believe that Auckland must continually strive to attract more visitors and bid competitively to host major events, as well as supporting locally driven economic development activities.

Turning to the key themes identified in your Consultation Document, the 2026/2027 Annual Plan sets out what Council is working on, what Council aims to deliver in each of the seven areas of Council activities or investment and Council's budget projections. You are seeking feedback on some key proposals, to which our response is set out below and covers:

(1) Our Overall Plan And Proposed Rates Increases
(2) Changes To Other Rates, Fees And Charges
(3) Upper Harbour Local Board Priorities 2026/2027

(4) Other Feedback
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What do you think of the proposed annual plan**?**

Overall, BNH supports the proposed Annual Plan, as we agree with the intended achievements of some of the objectives set out in the Consultation Document. We would offer the following specific comments:

a) BNH acknowledges that Auckland Council continues to face significant budget challenges particularly due to the lack of operational funding previously set aside for the City Rail Link (CRL). Whilst we understand that the 7.9% increase in residential rates is attributed to the $235M shortfall in the CRL operational funding as noted on page 4 of the Consultation Document, we would ask that the rate payer funding requirements for any future major projects be fully outlined from the outset to avoid another unexpected and unwelcome increase in rates.

   We would point out that residential rates on average value properties have increased by 20.5% over the last three years and adding a further 7.9% in the next financial year will bring additional financial pressure to bear on many families who are struggling to make ends meet. Based upon these figures we believe that Council must do everything within its powers to avoid the additional 1 – 2% increase in residential rates on top of those projected in the LTP, noted as a possibility on page 13 of the Consultation Document.

   Despite the recent streamlining and cost savings within Council, Council debt has increased to $17.5B so BNH would ask Council to consider increasing the debt to revenue ratio towards the 250% prudential policy limit if necessary, to help reduce the burden on ratepayers moving forwards.

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   Finally on this topic, BNH would comment that we sincerely hope that the economic benefits of $12B predicted to be produced by the CRL is accurate and comes to fruition. It would also be useful to know the estimated time frame involved in achieving these economic benefits.

b) We support Auckland Council continuing to hold robust talks with the Government to achieve additional government funding for the city, particularly for other key infrastructure projects, again minimising the burden on ratepayers.
c) In terms of the need for efficiencies and savings, we support Council's continued efforts to save money and encourage Council to maintain and if possible, achieve greater savings moving forwards by the successful restructuring of the responsibilities of the Council and its CCOs. We agree with the Annual Plan aiming to continue to enable Council to "do things better, faster, cheaper to minmise the impact on ratepayers".
   We believe that there should be a sharp focus on finding savings from the management of contractors and consultants by the Auckland Council group. Council and the CCOs incur considerable expense through the engagement of contractors and consultants and whilst BNH appreciates that this is sometimes necessary, we would ask that Council and the CCOs thoroughly examine their internal capability before making a decision on the need to engage consultants. We would also reiterate that whenever possible the Council group should enter into fixed cost contracts.
d) BNH would again ask Council and its CCOs to adopt a 'do it once and do it right approach' as projects have been undertaken and completed, only to be re-visited and changed a short time later at significant additional cost.

## (2) Changes To Other Rates, Fees And Charges:

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What do you think about these proposed changes?

BNH offers the following feedback in relation to some of the proposed changes:

a) BNH supports any changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga BIDs that are agreed in their respective ballots.
b) BNH opposed pausing the long-term business differential strategy, the intention of which was for the share of general rates paid by business properties to be made fairer, gradually reducing over a period of time to 25.8%. However, not only has the business differential been locked-in at 31%, but due to the fact that the rating base in the business sector didn't grow as fast as the non-business sector in 2025/2026, business property owners are now facing an average rates increase of 9.84% as opposed to the 8.22% forecast in the LTP to meet that 31% contribution. BNH opposes this raised increase given that business rates are already at a higher level due to their 31% overall contribution and this simply adds another financial burden, particularly for small businesses who make up most businesses in Auckland and indeed New Zealand, to businesses who have been struggling to survive following the pandemic and associated economic challenges over recent years. This issue is exacerbated by the fact that the same increase is being applied to the share that businesses pay of generally applied targeted rates (Water Quality, Natural Environment and Climate Action Transport targeted rates).

## (3) Upper Harbour Local Board (UHLB) Priorities 2026/2027:

What do you think of the options for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Upper Harbour Local Board (UHLB) has noted an operational budget shortfall of $740K compared to last year due to the increase in costs to deliver services, leaving them with some difficult decisions for the 2026/2027 financial year, as they have to decide whether to increase costs or

reduce services. Either decision seems unpalatable when you consider the ongoing financial hardships that people are facing, rates are also set to increase and the fact that many of the services delivered support their constituents' mental and physical wellbeing. BNH would ask Council to consider "using the tools available to assist with funding issues", noted on page 15 of the Consultation Document, to help UHLB to keep any price increases or reduction in service levels to a minimum, to help mitigate any negative impacts on the UHLB community, particularly in relation to peoples' mental and physical wellbeing.
If this support isn't available then BNH would support UHLB to introduce a mix of both the revenue and reduced services options, as noted on page 75 of the Supporting Information Document, delivered in such a way as to minimise the effects on peoples' mental and physical wellbeing.

Overall, BNH supports the priorities for the UHLB area for 2026/2027 and offers the following comments:

a) BNH fully supports the proposal by UHLB to progress with the delivery of a new library facility in Albany.
b) Within their priorities for 2026/2027 UHLB do not make any specific reference to economic development, however following regular discussions with UHLB regarding the importance the Board places on the enhanced economic performance of the local economy, BNH will continue to work with UHLB whenever opportunities arise to further support the growth of the local economy.
c) Upper Harbour is a diverse and vibrant area, continuing to be one of the fastest growing areas in the country in both absolute and percentage population terms, a trend that is expected to continue. This brings both challenges and opportunity for BNH and as the Local Board's only formal Business Improvement District, we look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with UHLB, leveraging from the ongoing growth of the region.
d) Maintaining the current level of growth will prove difficult if the infrastructure business needs is not made available. The business community aspires to achieve improved productivity whilst also improving sustainability and reducing any harm to the environment, all of which is critical for the sustainable growth of the region, whilst also aligning with the final bullet point in UHLB's planned Key Projects on page 78 of the Supporting Information Document.
e) Access to, through and around the business district remains of great importance to BNH members and is critical for the 37,000 employees across the North Harbour BID. BNH requests greater support for local transport infrastructure projects which support business and economic development, over and above community or politically led initiatives. We support the increased use of cycleways, walkways and footpaths and making these modes of access more user-friendly, hopefully encouraging some commuters out of their vehicles.
f) BNH supports any focus that UHLB places on the infrastructure challenges for the growing population and any advocacy for improved public transport and roading networks. We would however ask that the provision for rapid transport does not remove or compromise infrastructure assets and facilities depended upon by commercial trade and employee commuters, in the absence of alternative modal options.
g) BNH continues to rely on the UHLB's extensive local knowledge, and influence across the Auckland Council family to add value to their role of local board governance. We also collectively rely on the board's ability to influence government decisions for the greater good of the region and the economic vitality of those who choose to create local employment opportunities within the North Harbour district.
h) BNH would like to acknowledge the collaborations with and the support received from UHLB over the past twelve months. The Team look forward to continuing to work with UHLB in the coming twelve months and beyond, to achieve the best outcomes for our members and the area as a whole. BNH will continue to support UHLB's priorities and outcomes whenever possible.

i) Finally, BNH would like to emphasise that in addition to any economic development initiatives, we would ask UHLB, as far as is paracticable, to maintain the services that support peoples' health and wellbeing, sustainability and environmental outcomes and connected, engaged and resilient communities.

Business Improvement District (BID) Targeted Rates:

The 50 Business Improvement Districts across Auckland are directly accountable and responsible to their members for their BID targeted rate level and how it is expended. The Business North Harbour BID targeted rate of $872,149 for the 2026/2027 period has been approved by our members through the Annual General Meeting process and we fully support its approval by UHLB.

(4) Other Feedback:

Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

BNH offers the following comments on topics not specifically noted as points for feedback:

a) BNH opposes the proposed level of increase to water and wastewater rates of no more than 7.2% which will, when added to the proposed increase in residential and business rates noted earlier, add further stress to household and business budgets in these ongoing difficult times.
b) BNH in general supports the proposed Annual Plan with the caveats noted in our feedback above. We agree with the intended achievement of some of the objectives set out in the Consultation Document, specifically those relating to improved performance across Council, financial discipline targeting an additional $106M savings, stronger economic development, a thriving economy that supports growth and opportunities for all, a Stadium Development Plan which includes a locally led plan for North Harbour Stadium and the creation of a vibrant, accessible and inclusive city centre.

*(5) Which areas are most important to you over the long term?*

*Now we want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time. We are planning some discussions for next year to inform plans and strategies to shape Auckland's future. These include (but aren't limited to):*

- *regional transport plans*
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- *Auckland's spatial plan*
- *our 2027–2037 Long-term Plan, which sets funding for regional and local priorities listed below.*

*We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.*

Please rank these from 1 (most important) to 6 (least important)

BNH can only look at this question through a business/economic lens and would make the point that our member businesses would benefit most from the two priorities noted in red below:

☐ (1) *Economic development and events – growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries.*
☐ *Local parks, community and recreation services – local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives.*
☐ *Planning and infrastructure to manage growth – planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services.*

☐ *Regional parks and environment – looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects.*
☐ (2) *Transport – roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around.*
☐ *Flood resilience – reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways.*

*(6) City Centre:*

*Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy.*

*We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.*

*What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre? (Select up to 4)*

BNH would suggest, again looking through a business/economic lens, that the four improvements noted in red below should be the priorities for Council in the city centre as we believe that the other items can be encompassed within these priorities.

☐ Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.

☐ Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.

☐ Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.

☐ **Māori identity and culture** – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.

☐ Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

☐ Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

☐ Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access and attract more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

Conclusions:

Due to the ongoing slow economic growth and ever-increasing geo-political issues, we are now heading into another year where the resilience of small and medium sized businesses will once again be tested. BNH asks Council to consider carefully the needs of these ratepayer businesses as it makes decisions about the priorities and proposed savings in the Annual Plan 2026/2027. We ask that there be a focus on any economic development initiatives which help to grow the economy and support local businesses, especially in our industrial/commercial areas and town centres.

We fundamentally believe that the further savings noted in the Consultation and Supporting Information documentation can be made, with a culture of efficiency being instilled across the

Council group, whilst also ensuring that Council doesn't lose sight of the need for Auckland's ongoing economic prosperity and its role in achieving this.

Should there be any questions or other matters arising from this Submission, we would be pleased to respond to these.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

[redacted]
General Manager

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3832**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Oppose the increase.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Satisfied with the present.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

The speedy limit of 50 km/hour on Auckland streets is too low. Please raise it to 60 km/hour.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

A 7.9% increase is too excessive.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Please maintain the current state.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| Rank | Area |
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| 2 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I hope that the water supply will be replaced and streetlights increased to create healthy and safe streets at night.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3867

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## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

just last year property rates have been increased and increase again for City Rail link would create unwanted financial pressure while everyone is struggling with recession, inflationary pressure and price increase across travel, regular grocery bills and day to day activities without having salary increase across industries with matching price increase. Moreover, City Rail link project has overshooted the budget due to long delay of completion and doesn't help most of Aucklanders in their travel who lives in suburbs and it is unfair to enforce additional rates to everyone not benefitted for this service.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

its unfortunate to see unnecessary spendings on various projects e.g. additional cost spending on raised pedestrian crossings and later removing them, not completed road works on time etc. and without managing those with proper planning everytime onus have been put on rate payers with increase rates and other costs.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

#### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

#### Tell us why

#### 2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Do not support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Albert-Eden,Devonport-Takapuna,Franklin,Hibiscus and Bays,Howick,Kaipātiki,Māngere-Ōtāhuhu,Manurewa,Maungakiekie-Tāmaki,Ōrākei,Ōtara-Papatoetoe,Papakura,Puketāpapa,Rodney,Upper Harbour,Waiheke,Waitākere Ranges,Waitematā,Whau

### Albert-Eden Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

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**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services, fees and charges?**

**A. Restoration planning for Waititiko / Meola Creek, to leverage the improvements in water quality that will be achieved through the Central Interceptor.**

Support

**B. Investigating how to respond to future growth expected in our area.**

Support

**C. Trialling free off-peak access for Gold Card holders to swim at Mt Albert Aquatic Centre.**

Support

**3. Kingsland Business Society Inc is proposing to expand the geographic boundary of its Business Improvement District programme to include areas around the north end of Morningside Drive, and to increase the amount of targeted rate funds to be collected from $245,000 to $370,000 per year. If it is successful, ratepayers of business**

**properties located within the BID expansion area will be required to pay the associated BID targeted rate. Do you support this proposal?**

**Tell us why**

## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes?**

**A. Reduced maintenance of bollards and fencing, stop scheduled maintenance for bush area (except High Value/Ecological areas), reduced service level for amenity gardens and planted areas, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas to bush areas.**

**B. Reduced library hours over 7 days.**

**C. Reduced local board funding to local organisations that deliver local events.**

**D. Reduced budget available for contestable grants.**

Do not support

**E. Reduced funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing.**

Do not support

**F.Reduced funding support for The Depot, Devonport Museum, The Lake House, The Michael King Writers Centre, North Shore Brass, The Pumphouse and The Rose Centre.**

**G. Reduced funding for parks volunteers.**

**H. Reduced funding support for environmental restoration, planting, pest management, and waste minimisation.**

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

## Franklin Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

**Tell us why**

## Hibiscus and Bays Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

**Tell us why**

### 2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to fees and charges?

**A. Supporting further protection of our sea, soil and fresh water from contamination and sedimentation, through increased monitoring and extending projects such as local stream restoration including the Weiti River.**

**B. Supporting community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.**

Support

**C. Creating safer town centres and other public spaces through actions such as an increased support for community safety and placemaking.**

**D. Ensuring Hibiscus and Bays is welcoming and supportive for all through collaboration with a broader range of local residents and an increased focus on inclusive design, so it is accessible and usable for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.**

**E. Introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across our sites.**

Do not support

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

## Howick Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed local board specific key areas of spend?**

**A. Explore ways to get the best value from our play spaces so they continue to meet the needs of children and families.**

Support

**B. Run regular seminars for community groups/organisations on the local grant's application process.**

Support

**C. Identify what type of indoor/sheltered courts are necessary to support sports play in Flat Bush.**

Support

**D. Continue advocacy of the Tāmaki estuary on water quality and coastal erosion.**

**E. Continue to advocate to crime prevention organisations on behalf of the community for ongoing safety initiatives.**

**F. Continue to support our volunteer groups with resources needed for ecological volunteering, such as stream clean-ups and pest plant weeding.**

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

## Kaipātiki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

## Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering a Local Services Targeted Rate, changes to service levels or fees, or a combination of both approaches. We could introduce a Local Services Targeted Rate of $47.11 (GST inclusive) per Separately Used or Inhabited Part per annum on all rateable properties except those categorised as zero-rated in the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board area ($0.91 cent per week) to cover the increased cost of delivering existing services. What do you think about this proposal?**

I don't know

**3. We could adjust some service levels, fees and charges. What do you think about the proposed changes?**

**A. Reduce library hours - reduce hours at our four libraries as needed, without going below the regional minimum service level of 44 hours over 6 days at each library.**

**B. Reduce maintenance - Stop scheduled bollard and post-and-rail maintenance, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except High Value/Ecological), change garden edging to chemical application, cease infill planting and mulching in amenity gardens and reclassify re-vegetation areas to bush areas.**

**C. Reduce discretionary funding for Community Wellbeing programmes and services, Environment Management programmes and services and community grants.**

Do not support

**D. Increase pools and leisure fees - Increase fees and charges by $1 for "Plus" services at Moana-Nui-ā-Kiwa Pool and Leisure Centre.**

Do not support

**E. Charge adult visitors from outside the local board area at Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa Pool and Leisure Centre and Ōtāhuhu Pool and Leisure Centre (Toia).**

Do not support

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

**4. Overall, how do you think the local board should address the cost increases?**

## Manurewa Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

**A. Allocate up to $1.5 million of funding to support delivery of the Manurewa War Memorial Park multi-sports pavilion.**

Support

**B. Deliver a new multi-cultural initiative that responds to demands for increased ethnic engagement.**

**C. Develop a civics education initiative that helps people understand the role of local boards and how they can get involved.**

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

## Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

**A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.**

**B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.**

Support

**C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.**

**D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.**

**E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.**

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

**3. What do you think of Onehunga Business Association Inc's proposal to reduce the geographic boundary of the Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme, and amount of targeted rate to be collected?**

**Tell us why**

## Ōrākei Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment and changes to services?**

**A. Increase community-use sports fields provision either through redevelopment or expansion of our asset portfolio to address the forecasted move of Auckland Cricket into Colin Maiden Park and other demands on our sports fields.**

Support

**B. Increasing investment in restoration and pest-management programmes to grow and protect your natural environment. Our reserves and open spaces are one of the most vital resources in Ōrākei.**

**C. Changing the Meadowbank Community Centre project to a self-funded community centre to capitalise on existing investment and resources.**

**D. Construct a playground Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.**

Support

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

## Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing and other pressures, we must address an increase in the cost of delivering existing services within its current funding. To balance the budget, we are considering a Local Services Targeted Rate, changes to service levels or fees, or a combination of both approaches. We could introduce a Local Services Targeted Rate of $1.1 million capital value based rate charged to all properties (this would be around $27 based on average value urban residential property in the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board area) to cover the increased cost of delivering existing services. What do you think about this option?**

Other

**3. We could adjust some service levels, fees and charges. What do you think about the proposed changes?**

**A. Reduce maintenance - Stop scheduled bollard and post-and-rail maintenance, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except High Value/Ecological), change garden edging to chemical application, cease infill planting and mulching in amenity gardens and reclassify re-vegetation areas to bush areas.**

**B. Reduce library hours: Ōtara Library, reduction of 4 hours per week; Papatoetoe Library, reduction of 2 hours per week; Tupu Youth Library, reduction of 5 hours per week; Manukau Library, reduction to a 6-day service, close on Sundays.**

**C. Reduce discretionary spending on community grants, community and/or environment projects.**

Do not support

**D. Increase to fees for "Plus" (spa, sauna, and steam room entry) services by $1 at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).**

Support

**E. Charge adult visitors from outside the local board area at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool (PCP).**

Do not support

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

**4. Overall, how do you think the local board should address the cost increases?**

## Papakura Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce library hours on Mondays and Fridays at Sir Edmund Hillary Library.**

**B. Reduce library hours on Saturdays at Sir Edmund Hillary Library.**

**C. Reduce selected maintenance: Stop bollard and post-and–rail maintenance in parks, stop scheduled maintenance for bush areas (except high value/ecological).**

**D. Charge a higher fee for visitors outside the Auckland region who visit Massey Park Pool.**

Do not support

**E. Reduce or discontinue grant funding.**

Do not support

**F. Reduce the numbers of public rubbish bins in public spaces such as town centres, parks and reserves.**

**G. Reduce or discontinue some arts and culture activities.**

**H. Reduce or discontinue some services and programmes in arts facilities and community centres.**

**I. Reduce or discontinue some community development and support activities.**

**J. Reduce or discontinue some environmental and water quality activities.**

**K. Reduce or discontinue civic events.**

**L. Reduce or discontinue sports and park activation activities.**

Do not support

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

## Puketāpapa Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

## Rodney Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Do not support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

## Waiheke Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

## Waitākere Ranges Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

**A. Community wellbeing - continue to grow and evolve our programmes to support community wellbeing with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi, as well as older people**

**B. Review level of community grants, including investigating a Facility Partnership Fund to support community organisations to plan, develop or upgrade community facilities**

Support

**C. Improve engagement with communities of need, schools and youth**

Support

**D. Progress an omnibus Waitākere Ranges Local Parks Management Plan**

Support

**E. Walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks**

Support

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

## Waitematā Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels, fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce library hours at Central City, Little Leys, Grey Lynn and Parnell Libraries.**

**B. Reduce maintenance for bollard and post-and-rail.**

**C. Reduce community grant funding and accommodation grant funding.**

**D. Increase fees for adult swim fees at council pools by up to $3.**

Do not support

**E. Reduce funding for environmental management activities.**

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

## Whau Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

**A. Design and build a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve.**

**B. Promote community identity and diversity by funding a coordinator for Welcoming Communities, supporting the PAN African Hub, and refreshing the Whau Ethnic Peoples Plan.**

**C. Engage and respond to youth needs, and co-design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps.**

Support

**D. Improve water quality and flood resilience of Whau streams and rivers through collaboration with volunteers, local schools, community hubs, organisations, and neighbouring local boards.**

**E. Prioritise projects identified through the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and leverage partnerships to provide a local facility network for the community.**

Support

**F. Develop a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.**

Support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 1 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 2 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# AK Have your Say
# Annual Plan 2026-2027

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on Auckland Council's draft Annual Plan 2026-2027.

## Introduction

Aktive is a charitable trust with a vision of making Auckland the world's most active city. Our purpose is to unite and inspire leaders and organisations in Tāmaki Makaurau to enhance the wellbeing of Aucklanders and create more connected communities through sport and physical activity.

Aktive has chosen to focus its efforts on tamariki and rangatahi who are underactive or where historic inequities exist. This sees us working with and for tamariki and rangatahi who are:

- Māori
- living in low socio-economic areas
- disabled
- young women and girls
- from Pacific, Indian and Asian communities
- from the Rainbow community.

We are a key strategic partner of Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa, Auckland Council and major grant-makers and funders. Aktive partners with, and invests in, a range of organisations and projects that get more people active in Auckland.

## Response to the Annual Plan 2026-2027 Consultation Documents

We have read the consultation document and supporting information to help inform this submission. We acknowledge the fiscal challenges facing Auckland Council and the need to balance investment decisions.

**Question One: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates**

We support Auckland Council's ongoing investment in community infrastructure and acknowledge the progress being made to address the regional shortfall of indoor courts and aquatic facilities.

We strongly support retaining the increased Sport and Recreation Facility Investment Fund to address the deficit in sports facilities in Auckland. The increase to the Fund was a key part of Aktive and the sport and recreation sector's 2024-2034 Long-term Plan advocacy. We believe that this increase has already made a material difference to the delivery of community-led sport and recreation facilities which have been increasingly challenging to deliver.

We strongly support Council continuing to deliver differently by transitioning community services from a dependence on assets to more innovative ways such as partnerships with third parties such as schools. We support Council progressing urgent community asset renewals to safeguard our facilities from asset failure and to support high priority growth projects.

Aktive sees value in the continued development of a Stadium Investment Plan to ensure a fit-for-purpose, financially sustainable network aligned with regional and community priorities.

We strongly support investing $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 the Auckland Council decision making processes. This investment and approach align with our targeted population focus.

We support the ongoing investment into the following regional and sub-regional major projects currently in progress until they have been delivered:

<u>Regional</u>

- The sports field capacity development programme to develop, upgrade and renew sports fields to increase sports field capacity across Auckland

- Land acquisitions for parks and open spaces to contribute to Aucklanders' quality of life, as well as make better use of the parks we already have which is critical as Auckland's urban environment intensifies
- The Central Interceptor to reduce wastewater overflows into central Auckland waterways
- Developing new travel solutions and improving public transport

Sub-regional

- Developing Te Kori Scott Point Sustainable Sports Park, Hobsonville
- Progressing Te Whau Pathway
- The West Wave Aquatic Centre renewal
- The Otaawhati Ray Small Park playground and park renewal
- Developing neighbourhood parks in Franklin Bremner Road Drury, Ngakoroa Reserve Drury, Ray Fausett Reserve Pukekohe, Poohutukawa Park Glenbrook, Papahua Sports Park Pukekohe
- Upgrading fields and lighting for community use at Waiheke Onetangi Sports Park
- Olympic Pools Building structure strengthening and renewals
- 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
- Colin Maiden Park sports fields and infrastructure development
- David Lange Park destination playground Stage 2 upgrades including a youth zone.

We greatly appreciate the level of investment committed to these projects and we are excited about the outcomes they will deliver for our communities once completed.

**Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges**

The matters raised here are not relevant to Aktive's mahi.

**Question 3: Local board priorities**

We acknowledge and value the commitment and investment Local Boards make into our communities, particularly into play, active recreation and sport and the places where these activities can be undertaken whether playing fields, open spaces, playgrounds,

pools or indoor courts. Local Boards decide which activities and services to focus on in their area, based on the funding available, including $15 million more in 2026/2027.

We have reviewed what each Local Board proposes to deliver in 2026-2027 and comment as follows:

Albert-Eden Local Board

Aktive acknowledges the completion of the Mill Park and Chamberlain Park Concept Plans and supports the Local Board delivering initiatives identified in these Plans.

The Auckland region has an identified shortfall of access to indoor courts and covered courts so the key project to confirm where to cover outdoor sport court sites in the local board area and complete planning and design for the selected sites (aligned to the regional work being done by staff) is a great, relatively low cost, solution which Aktive endorses and we would be please to provide support and advice.

We support the proposed renewals of Coyle Park playground and Phyllis Reserve fields.

Devonport-Takapuna Local Board

Aktive acknowledges the cost pressures faced by the Local Board. However, we remain concerned about the impact that the following proposed changes will have on our sector which is already under significant pressure. Therefore, we do not support reducing the available budget for contestable Local Grant funding grants or reducing operational funding for organisations that deliver support and services for seniors, youth, ethnic communities, sport and recreation and community wellbeing

We support the following planned key projects:

- Completing and adopting the Devonport -Takapuna Local Parks Management Plan
- Renewing facilities at the Takapuna Pool and Leisure Centre
- Renewing the playground at Bayswater Park
- Renewing the playground at Stanley Bay.

Franklin Local Board

Aktive strongly supports allocating any additional operational funding to the delivery of priority projects identified in the Local Board's Sport and Active Recreation Facilities Plan. We commend the Local Board's initiative in developing this Plan.

We support the following planned key projects:

- Progressing the development of Papahua Sports Park and advocating for investment from the Auckland Council growth programme to support the planning for new sports facilities and services.
- Investigating and developing options that will address community safety and environment at Karioitahi Beach so that this special place can be enjoyed by locals and visitors and the unique environment is protected
- Commencing work to progress delivery of the Paparata Local Purpose Reserve (Bombay) concept plan, ensuring that the local community has the opportunity to partner in delivery where feasible.
- Continuing to seek options for the development of Clarks Beach Reserves in line with future need so that the Board can invest in improvements that align with both future need and existing community aspiration.

Hibiscus and Bays Local Board

Aktive acknowledges the commitment the Local Board has made to sport and active recreation in this Annual Plan. We strongly support the Local Board delivering plans to support community access to a wide range of recreational opportunities through investigating new capex projects such as outdoor court provision and increasing support for indoor court provision through facilities grants.

Although we understand the drivers for doing so, Aktive remains concerned about the impacts of creating an additional cost burden by introducing changes to a range of fees in pools and leisure centres, including casual recreation, dry and aquatic group fitness and pool lane hire to better align fees across sites.

We support the following planned key projects:

- delivering a permanent pump track at Red Beach
- delivering a permanent pump track as part of Awaruaika, Long Bay
- renewing sports fields including at Freyberg Park and the Victor Eaves Park cricket ground
- renewing the skatepark at Stanmore Bay.

Howick Local Board

Aktive supports the Local Board exploring ways to get the best value from play spaces so they continue to meet the needs of children and families, running regular seminars for community groups/organisations on the local grants application process and identifying what type of indoor/sheltered courts are necessary to support sports play in Flat Bush. Auckland has a regional shortfall of indoor and covered courts, so we see great value in this initiative subject to alignment with the regional work currently being undertaken by Council staff.

We support the following planned key projects:

- developing the permanent library, community and aquatic leisure centre in Flat Bush
- installing drinking fountains across the local board area
- developing the park at Ostrich Farm with community engagement.

Kaipātiki Local Board

Aktive commends the leadership shown by the Local Board in the future visioning work for AF Thomas Park but would like to see this better reflected in the Local Board's priorities for this Annual Plan.

We support the following planned key projects:

- investing in maintenance and renewal of our parks, playgrounds, community buildings, recreation facilities, and other public spaces so they continue to meet our communities needs

- delivering infrastructure that enables sport participation, including sports field lighting at Shepherds Park and McFetridge Park, and improved toilet and changing room facilities at Stafford Park
- making substantial progress on the planning and delivery of major local projects, including the Beach Haven Coastal Connection (Stage 3), Birkenhead War Memorial masterplan implementation, and improvements to Little Shoal Bay / Wai Manawa Reserve.

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board

Aktive acknowledges the proposal to introduce a Local Services Targeted Rate. We believe that this rate should be applied on capital value, however we also caution the impact this increased cost may have on low-income households facing cost-of-living pressures. We do not believe there is adequate information available to understand what continuing "*to deliver the local services, projects and programmes that are important to our community*" looks like in practice.

We do not support the idea of charging people from outside of the Local Board Area for aquatic access notwithstanding that it will result in reducing the swimming pool targeted rate and question how this can be practically operationalised. The aquatic network is not based on local board boundaries and many users of aquatic facilities necessarily use facilities outside their Local Board areas as such facilities may not exist where they live. We are concerned what sort of precedent this potentially sets across the sport and active recreation network.

We support the following planned key project:

- Upgrading facilities at community hubs (libraries, leisure centres) so they are more fit -for-purpose for example, after-school and youth activities.

Manurewa Local Board

Aktive strongly supports the Local Board allocating up to $1.5 million of funding to support delivery of the much-needed Manurewa War Memorial Park multi -sports pavilion

We support the following planned key projects:

- Continuing improving our sports fields, including maintenance, sand -carpeting and lighting
- Delivering a new neighbourhood park at Glenveagh Reserve.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board

Aktive commends the Local Board's development of a Sport and Active Recreation Facility Plan and is pleased to support the Local Board's plans for sport and recreation to provide one -off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.

We also advocate to the Local Board to collaborate with Marist Rugby Club and other partners to develop a much-needed multisport community hub at Mt Wellington War Memorial Park.

Ōrākei Local Board

Aktive supports the Local Board's plans to increase community-use sports fields provision either through redevelopment or expansion of our asset portfolio to address the forecasted move of Auckland Cricket into Colin Maiden Park and other demands on our sports fields. We see value in constructing a playground at Remuera Library to optimise the under-used green space at the side of the building.

We support the following planned key projects:

- Using $2.5 million of the Fix and Finish Fund toward sports fields improvements to Thomas Bloodworth Park and Shore Road East bringing the total project fund to $5.75 million
- Progressing design and feasibility studies for a breakwater seawall at Okahu Bay to provide boats with safe harbour access, enhanced marine recreation and continued growth of The Landing
- Continued investment in growing and protecting our parks and playgrounds.

Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board

Aktive acknowledges the proposal to introduce a Local Services Targeted Rate. We believe that this rate should be applied on capital value, however we also caution the impact this increased cost may have on low-income households during a cost-of-living crisis. We do not believe there is adequate information available to understand what continuing "*to deliver the local services, projects and programmes that are important to our community*" looks like in practice.

We do not support the idea of charging people from outside of the Local Board Area for aquatic access notwithstanding that it will result in reducing the swimming pool targeted rate and question how this can be practically operationalised. The aquatic network is not based on local board boundaries, and many users of aquatic facilities necessarily use facilities outside their Local Board areas as such facilities may not exist where they live. We are concerned what sort of precedent this potentially sets across the sport and active recreation network.

We accept the need to increase fees for "Plus" (Spa, Sauna, and steam room entry) services by $1 at Ōtara Pool and Leisure Centre and Papatoetoe Centennial Pool.

We support the planned key project to renew toilet and changing rooms at Kohuora Park.

Papakura Local Board

Aktive acknowledges the cost pressures facing the Local Board, however we do not support the proposal to reduce or discontinue sports and park activation activities. These initiatives are simple low-cost interventions which enable people to be active, have fun and connect. Aktive requests the Local Board considers retaining this initiative.

We understand the driver for charging a higher fee for visitors outside the Auckland region who visit Massey Park Pool, and support reducing the cost burden on local rate payers, but question how this can be practically operationalised and the amount of income it will generate.

We support the following planned key project:

- Progressing some of the projects identified in the Sports and Recreation Plan for which Aktive and our Investment Partner CLM Community Sport can provide support as required
- Progressing a refresh of the greenways plan and other pathway opportunities such as the McLennan Memorial Park pathway, plus connecting Kauri Flats School to Pulman Park, as well as connections around Hingaia to Drury.

Puketāpapa Local Board

Aktive supports the Local Board investigating how to respond to the future growth under Plan Change 120 – Aktive remains concerned about the impact of intensification without a commensurate investment into our open space and sport and recreation network.

We commend the Local Board for the development of a Sports and Active Recreation Facilities Plan and therefore Aktive strongly supports the continued implementation of this Plan to address provision shortfalls and would welcome an opportunity to provide support and advice as required.

We support the following planned key projects:

- A masterplan for Monte Cecilia Park to enable future strategic investment
- Delivering a new neighbourhood park at 3 -7 Howell Crescent, Roskill.

Rodney Local Board

Aktive supports the following planned key projects:

- Maintaining and renewing key community assets like toilets, buildings, sports fields, tracks, and carparks while improving accessibility
- Progressing reserve and playgrounds projects, enhancing greenways, increasing rural roadside weed control, and maintaining heritage sites
- Delivering play, recreation, arts, cultural events, and placemaking initiatives that engage youth and celebrate diversity.

Upper Harbour Local Board

Aktive acknowledges the cost pressures facing the Local Board, however we are concerned about the impacts of reducing grant funding for activations and cycling initiatives. These initiatives are simple low-cost interventions which enable people to be active, have fun and connect. Aktive requests the Local Board to consider retaining this investment.

While we understand the driver for increasing fees at Albany Stadium Pool, we remain concerned that any increase will be an access barrier for lower income households facing cost-of-living pressures. Of the three options we tentatively support Option 2.

We support the Local Board prioritising investment in outcomes that ensure communities have access to high -quality amenities that provide for a range of opportunities including play, pathways and connections and active sports.

Waiheke Local Board

We support the Local Board progressing the recommended actions in the Rangihoua Reserve Onetangi Sports Park Reserve Management Plan, creating connection to places and heritage through the installation of historical and cultural markers and dual naming of parks and improving walking/cycling network connections as outlined in the Waiheke Pathways Plan.

We support the following planned key projects:

- building new play features at Tawaipareira Reserve
- installing a new toilet facility at McKenzie Reserve
- upgrading lighting at the Onetangi Sports Park.

Waitākere Ranges Local Board

Aktive supports the Local Board's focus on investing in community wellbeing with a focus on tamariki and rangatahi which aligns with Aktive's strategic approach. We see value in a review of community grants, particularly investigating a Facility Partnership Fund to support community organisations to better plan, develop or upgrade community

facilities. We support planning and investment into mobility scooter, walking and cycling connections, particularly through parks to enable people to choose active modes of travel.

We support the following planned key projects:

- delivering park developments, including play and amenity improvements in Swanson, Te Henga and Titirangi
- delivering Parrs Park improvements, including sports field irrigation improvements to increase playing time availability; and upgrading the skatepark
- providing tree planting and shelter to provide shade and amenity in parks, as well as berm planting in streets with low tree cover
- reviewing maintenance of local parks and facilities to ensure they are well maintained while looking for savings.

Waitematā Local Board

Aktive acknowledges the financial challenges facing the Local Board. We understand the driver behind reviewing and reducing mowing specifications on steep slopes and in some parks but want to reinforce the need to ensure open space dedicated to playing fields is not impacted by this proposal.

We are concerned about the impact reducing community grant funding and reducing accommodation grant funding will have upon our sport and active recreation network which is already struggling with impact of cost of living and other factors. Many of our clubs and other facilities are reliant on these grants and may not survive without them. We do not support increasing the fees and charges to access Council pools as this creates an access barrier for many in our communities, particularly those living in low-income households. Drowning rates remain tragically high and Council pools are key spaces for people to develop life critical water skills.

Whau Local Board

Aktive commends the Local Board's development of a Sport and Active Recreation Facility Plan and is pleased to support the Local Board prioritising projects identified in the Whau Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan and to leverage partnerships to provide a local facility

network for the community. Aktive, along with our Investment Partner Tuia Waitākere, would be pleased to provide advice and support as required.

We support designing and building a new destination playground at Avondale Central Reserve and see value in responding to youth needs, and co -design initiatives to address opportunities and gaps. We support developing a Local Parks Management Plan to guide decisions on managing use, development, and protection of all 146 parks, reserves and open space within the Whau.

We strongly support the Local Board working to secure land and progress the investigation and design of a new aquatic and recreation facility within the Whau Local Board area.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the 2026-2027 Annual Plan consultation; this opportunity is greatly valued. We look forward to the positive play, active recreation and sport outcomes Council's investment in our communities will deliver.

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#3926

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Targets are too high for Auckland residents to support, not affordable

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**

- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Do not support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Do not support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

Increase fees keep same service level is not acceptable

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

7.9% on the very high rates are not acceptable, specially on the bad economy status

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
|---|---|
| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| 2 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 3 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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**#3934**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

I don’t know

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

I don’t know

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

I don’t know

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Do not support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Do not support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

It's far better for people to access exercise options for preventative healthcare, and having more adults supervise their own children will have a safer outcome for everyone, and less stressed lifeguards

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 1 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 4 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Waste management, and street trash being cleared. It leads to pollution and pests, contractors for council hired to maintain the berm shouldn't be littering. Ideally they should be dual purpose and picking up the rubbish once they finish trimming. Also isn't it less noise pollution and sensible to sweep leaf debris than blowing it out of the way. It'll come back. It's still there. Just rake and remove?

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

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#3966

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

The focus and prioritisation of public transport is great to see. This has been need for a while, especially to connect developments out west and east to the city centre. Factoring in costs and funding for necessary future transport developments like a second harbour crossing should also be included in the plan.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

Reduction in funding for maintenance seems unjustified and may lead to increase in complaints about bush and common areas being untidy.

### 2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

I don’t know

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Do not support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland's future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

My number one priority is the development of solid public transport connections that are builtto last and have room to grow as Auckland grows, and are safe from external disruptions such as adverse weather. Connecting suburban areas to the city centre using public transport will have positive knock on effects for the environment, health, and development of Auckland.

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3976**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I support the general direction but I believe a higher rates rise is needed to support services and activities, especially at the local board level.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

A higher rates increase is justified to support community services and activities

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

There should not be a reduction in community services and activities. There should be a higher rates increase to support the current level continuing through the next year

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Do not support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Do not support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

We should not be lifting the bar to access to community facilities.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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The description of the proposed rate rise appears to deliberately fudge how much of the 7.9% is for CRL, and how much is for the rest of council's activities. This appears intended to mask the severity of the impact on what the council will be able to afford, other than CRL

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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- **Regional transport plans**
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- **Auckland's spatial plan**
- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

No mention at all of climate action. The existential challenge of our time

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#3989

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Great outcomes, however more money is needed towards improving the Albany Pool and Leisure Centre fitness room. The room is too small, has no mirrors and just doesn't provide decent facility (e.g. stage for instructor) but offers popular/great fitness classes.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

A $1 increase is understandable, but still quite tight for many families and whanau who chose to use the facilities as they are “cost effective” for Aucklanders.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland’s longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Prioritise increasing space for large group fitness classes at Albany Stadium.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3992**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

It is vital that Auckland Council continues to support Local Boards, such as Upper Harbour Local Boards, whose rohe is experiencing high growth intensification to help them towards greater resilience. Instead what is proposed is  a significant shortfall in UHLB spending which means they cannot continue to support well tested, proven work around resiliency. Local Government needs to invest more than ever before on strengthening resilience spending rather than on dealing with the cost of clean ups which will continue to happen unless significant outlay is done on green infrastructure, pest management and planting.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

### Tell us why

"This budget is about continuing to do things better**fastercheaper to minimise the impact on ratepayers." As a long term member of the Upper Waitemata Ecology Network (UWEN) I would like to test this statement and to push back and ask Council to reconsider this "right here**right now" approach and instead, consider the long-term implications of decisions that are made today in creating an environment for our mokopuna. To be ancestors that our grandchildren can be proud of, we need to keep in mind the vision that is set out in this document: "Our vision is to create an Auckland that is beautiful**thriving and safe. This includes: 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." Achieving these aspirational statements requires bold thinking, immediate and large-scale action. Natural systems are in crisis, and we ignore the warning signs at our own peril. Investment in nature, our open spaces and climate action is critical. We are appalled that UHLB is facing significant cuts, in real terms, that could impact their ability to deliver meaningful and positive outcomes for people, place and the planet. We are at the frontline of tacking a biodiversity crisis, our public open spaces are often overrun with pest plants and animals

that cause serious harm on our natural systems. The waterways we work alongside are regularly polluted putting our freshwater and marine systems under immense strain. Every time an environmental service is cut, an area of bush is left unmanaged, which causes more harm as pest plants and animals just return, unchecked, to redo all the damage that had been starting to be reversed. Cuts to Council staffing levels or services reduce the opportunity to educate the public and enforce the rules that are in place to prevent or reduce environmental harm. The levels of parks maintenance that take place as part of the core service contracts are already too little and it is volunteers that often pick up the pieces. Groups that support community volunteers, such as UWEN, are heavily reliant on funding from Local Boards. Reduce UHLB funding and you seriously risk losing a significant portion of the 28,000 volunteer hours that were invested in Upper Harbour alone last year. That's a loss, in real terms of over $800,000 of human capital, with volunteers valued at the Living Wage. We deliver our services with funding from the Local Board of less than $250,000. Small charities and community organisations are already under pressure from reduced rates of volunteering, facing their own increasing costs and needing to deliver more for less to fill the shortfall in services being funded centrally. Now is not the time to put further pressure on by reducing the pool of money available to distribute. We are all at the frontline of the climate crisis. We all experience more extreme weather events that continue to cost rate payers significant amounts both personally (rising insurance costs, repair costs, loss in capital value of land) as well as footing the repair bills that these events create. We urge you to invest in nature-based solutions to help future-proof the city and to attempt to reverse some of the environmental harm that is done every single day. Alongside this all, is the largely forgotten aspects of public health and social equity that come with active engagement and connection to open space, community-based activities and local connections. Cuts to community services and contestable grants that enable events to be run and organisations to deliver their mahi, will pile further pressure on already squeezed and stressed households. UWEN urges Auckland Council to hold the line, to support growth at local, community level and to ensure decisions made today will positively impact future generations, not just deliver some financial savings for the short term. UWEN is calling for the Governing Body to increase the funding allocation for UHLB to enable them to be able to meet the rising costs of providing its core services which are already too thinly stretched. "

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**Do not support**

B. Reduce grants funding.

**Do not support**

C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.

### D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)

**I don't know**

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

see above. What is proposed will mean there is a significant shortfall in the UHLB funding options. This will mean the amazing voluntary mahi that we do is in peril of not continuing. Ecology networks such as ours, are key to ensuring that resiliency is at least being looked at and real work is being done - the majority voluntary. This situation is working well - why potentially destroy a much needed community endeavour - it is shortsighted and not in alignment to the espoused vision that starts of the Annual Plan document on page 4.**0000**

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

connectivity - creating blue green network spatial plans that link suburb to suburb and allows cycling, tree planting, greater riparian margins (up to 20m) spongy principles, long term wellbeing of people. connects to schools and commmunity services. Also provides greater resiliency.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#3999**

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

After our rates went up over 20% last year, and now estimated to increase by another $430 a year, I am absolutely against this rates increase. This rates increase makes it unaffordable to own a house for many - simply not acceptable. For what we get - an increased fee for refuse and rubbish - once this was included in our rates - now it's additional. Everywhere we look it's getting more and more out of hand.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

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Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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

Adult or supervisor fees make total sense if this will ease some of the burden - this is a user pays service and seems fair.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Auckland is becoming more and more expensive. The CRL will help some people but not those on the north shore who still have limited transport options, yet still have to pay. This should have been factored in as a cost since it was started - not unexpected and added on at the end.

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Safety must be the first thing - flooding events in recent times have shown us the importance of this and it has to be the highest priority! Next - economic developments - let's make tourism and events a way to bring income into the city!

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4098

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

The economy is bad

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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transportation

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4112

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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I think the rate increase proposed is too high for rural properties that have no means of increasing their property values. After all, we are custodians of relatively large tracts of natural forest but only allocated a limited amount of ground to develop or expand. In addition we have to install expensive sewage disposal systems and water collection due to lack of services.

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Adding costs to rural properties

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

More emphasis needed on expanding activities for water recreation

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Do not support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Do not support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

More general public participation and volunteering programmes to improve awareness.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4125

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Individual rates increase will vary by property type and value. Use our online rates guide to find out the proposed rates for your property.**

### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

The 7.9% increase in land taxes is outrageous, and various construction projects are extremely inefficient, wasting tax revenue.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Completely disagree with the increase in property taxes

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4145**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

agree

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 1 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Prioritize the economy, reduce waste, and make good use of taxpayers' money.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4149**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

All plans have failed to be effectively implemented, yet local taxes are being increased and the burden falls on taxpayers.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I completely disagree with the property tax increase; 7.9% is quite outrageous.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4153**

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I disagree with the increase in local taxes

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4170

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

disagree

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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disagree

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

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| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

payless

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4199**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I agree that the priorities are important, but the increase in rates is something I don't particularly agree with, if there were other ways that would be preferable

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| 3 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| 5 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 4 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
| 1 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 6 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4202

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

- **Transport**
- **Water**
- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

**This annual plan also proposes how we will pay for services and investments, including a 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property. The increase in rates is mainly due to the $235 million yearly cost to run and own the City Rail Link, the bulk of which is interest and depreciation costs for the council's share of CRL.**

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

The price increases every year, but this year the increase is particularly large, and the reasons are far-fetched, as the election promises made before the election have not been fulfilled at all.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

**Besides the 7.9 per cent rates increase for an average-value residential property, the annual plan includes changes to a range of other rates, fees and charges. These include:**

- **Introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee**
- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Completely disagree

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |

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| 4 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
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| 2 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 5 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4205**

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

I think that CRL is not an immediate priority whereas welfare and quality of life is still a big thing and the cost of it is quite a large sum when a lot of Auckland won't even be using the rail regularly.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 5 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
| 3 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4206

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4214

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## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Money could be spent on better things

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Not good, rates effect everyone, these project benefit some

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4227

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I support most of the plan such as more effectiveness and betterment of transport, water, and local board requirements. I think more changes and initiatives can be taken regarding the city rail link and supporting local boards.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I think the rates increase is reasonable due to the changes made to water, housing, and other factors.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Support most

### Tell us why

I support raising pries for the stadium, as it is not affecting everyone directly right now, only the people who use it by themselves. I think we definitely should work on community space, local park developments they are key spaces in our community.

### 2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

I believe the city rail link should be worked in a better way, it is extremely beneficial for our economy and will help boost the businesses that our affected by its construction, but should be worked in a better and less financial manner.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 6 | **Regional parks and environment –** looking after Auckland's natural areas, streams, coastal zones and cultural heritage, reducing waste, and supporting community-led environmental projects |
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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

There is a lack of youth spaces in Auckland that can be used by youth councils, study spaces and normal meeting spaces, I think there are essential for youth in our community to connect. Also definitely more work on transport, specially the buses and current train situation in Auckland. The city rail building when it was initially started under construction, it affected so many of the nearby businesses and put barriers on them, I hope the functionality of it when it opens boosts the economy and helps businesses and commercials in the city. But I also feel like the finance annually of it is way too high and can be used more sustainably

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4228**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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- **Helping local boards respond to the needs of their communities.**

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Property taxes are rising, but home values are falling—it makes no sense at all.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 2 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I live in Fairview Heights, and there's been endless roadwork going on for ages. They laid gravel on the road and then just left it there. Every day, gravel splashes all over my undercarriage as I drive. They're using taxpayers' money and providing terrible service; their inefficiency is eroding public confidence in the city government and transportation. Please take every city council activity seriously and use taxpayers' money wisely.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4233**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

**Our Annual Plan 2026/2027 builds on the first two years of our Long-term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP). It focuses on continuing to strengthen our finances and Auckland's physical resilience, while investing where it is needed most to meet the needs of our growing communities.**

**In 2026/2027 that includes prioritising investment in:**

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- **Water**
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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

Given the current overall unemployment rate, economic downturn, and inflation, this is not the most opportune time, and it will have a certain impact on the living standards of individual residents.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Changes to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme areas**
- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

The resident parking permit is not entirely reasonable.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 5 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

In the current economic climate, boosting the regional economy is the most important task at hand; otherwise, other issues will lack a foundation.

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4238**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

With our personal experience, water, transport (in its new management) and local board issues are top 3

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme**
- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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| 4 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 3 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4302**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

But, a 7.9% increase in property tax is burdensome.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Wants to maintain the status quo. Wants not to raise taxes.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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doesn't exist.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I wish more streetlights were installed in the area.I want the water pipes widened and replaced due to their age.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support any

**Tell us why**

Oppose the increase.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Please install many streetlights.Please replace the water and sewage pipes significantly.Please move the electrical towers underground.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4311

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

7.9% is too burdensome.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

I disagree.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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doesn't exist.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

1. It gets very dark when you go to the outskirts. I wish there were more streetlights.2. I would like the old water supply system replaced.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4334**

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I believe the council's core duty is to deliver essential infrastructure and utilities: roads, water, flood protection, and waste management. Ratepayer money should not be spent on "vanity" projects such as cultural festivals, art galleries, zoo subsidies, community grants, and environmental programmes that go beyond basic biosecurity. The plan allocates $210 million to economic and cultural development, $752 million to natural environment, and $505 million to local board operating spend—much of it for non-core activities. Every dollar diverted from these areas should be redirected to core infrastructure or returned to ratepayers.I oppose the 7.9% rates increase

driven by the City Rail Link. International evidence shows rail megaprojects routinely exceed budgets by hundreds of percent: the EU's Rail Baltica blew out from 5.8 billion to 23.8 billion (a 310% overrun), and EU auditors report major transport projects average 82% cost overruns with 17-year delays. Auckland's CRL capital costs have already ballooned to $5.5 billion, and ratepayers are now expected to shoulder $235 million annually in operating costs. There is no reason to believe this project will be the exception to the global pattern of rail failures.Meanwhile, the council is ignoring the imminent shift to autonomous vehicles. University of Auckland research shows autonomous vehicles are 85% less likely to be involved in injury crashes than human drivers. Rather than locking ratepayers into decades of debt for a fixed-rail system, the council should be planning for flexible, on-demand autonomous fleets that can serve the whole region. Spending billions on 20th-century rail infrastructure when self-driving technology is about to transform transport is short-sighted and fiscally irresponsible.I accept that rates should fund core road infrastructure (pavements, bridges, and safety improvements) because roads are a public asset that benefits everyone. But transport services themselves should be left to the free market. Private operators competing for passengers will drive innovation, efficiency, and lower costs without requiring ongoing ratepayer subsidies. The council's role should be to maintain the road network, not to run its own transport fleets or subsidise a failing rail project. Let the market provide what people actually want to use.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I support the introduction of a refuse bin/bag exchange fee. This is a proper user-pays approach, that those who change their service should bear the cost, not general ratepayers.I oppose the proposed changes to Business Improvement District (BID) programmes. BIDs are effectively a targeted rate on businesses to fund local marketing and placemaking activities. This is not a core council function, and ratepayer resources should not be used to administer compulsory levies for what are essentially private benefit schemes. If businesses want to collectively fund promotion, they should do so voluntarily without council involvement.I support ending the Waitākere Rural Sewerage Scheme and allowing property owners to arrange private pump-outs. This is precisely the model I advocate: the council should not be in the business of operating septic tank services. Private contractors will compete on price and service, and property owners will likely pay less than under the current council-run scheme. The council should exit this function entirely.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

I do not support the proposed spending priorities for Upper Harbour. The local board's $20.4 million operating budget (or the equivalent for 2026/2027) is heavily weighted toward non-core activities that should not be funded by ratepayers.The plan lists priorities including "local arts and cultural activities," "community climate action," "environmental restoration," "grants for community development," and "activities for young people." These are not core council functions. Arts funding, volunteer programmes, and sustainability projects are nice to have, but they should be funded by user charges, central government, or private donations, not by my rates.I support funding for basic park maintenance and the ongoing operation of existing pools and libraries at minimum service levels. However, the board's focus on "facilities grants" for non-council-owned community buildings and "placemaking" initiatives is a misuse of ratepayer money.The board also mentions funding to "develop a vision and plan for the future North Harbour Stadium and Domain Precinct." This is a classic example of a non-core, vanity project. If there is a commercial case for a stadium, private investors should fund it. Ratepayers should not subsidise planning for facilities that primarily benefit commercial interests.I want the Upper Harbour Local Board to confine itself to maintaining essential infrastructure: roads, footpaths, parks, and a basic level of library and pool services. Every dollar spent on arts, environmental restoration, community grants, and stadium planning is a dollar that could have been returned to ratepayers or directed to actual core infrastructure.

### 2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

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

I support reducing maintenance (item 1), reducing grants (item 2), and reducing non-core funding (item 3). These cuts are long overdue and should go further. On pool fees (item 4), I support Option 1 as a move toward user-pays, but I ultimately want all leisure facilities to be fully cost-recovered from users rather than subsidised by general rates.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

Including the Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan 2026/2027 (Section 3 of Consultation document)

I object to any part of the Annual Plan that allocates ratepayer funding to programmes or governance structures that give preferential treatment to any one group over others. New Zealand is one nation with equal citizens, and public money should be spent on services that benefit everyone equally, not on separate bodies or initiatives that serve a particular group. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority and other Māori-specific funding (such as the $16 million for “Māori outcomes” mentioned on page 13) are examples of this. These should not be funded by general rates. If such entities exist, they must be supported by their own beneficiaries, not by all ratepayers.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland’s longer-term future

**We also want your feedback on longer-term priorities that will help shape the city over time.**

**We are planning some discussions for next year that will inform plans and strategies that will shape Auckland’s future. These plans and strategies include (but are not limited to):**

- **Regional transport plans**
- **Water service strategies**
- **Auckland’s spatial plan**

- **Our 2027–2037 long-term plan, which will set funding priorities for regional and local priorities listed below.**

**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

(Please use the boxes to rank in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least important.)

| Rank | Area |
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| 6 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
| 4 | **Local parks, community and recreation services –** local parks, sports fields and other physical recreation services, libraries, community centres and services, and funding community-led initiatives. |
| 3 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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| 1 | **Transport –** roads, public transport, walking and cycling, and making it easier, safer and more sustainable for people to move around |
| 2 | **Flood resilience –** reducing flood risks, upgrading stormwater systems and protecting waterways. |

### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

he council's core business is infrastructure: transport networks, flood protection, and enabling growth through proper planning. These are the services ratepayers expect and the functions the council is uniquely positioned to deliver. Flood resilience is critical given recent storm events and must be prioritised alongside transport to protect homes and property.Local parks and basic recreation services are important but should be maintained at a basic level only. I do not support expanding them or adding new facilities unless they are fully cost-recovered from users.Regional parks, environmental projects, and economic development/events should not be funded by general rates at all. These areas are non-core, and every dollar spent on them is a dollar diverted from essential infrastructure or a dollar that could be returned to ratepayers. If there is demand for these activities, they should be funded by users, private enterprise, or central government, not by local ratepayers.

## Question 6: City centre

**Auckland's City Centre is the economic heart of our region. Overall, the city centre accounts for about a fifth of everything produced in Auckland's economy. We want to make public spaces work better for people, get more value from major investments in transport, and make sure council helps the city centre thrive as a place to live, work, study, and visit.**

### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Other (please specify): Improve local rules enforcement to ensure unsocial behaviour (littering, rough sleeping) is addressed.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4352**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Council has a lot of unnecessary expenditure which needs to be cut before raising rates.

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

Need to focus on essentials - not "nice to have" - i.e. cycleways. In Hobsonville, so much money has been wasted - so much money could have been saved in so many areas. Bad management and planning.

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

Doesnt make sense to increase costs to attend the pools. Again, you need to look at being more efficient. Stop wasting money on cycleways etc.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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Why do you have so much of this document in a language very few people understand? Why is so much of the policy race based? The Council is being extremely racist!!! Everyone pays rates - policies should be for everyone!

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Infrastructure and better planning so that flooding is not such a big issue. It wouldve been common sense for Council planning to require all new housing in Hobsonville area to have water retention facilities - i.e. water tanks with usable water. (sorry/not sorry Watercare!). this would save water and prevent much of the flooding! Common Sense!

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.

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#4427

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Do not support any

**Tell us why**

The cost of living is too high.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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N/A

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#4594

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Dont support any rate hikes

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

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Support most

**Tell us why**

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Other

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Do not support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4660

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## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

As we are in Rodney I don't why we should be funding the city rail link and the wasteful spending that happens elsewhere. We were told by mayor Brown that rate increases last time would be low around 7% ours was over 30% why? Now I'm told the new increase for our property is 8.37% an extra $539 as a retired couple we could be forced to sell.We have our own wastewater system, and water the only thing we get from council is rubbish collection a few pot holes filled and a reserve mowed no bus service here also.

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Rodney

### Rodney Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

All that is happening is maintaining what is in the area.I get so annoyed seeing 16million getting spent on Maori another wasteful spending which Mayor Brown said he would be stopping.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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I feel rate increases should be targeted to the areas that gain from the expenditure ie areas near the City Rail Link. We in Rodney aren't advantaged in any way by it. Its frustrating that the council doesn't have to supply water to us and wastewater we supply both and maintain both with no help from council, there's no public transport in our area only rubbish collection.

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

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## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4680

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**Organisation:** ASIAN CULTURE AND MEDIA INNOVATION HUB INCORPORATED

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I believe this annual plan reflects the city council's sense of responsibility for the future. While the 7.9% property tax increase will undoubtedly put short-term pressure on households, allocating funds precisely to transport, water services, and addressing the operating costs of the City Rail Circle (CRL) is a necessary and transparent arrangement. The CRL is a core infrastructure affecting Auckland's transport capacity for decades to come, and including its holding costs in the annual budget avoids the risk of hidden debt. At the same time, supporting district councils in responding to local needs helps resources reach the community. As long as the city council can ensure efficient

use of funds, this plan is a pragmatic choice to safeguard urban resilience and prevent infrastructure lag.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I believe these adjustments are generally reasonable and reflect the principles of ’user-pays’ and ’precise service.’* **Introducing a waste bin/bag replacement fee:** This encourages residents to reduce waste generation and improve sorting awareness, aligning with Auckland's long-term waste reduction goals. Charging based on actual usage is fairer than a uniform apportionment through property taxes.* **Adjustments to the Kingsland and Onehunga Business Improvement Districts (BID):** Supporting the expansion or optimization of BID boundaries allows business owners within the area to jointly fund improvements to public spaces and the business environment, ensuring funds are used more closely to meet the needs of local businesses.* **Waitākere Rural Wastewater Treatment Scheme:** Rural areas have long lacked piped network coverage. If the scheme effectively addresses decentralized wastewater issues and the cost-sharing mechanism is transparent, a moderate fee would be a reasonable complement.* **Increased Resident Parking Permit Fees:** Increasing parking permit fees in areas with high public transport accessibility helps curb long-term occupation of road space, promotes changes in travel patterns, and aligns with traffic demand management principles.Overall, these adjustments make the tax structure more closely reflect actual usage and reduce the uniform burden on city-wide property taxes.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

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# Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

Getting around – make it easier to walk, drive, cycle and use public transport in the city centre and from east to west, including better traffic flow.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4715

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### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

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Support

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Other (please specify):you have blown your budget in the CBD and its ugly.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4761

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

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I want to see my rates used for providing transport alternatives: bus lanes, cycle lanes, improved walking facilities. Road space reallocation should be done at the time of renewals to minimise costs, a review of efficient road space allocation to cater for all modes should be mandated for renewals.Where cycle lanes are planned, the first step should always be the lowest cost and quickest option: remove car parks and paint broken yellow lines. This will help cyclists immediately while waiting for the construction of the proper infrastructure.On Hobsonville Road, this could have been done years ago after the initial consultation.

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Public transport and cycling for transport choice and emissions reduction

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4765

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

Over recent years, rates have increased consistently, yet many ratepayers have not seen proportional or tangible improvements in local infrastructure, services, or quality of life. A further increase of 7.9% is substantial and places additional financial strain on households already managing rising living costs.This proposed increase is also difficult to justify when compared to New Zealand's current inflation rate of approximately 3.1%. A rates increase that is more than double inflation does not appear reasonable or proportionate in the current economic climate.In particular, I question the fairness of requiring all Auckland ratepayers to fund the CRL. While the project may

benefit parts of central Auckland, it does not serve large portions of the wider region where many residents live, work, and commute. A significant number of Aucklanders are unlikely to directly use or benefit from the CRL in their daily lives.The CRL is a Major infrastructure projects that has run over budget multiple times over. Asking ratepayers to commit more before full delivery and proven benefits is definitely not acceptable.Furthermore, it seems inequitable that Auckland ratepayers would shoulder the cost of this infrastructure while it will also be used by domestic and international visitors who do not contribute to local rates. If the CRL is to be funded in part by users, it would be more appropriate for its operating and capital costs to be reflected in user fares.If Auckland Council proceeds with a model where ratepayers fund a significant portion of the CRL, consideration should be given to providing Auckland residents with free or heavily subsidised access, ensuring that those who pay for the infrastructure receive a fair and direct benefit.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4771

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I haven't seen much support  from the Auckland City council for local groups e.g funding . The process to apply for funding is not friendly.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

Reduce the rates fee. I pay rate . No safety lights close to my property  at night.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

### Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

Local people who live in the area.

**2. What do you think about the proposed key areas of additional investment?**

**A. Environmental initiatives – working alongside mana whenua on restoration projects, expanding food resilience and edible planting programmes, and reinstating deferred environmental education activities.**

Support

**B. Sport and recreation – providing one-off operational support to local sports clubs and facilities to strengthen participation and collaboration.**

Support

**C. Libraries and culture – enhancing programming for seniors and increasing investment in creative and cultural activities.**

Support

**D. Community safety and emergency readiness – exploring additional compliance officer resourcing in areas with limited coverage.**

Support

**E. Local economy - supporting business associations to continue supporting local businesses and ongoing growth, development and liven-up our town centres.**

I don’t know

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

3 & 4. Needs more in these two areas

**3. What do you think of Onehunga Business Association Inc’s proposal to reduce the geographic boundary of the Onehunga Business Improvement District (BID) programme, and amount of targeted rate to be collected?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

I don't live in the area.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Local park, communities  and recreation.

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4772**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

It is extremely unfair and unreasonable for Auckland ratepayers be forced to pay the significant and steep 7.9% rate increase to fund the CRL. The fact that the Council cannot operate CRL without heavily burdening Auckland ratepayers highlights that the project was fundamentally flawed from the outset. In addition:1. The CRL only covers Central Auckland, meaning most Aucklanders won't even need to use it to travel to and from home. 2. We are in a global energy crisis. These are tough times for many of us, myself included. I cannot afford constant, astronomical rate increases on top of other financial burdens. 3. NZ inflation sits at 3.1%, yet the Council is pushing a 7.9% rate increase

on Auckland ratepayers - more than double the inflation rate. 4. Auckland ratepayers should not bear the entire burden of this cost while people outside Auckland can use the infrastructure without the financial strain. The full cost of operating the CRL should be factored into the tickets for users instead. Alternatively, Auckland ratepayers should have the right to use this new infrastructure for free or at a significantly discounted rate. 5. Central Government owns 50% of the CRL—what are they doing to support this new infrastructure? Why should the financial burden fall solely on Auckland ratepayers?6. There's no certainty that the CRL will be operational anytime soon. Why should Auckland ratepayers be forced to bear the cost of a project that isn't even functional yet? This is an unfair burden on taxpayers who are already struggling.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

N/A

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

N/A

## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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### Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4800

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## Submitter details:

**Organisation:** Asian Culture & Innovation Hub

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

The increase in local taxes is too high.

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

The increase in parking fees is unacceptable.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Develop the local economy

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4845**

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

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Support all

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

**E. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 2: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $1 (Fees will become $2)**

Support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4850

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**Tell us why**

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N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Support most

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

**A. Reduce maintenance activities may include stopping scheduled work on bollards, post-and-rails, and low-value bush areas, ceasing amenity garden infill planting and mulching, and reclassifying re-vegetation areas as bush.**

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

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**D. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 1: Increase casual swim and swim plus fees by $1 (Fees will range from $5.00 - $11.40)**

Support

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Do not support

**F. Increase the fees and charges for Albany Stadium Pool: Option 3: Increase spectator fee and supervising adult fee by $4 (Fees will become $5)**

Do not support

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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N/A

## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**We will continue to invest and deliver in all our investment areas, but we want to understand your priorities.**

**Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?**
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| 5 | **Economic development and events –** growing Auckland's economy and supporting events, tourism and creative industries. |
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| 1 | **Planning and infrastructure to manage growth –** planning how and where Auckland grows, rebuilding urban centres, improving infrastructure, and coordinating land-use with public services. |
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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

Better connections – improve links between the city centre, the waterfront and nearby neighbourhoods.,Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Māori identity and culture – reflect and celebrate Māori identity and culture throughout the city centre.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4916

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**Organisation:** N/A

**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

## Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

Support most as they are necessary, however, the transport improvements do not benefit me personally, in fact there is minimal benefit in the plan for my family (young adults, not children). We live in Hobsonville Point, high density housing area with fast development and the transport options out of the peninsula is very poor. If HD developments are going to become more normal, aligned infrastructure development needs to be planned. There is very little benefit for my young adult family, it is all centred on families - young adults are our future.

## Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

I do not support increase in refuse fees, or residential parking permits - given the current economy, the sewerage system makes sense.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

### Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

### 1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?

Do not support any

### Tell us why

There is nothing here of benefit, the costs etc should be covered by the overall increase in rates factoring in general operating expenses.

### 2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?

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Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

**C. Reduce funding across all programmes and projects including environmental outcomes, events and activations, cycling initiatives and community outcomes.**

Support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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

Swimming should be affordable.

## Question 4: Other feedback

**Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?**
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## Question 5: Looking further ahead / shaping Auckland's longer-term future

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Transport for the Northern to Western areas, transport overall, and flood resilience is a no brainer.

## Question 6: City centre

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Events and city life – attract people to the city centre through events, culture and a strong sense of place.,Safety – a safer and more welcoming city centre, both day and night, for residents, workers and visitors.,Streets and public spaces – improve streets, parks and public spaces so the city centre is a great place to live and spend time in.,Supporting businesses – help businesses succeed by making them easier to access by attracting more visitors to the city with well-designed streets and public spaces.

# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4937

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

## Your feedback:

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

Support all

**Tell us why**

The benefits in increasing rates to offset the cost for CRL outweighs the cons.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I support the increase of fees at Albany pools but reducing maintenance and discretionary funding (especially for environmental and community outcomes) will significantly affect everyone in the area. We already know that unsworth reserve isn't being taken care of as people dump their garden waste into the river and a local guy takes time out of his day to clean it. Without proper maintenance from council, we will see further deterioration of our local flora and fauna.

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Do not support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Other

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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

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## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

Open spaces maintenance because NZ is supposed to be known to be clean and green and I've been seeing more and more rubbish, overgrown grass, and tree roots coming out of concrete. Libraries because access to education is important for everyone!

## Question 6: City centre

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4951

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## Your feedback:

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Do not support most

### Tell us why

Since council specified that $235 million CRL operating cost is the main driver for this ridiculous rates increase. I will focus my response on the CRL projectI object to the 7.9% rates increase on the grounds that the financing model for CRL (Interest Capitalisation) was not clearly communicated to the public as a compounding debt trap at the project's start. This constitutes a failure of the Council's obligations under Section 82 and Section 93C of the Local Government Act 2002 to provide clear, accessible, and plain-language information. The choice to capitalise 100% of interest has resulted in an unnecessary transfer of wealth from ratepayers to lenders through interest-on-

interest, which was never explicitly consented to by the public in 2016.Furthermore, the Council has failed its obligations under Section 101(3) of the Local Government Act. Despite the CRL being a 50/50 joint venture with the Crown, the $235m annual ownership and operating cost is being loaded onto the Auckland rating base. Loading these national-scale costs onto a local property tax is a misallocation of costs. I demand the Council renegotiates the operating cost-share with the Crown to reflect the 50% ownership structure and the national benefit of the asset, rather than treating ratepayers as an ATM for a project of national significance.

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### Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?

Most looks okay, except the Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas, I do not inherently believe the operating cost is actually that high that they need to increase the amount to $114

## Question 3: Local board priorities

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Upper Harbour

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Support most

#### Tell us why

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Support

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Do not support

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Do not support

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

I will speak to the points that i am not supporting, reason is simple, i think it is destructive to discourage supervision by adults as it is very much necessary.

## Question 4: Other feedback

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### Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?

N/A

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4976

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### Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?

Support most

### Tell us why

I'm happy to see lots of investments going into public transport and infrastructure, particularly the CRL. I don't necessarily agree with some of the built environment and roads investments given the rising costs and the already increasing rates. I agree that these (particularly urban regeneration) is somethings necessary, just not sure it is the right time.

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**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

$40 seems a bit steep for the bin/bags swap, otherwise generally agree to changes as long as they are sensitive to current rising cost-of-living.

## Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

### Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

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Support

**B. Reduce grants funding.**

Support

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Do not support

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Support

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Support

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Other

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

I understand that money needs to be saved. I just don't think reducing funding to programmes is the right way to go about it, as these are often necessary for the continued wellbeing/improvement of the community, and are often investments that can have greater returns in future.

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

I think public transport is Auckland's biggest issue and should be its priority.

## Question 6: City centre

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**Q6: What improvements do you think we should prioritise in the city centre?**

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

#4994

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**Local Board:** Upper Harbour

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### Question 1: Our overall plan and proposed increases to rates

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**Q1: What do you think of the proposed annual plan?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

N/A

### Question 2: Changes to other rates, fees and charges

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- **An Auckland Transport proposal to increase residential parking permit fees in specific areas.**

**Q2: What do you think about these proposed changes?**

N/A

# Question 3: Local board priorities

**Q3: Which local board(s) would you like to provide feedback on?**

Upper Harbour

## Upper Harbour Local Board Feedback:

**1. What do you think of our proposals for your local board area in 2026/2027?**

I don't know

**Tell us why**

**2. Due to rising costs for utilities, maintenance, staffing requirements as well as pressures on revenue, we are facing an increase in the cost of delivering existing services. To address this, we are considering changes to service levels or fees. What do you think about the proposed changes to service levels and fees and charges?**

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

## Question 4: Other feedback

### Q4: Do you have any other comments on the Annual Plan 2026/2027?

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### Q5: Which areas are most important to you over the long term?

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

N/A

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#4997

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Do not support most

**Tell us why**

I feel like the city rail line is unecessary

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**Tell us why**

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**Q5 Comment: What specific council activities or services do you most want us to prioritise, and why?**

Economic development and cheaper transportation (bus fees). Bring back student fee for busses!!!

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# Annual Plan 2026-2027

**#4998**

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Support most

**Tell us why**

Support priorities, could include recreational services. I believe the rate increase is too extreme, possibly find other ways to fund.

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To help reduce rate increases, reduce services and increase other fees.

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