

Proposal to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy

Feedback must be received by **28 March 2023**

About the Revenue and Financing Policy

Our Revenue and Financing Policy sets out the:

- funding tools available to us (for example rates and fees for services like building consents)
- factors we consider when deciding which tools to use
- decisions we have made on how to fund each of our activities.

What we need your feedback on

We propose to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy by pausing the Long-Term Differential Strategy (LTDS) for 2023/2024 to help reduce the immediate impact of proposed rates increases on non-business (residential and farm/lifestyle) ratepayers in 2023/2024.

Under the rating policy, businesses pay a greater share of rates than non-business properties. Businesses make more use of, or place more demand on, council services like transport and stormwater and are better able to afford rates as they can claim back GST and rates can be claimed as expenses to offset income tax.

We previously decided that the level of business rates is too high and should be reduced gradually over time, in order to support economic growth. The LTDS currently lowers the total amount of general rates (UAGC and value-based general rate) for businesses in equal steps, from 31 per cent of the total requirement in 2022/2023 to 25.8 per cent by 2037/2038.

Pausing the LTDS for 2023/2024 would mean:

- the general rates increase is applied evenly across all ratepayers in 2023/2024, reducing the amount of rates increase that non-business ratepayers (residential by around \$15) and increasing the amount of rates that business would otherwise pay in 2023//2024 by around \$198
- the LTDS and its impacts on the distribution of rates between business and non-business ratepayers would resume in 2024/2025
- it will take an additional year to reach the target share of 25.8 per cent from business ratepayers. This would not be accomplished until 2038/2039.

What happens if we don't make the proposed changes?

If we do not amend the Revenue and Financing Policy to pause the LTDS in 2023/2024, then we will be unable to implement this as proposed in the Annual Budget 2023/2024 consultation document.

We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz, or you can:

Scan and Email your completed form to:

akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Post your completed form to:

Revenue and Financing Policy
Auckland Council
Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West
Auckland, 1142

Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will be kept private.

First name:

Last name:

Email address or postal address:

Your local board:

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business? (If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

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Yes

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No

Name of organisation/business:

Important privacy information

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These questions are optional but will help us understand which groups of the community are engaging with us.

What gender are you?

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Male

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Female

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Another gender (please specify):

What age group do you belong to?

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Under 15

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15-17

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18-24

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25-34

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35-44

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45-54

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55-64

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65-74

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75+

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

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Pākehā/NZ European

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Other European

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Māori

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Cook Islands Māori

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Samoa

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Tongan

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Indian

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Chinese

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Southeast Asian

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Other (please specify):

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- ☐ Our Auckland – your weekly guide to what's happening in Auckland
- ☐ Auckland Conversations - free public events, offering ideas, inspiration and action for world-class cities

You can also visit AK Have Your Say at [akhaveyoursay.nz](https://www.akhaveyoursay.nz) to find out about, or register to receive regular updates on, consultation activities happening across Auckland

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. We propose pausing the Long-Term Differential Strategy (LTDS) for 2023/2024 to reduce the immediate impact of rates increases on residential ratepayers in 2023/2024.

What do you think of this proposal?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

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