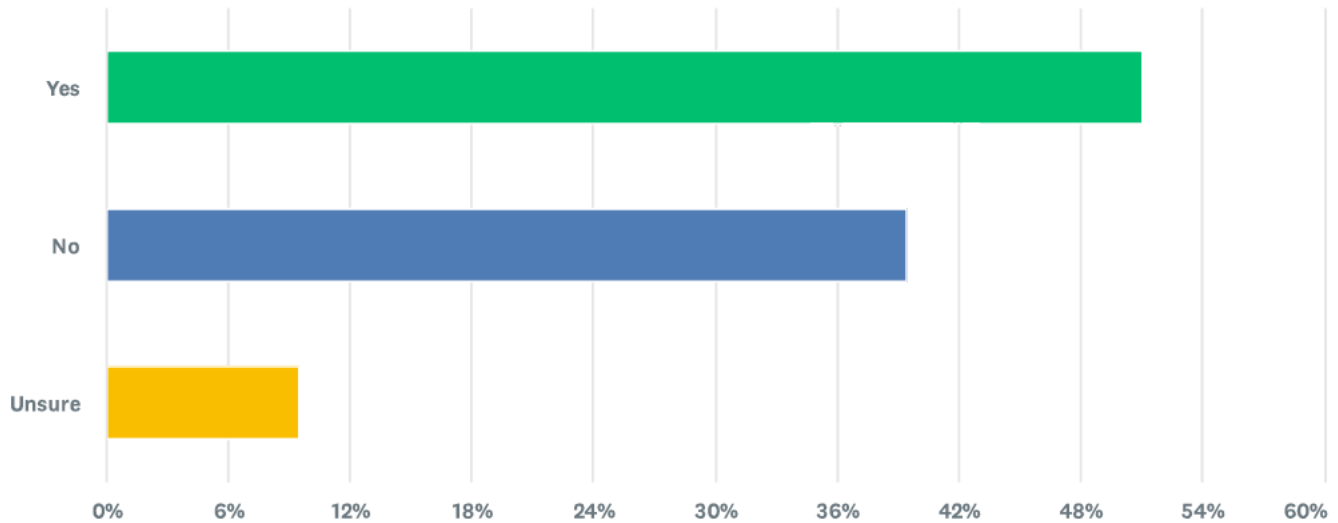


Q1 274 responses

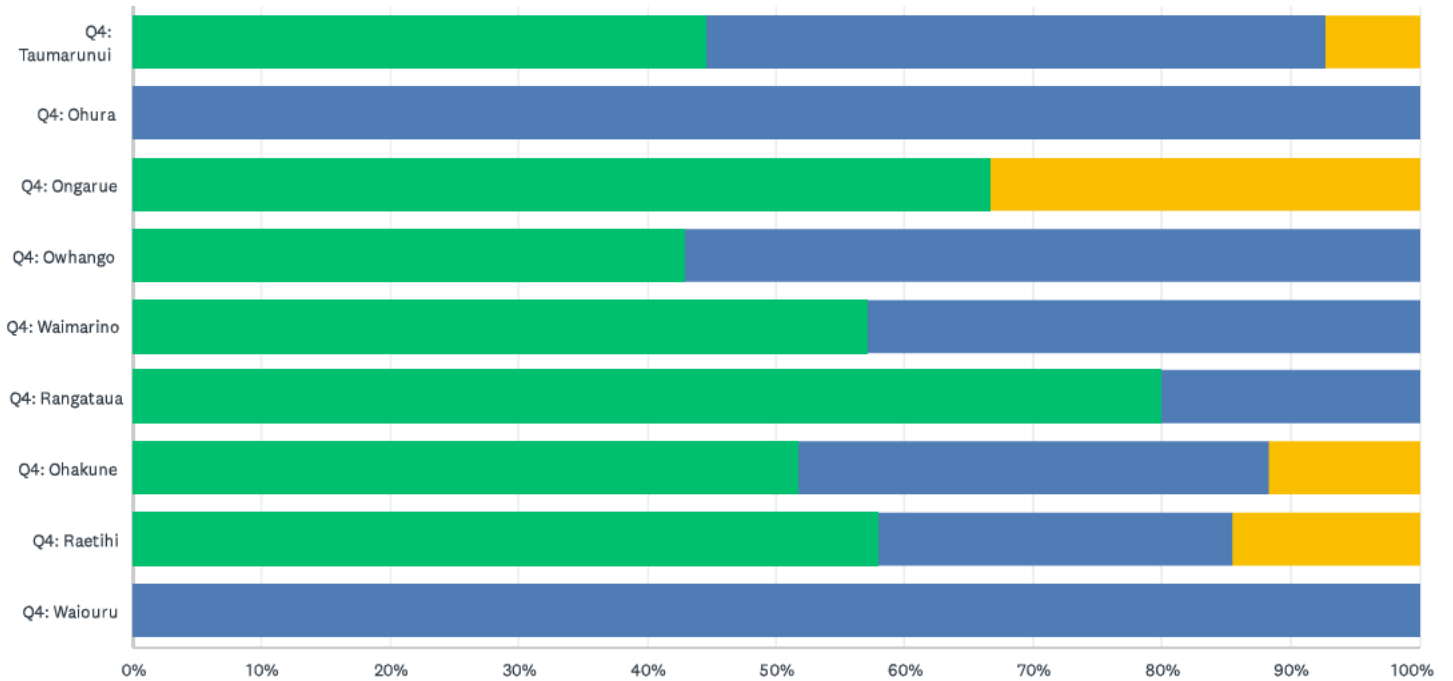
Should Council continue developing and maintaining local policies that are not legally required but where they provide a clear community benefit such as the Local Alcohol Policy or Smokefree/Vapefree Policy?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Yes	51.09%	140
● No	39.42%	108
● Unsure	9.49%	26
Total		274

Q1 Should Council continue developing and maintaining local policies that are not legally required but where they provide a clear community benefit such as the Local Alcohol Policy or Smokefree/Vapefree Policy?

Answered: 252 Skipped: 3

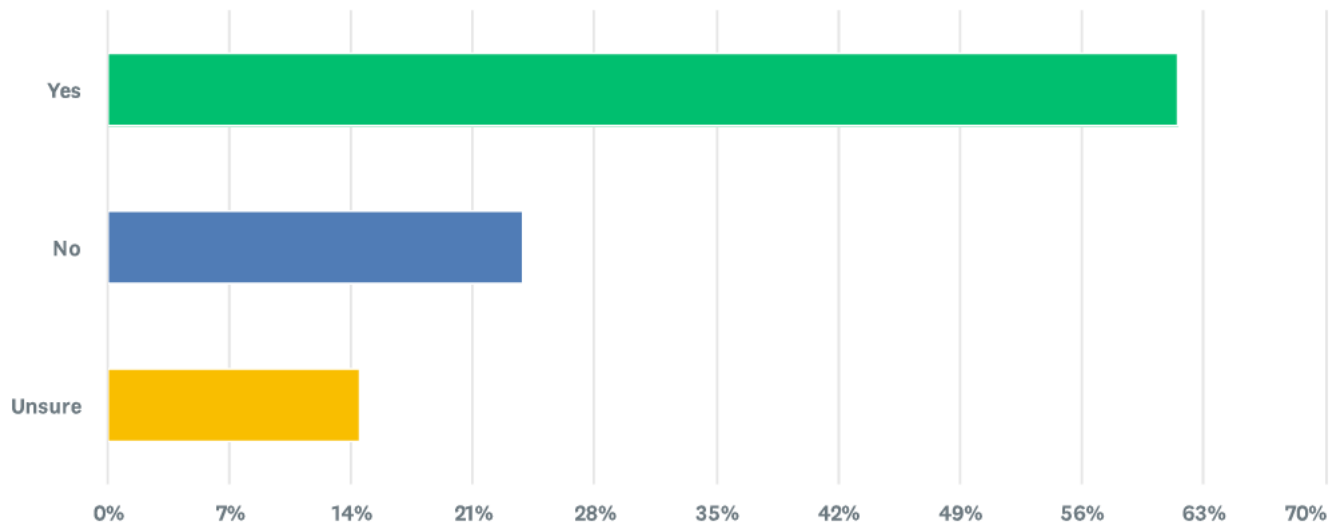


Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q4: Taumarunui	44.58% 37	48.19% 40	7.23% 6	32.94% 83
Q4: Ohura	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	2.38% 6
Q4: Otago	66.67% 2	0.00% 0	33.33% 1	1.19% 3
Q4: Otago	42.86% 6	57.14% 8	0.00% 0	5.56% 14
Q4: Waimarino	57.14% 4	42.86% 3	0.00% 0	2.78% 7
Q4: Rangataua	80.00% 4	20.00% 1	0.00% 0	1.98% 5
Q4: Ohakune	51.67% 31	36.67% 22	11.67% 7	23.81% 60
Q4: Raetihi	57.97% 40	27.54% 19	14.49% 10	27.38% 69
Q4: Waiouru	0.00% 0	100.00% 5	0.00% 0	1.98% 5
Total Respondents	124	104	24	252

Q2 276 responses

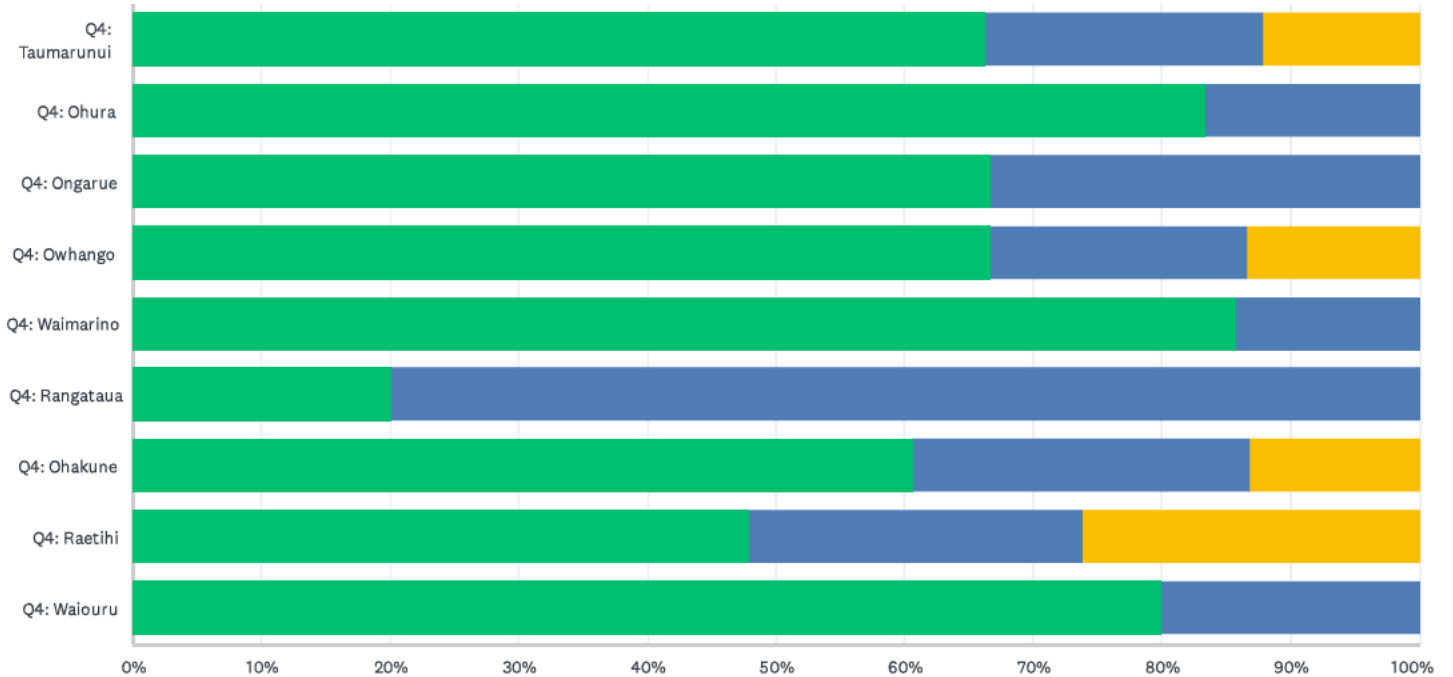
Should Council reduce its advocacy work and only respond where Council is legally required or where there is a significant impact on the district?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
Yes	61.59%	170
No	23.91%	66
Unsure	14.49%	40
Total		276

Q2 Should Council reduce its advocacy work and only respond where Council is legally required or where there is a significant impact on the district?

Answered: 254 Skipped: 1



Yes No Unsure

	YES	NO	UNSURE	TOTAL
Q4: Taumarunui	66.27% 55	21.69% 18	12.05% 10	32.68% 83
Q4: Ohura	83.33% 5	16.67% 1	0.00% 0	2.36% 6
Q4: Otago	66.67% 2	33.33% 1	0.00% 0	1.18% 3
Q4: Owhango	66.67% 10	20.00% 3	13.33% 2	5.91% 15
Q4: Waimarino	85.71% 6	14.29% 1	0.00% 0	2.76% 7
Q4: Rangataua	20.00% 1	80.00% 4	0.00% 0	1.97% 5
Q4: Ohakune	60.66% 37	26.23% 16	13.11% 8	24.02% 61
Q4: Raetihi	47.83% 33	26.09% 18	26.09% 18	27.17% 69
Q4: Waiohuru	80.00% 4	20.00% 1	0.00% 0	1.97% 5
Total Respondents	153	63	38	254

Q3 Do you have any other feedback about Policy and Strategy?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 213

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If it is going to save a lot of money and stop the use of consultants who charge exorbitant fees, Council should end this policy and strategy role. Limit it big time. E.g., \$50,000 to consultant for looking into the amalgamation issue and not even investigating about Federation is foolish.	8/11/2026 12:05 PM
2	Less regulations to manage should be economically beneficial if community retains responsible attitude	8/11/2026 12:03 PM
3	I am paying nearly \$4,000 in rates, I do not live in Hamilton Northern suburbs, nor do I have a 1 million \$ house or the services that go with them. So far policy & strategy is making me poorer.	8/11/2026 12:02 PM
4	Policy and strategies are integral to whatever district they represent. They/It should reflect what that community is planning.	8/11/2026 12:01 PM
5	Gambling machines are there for entertainment, fun the way people spend their money is up to them the Council have a cheek to pull the machines out	8/11/2026 12:00 PM
6	In a two tier governing system you have to advocate for what is unique to the district but also stand firm on what should be a central government responsibility	8/11/2026 11:59 AM
7	When in Rome!	8/11/2026 11:58 AM
8	Neighbourhoods at war and gang control increase where Councils are not active	8/11/2026 11:51 AM
9	Council has a requirement to also be a good citizen	8/11/2026 11:50 AM
10	Support legal efforts & not support something that for reason has been denied because of health & safety	8/11/2026 11:48 AM
11	Policy are difficult for edd. rather than for Tmn community members. Yes reduce corporate service	8/11/2026 11:44 AM
12	Council should only involve in this policy and strategy when required by law	8/11/2026 11:42 AM
13	2. Is it done in cost effective manner	8/11/2026 11:41 AM
14	As a Councilor before putting yourself forward ask if you are capable of making informed decisions without defaulting to consultants	8/11/2026 11:40 AM
15	Minimalise your staff. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Buy paint instead and paint the towns buildings on the main street!	8/7/2026 4:48 PM
16	Stick to what is legally required	8/7/2026 10:40 AM
17	Again where is all the information/explanation ??? If choosing to develop, Section 78 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 states: "(1)A territorial authority that wishes to have a local alcohol policy must produce a draft policy. (2)When producing a draft policy, a territorial authority must have regard to— (a)the objectives and policies of its district plan; and (b)the number of licences of each kind held for premises in its district, and the location and opening hours of each of the premises; and (c)any areas in which bylaws prohibiting alcohol in public places are in force; and (d)the demography of the district's residents; and (e)the demography of people who visit the district as tourists or holidaymakers; and (f)the overall health indicators of the district's residents; and (g)the nature and severity of the alcohol-related problems arising in the district." Your Vape/Policy stated: The Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2023 will: a) Support and contribute to central government's Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 goal by discouraging smoking and vaping behaviour, which has harmful health effects. b) c) d) e) Support the Smokefree Environments Act 1990, including Part 1 Smokefree workplaces and public areas. Support the Smokefree Environment and Regulated Products (Vaping) Amendment Act 2020. Support the Ruapehu District Council's wellbeing outcome that Council's public spaces are safe and accessible for all. Promote and support the wellbeing of our community by decreasing the prevalence of smoking and vaping and decreasing public exposure to second-hand smoke. f) g) Encourage behavioural changes that reflect our community values. Cultivate a smokefree and vapefree message	8/7/2026 10:17 AM

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that models positive behaviour for children and young people." Do you not think these types of conversations are important kōrero for our communities to consider?

18	Stick to core requirements rubbish water community services	8/7/2026 9:19 AM
19	No.	8/6/2026 8:45 PM
20	councilors should always be available to speak with, Policies should be updated when needed, and ahead to by all councilors. Smoking/vaping/alcohol policy what a waste of time, energy and money discussing the same ego of these policy. WHY is this even mentioned in here. LOCAL POLICIES: Buildings, Sport grounds, quake safe, etc, How can you maintain the land growth, and the building safety?	8/6/2026 1:56 PM
21	Reduce policy staff, utilise other councils policies and tweak to suit. If you can't afford it then you have to cut costs.	8/6/2026 6:02 AM
22	Watch out for this new world order forming itself within your policies	8/5/2026 5:45 PM
23	Less policies saves time and money. More action required rather than policies	8/5/2026 10:56 AM
24	Yes council needs to stay obligated to its judiciary commitment to setting these laws in place. Be responsible for this work with high honest truth expectations.	8/5/2026 8:56 AM
25	Stop controlling peoples lives when they pay you. Its not up to you to come up with rules to restrict peoples freedom to do what they want thats control. Its not your business	8/5/2026 8:42 AM
26	Stop wasting our money.	8/4/2026 9:43 PM
27	What is consider council's advocacy work? Hard to answer without more info.	8/4/2026 6:46 PM
28	Keep to the basics. Rates to cover our basic community needs. Failure to plan to meet our communities essential needs is not wise.	8/4/2026 10:26 AM
29	Back to basics. Put the money in the areas that are required under legislation.	8/4/2026 8:39 AM
30	I support Council reviewing Policy and Strategy work for efficiency, but I do not support weakening the capability that enables sound decision-making and gives Ruapehu a voice. The survey creates a misleading distinction between work that is legally required and work that is somehow optional or unnecessary. Policies such as the Local Alcohol Policy and Smokefree and Vapefree Policy exist because national rules do not always respond adequately to Ruapehu's particular circumstances. "Not legally required" does not mean "without value." Other councils continue this work. Taupō and Rangitikei maintain smokefree and vapefree frameworks, while Waitomo and Ruapehu have Local Alcohol Policies. Waitomo also recognises advocacy as a district-wide benefit. Ruapehu should not reduce its policy capacity below that of comparable councils when our communities face significant economic, health, infrastructure and social challenges. Advocacy is particularly important for a district with a small rating base, dispersed rural communities, a large Māori population and substantial reliance on central government decisions and investment. If Council waits until an issue is legally required or its impact is already deemed "significant," the opportunity to influence it may have passed. However, Council must become more focused and accountable. Policy work should be evidence-based, outdated policies should be reviewed, related consultations should be combined, and documents that provide little practical value should not be maintained simply because they have always existed. Advocacy should concentrate on matters that materially affect our people, whenua, infrastructure, economy and future. Before asking residents to support a reduction, Council should disclose: * the current annual cost and staffing of Policy and Strategy; * how much work is statutory and how much is discretionary; * exactly which policies or advocacy activities could stop; * what rates saving would result; * what risks and consequences would follow. At present, residents are being asked to approve an undefined reduction without being given the information needed to judge whether the saving would outweigh the loss. Ruapehu needs more disciplined policy and advocacy—not less capability. Council should prioritise the work, publish its outcomes and demonstrate its value rather than retreating to the bare legal minimum. [REDACTED]	8/4/2026 3:58 AM
31	Council don't do anything in my town, my rates pays for towns I never visit.	8/3/2026 7:39 PM
32	The multiple separate survey makes it extremely difficult and time consuming for one to have their say. I also feel that many of the questions are startled or weighted in favour of what RDC wants.	8/3/2026 7:15 PM
33	NA	8/3/2026 4:26 PM
34	Critical area to maintain investment in	8/3/2026 12:08 PM
35	Do what a council should do. Stay in your lane	8/3/2026 10:36 AM

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36	I recommend focusing on core services for ratepayers. I get a sense that RDC is increasing their remit without doing the core things well. Drains are important, as is cleaning the main streets so people don't fall on mossy and slippery pavements. Do the core tasks, deliver good service to ratepayers. Ratepayers rather than tourist services should always be key. Ruapehu bridges two national parks with nearby Taupo also drawing tourists through national campaigns	8/2/2026 5:49 PM
37	This should not be funded by rate payers.	8/2/2026 4:13 PM
38	Drop the I site funding and visit Ruapehu, as it's not core business. Sell the building that the I site is in Ohakune. Please listen to what's being said as you are other people's money without total care for fiscal responsibility.	8/1/2026 5:01 PM
39	If the beurocracy is not self funding, it needs to be reduced until it is. Liquor licensing dept. should soley be paid for by the licensees.	8/1/2026 12:26 PM
40	No	8/1/2026 9:20 AM
41	Local policies & strategies allow development of support for ensuring the unique challenges of the district can be considered	7/31/2026 9:13 PM
42	What advocacy work? The smoke and value bans and stuff was stupid. Micro chip and desex cat policy pointless. With zero enforcement this is just wasted rates.	7/31/2026 8:39 PM
43	Dog policy is important, to not end up with dramas like in far north	7/31/2026 6:57 PM
44	Just focus on whats important, what needs doing or fixing. Assess what works for other councils and "borrow" their ideas. Surely after 100+ years as a district, we shouldnt be needing to keep implementing new policy? Appreciate that times change and certain things need updating.	7/31/2026 5:37 PM
45		7/31/2026 5:21 PM
46	Details on what they are and what they cost would be needed to make any clear decision	7/31/2026 11:57 AM
47	We need policies and strategies that respond to local needs and reflect the local situation. Shouldn't be doing work that isn't strictly required.	7/31/2026 11:21 AM
48	Good strategy and policies that reflect local needs/situation are important	7/31/2026 9:20 AM
49	Stick to your knitting let central government regulations and regulators worry about their legislation. Why confuse fraught issues with local input, it is not needed	7/30/2026 1:27 PM
50	Do the minimum and do that as late as possible. Copy of collaborate with other local authorities. Our problems are not special. Rely on central govt enforcement/standards.	7/30/2026 1:14 PM
51	Cost of P&S is not mentioned. I imagine this is not a large cost to the rate payer. I would support the continuation of the above if the cost can be reduced or kept to a minimum.	7/30/2026 10:56 AM
52	Maori Purpose Zones	7/30/2026 8:43 AM
53	If your not policing it, there's no point in having a policy	7/30/2026 1:39 AM
54	From what I understand, council staff inform elected members of policy and strategy matters to assist better planning and decision making. I think elected members could do that research and keep updated themselves as part of their portfolios.	7/29/2026 7:19 PM
55	Council should focus on rate payer services, not meddling in developments or building nice to have centers	7/29/2026 4:48 PM
56	Leverage and adapt bigger council policy vs recreating the wheel.	7/28/2026 9:24 PM
57	I can't only think of the expression - pen pushers. Please get back to basics to keep our town thriving	7/28/2026 8:47 PM
58	I would rather see my rates go towards actual physical / tangible services and maintenance. Paperwork should be reduced.	7/27/2026 9:52 PM
59	Policy , if created well in the first place should not require constant review. Just tweaking as required fir law changes at a higher level.	7/27/2026 4:55 PM
60	Do the work in house, do not use consultants	7/27/2026 4:55 PM
61	With the upcoming local government reforms it will be important that RDC can advocate for local issues	7/25/2026 8:59 AM
62	Advocacy influence govt policy. Saying nothing does help. Not enough is done now	7/25/2026 6:47 AM

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63	Look at cutting some fat in this budget	7/24/2026 2:51 PM
64	I think the Policy and Strategy Team should focus on ensuring Council is delivering the services that our communities actually need and getting the basics right. Policies and strategies should be practical, realistic and reflect the needs of the people living in our towns. I would like to see Council focus on doing its job well, listening to the community, and making decisions that provide the best outcomes for residents and ratepayers.	7/22/2026 2:37 PM
65	██████████ development of annual plans etc should be provided by management of each dept and collated into a document.	7/22/2026 12:52 PM

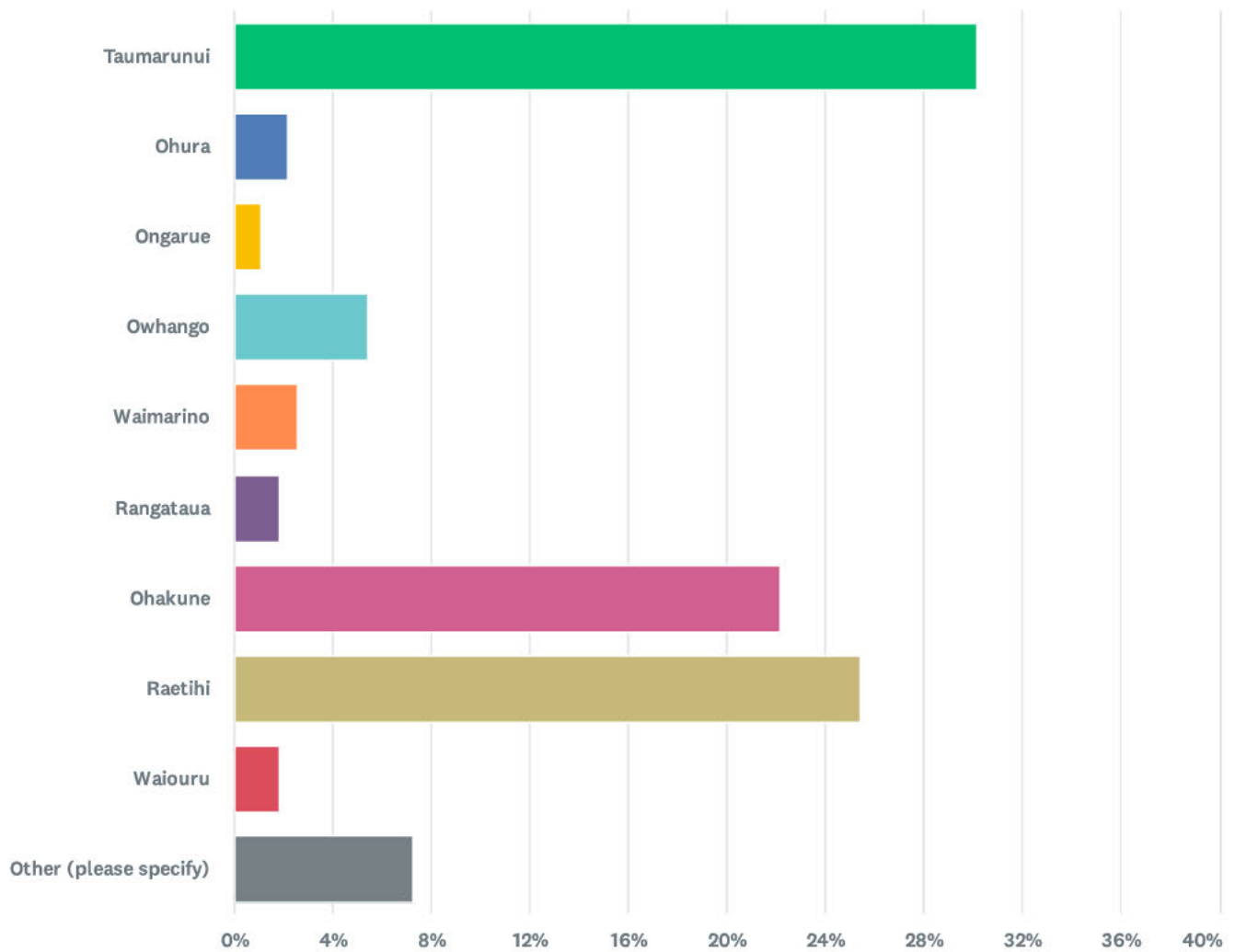
Q3 Do you have any other feedback about Policy and Strategy?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 199

	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER FEEDBACK ABOUT POLICY AND STRATEGY?	TOTAL
Q4: Taumarunui	100.00% 22	39.29% 22
Q4: Ohura	100.00% 2	3.57% 2
Q4: Ongarue	100.00% 2	3.57% 2
Q4: Owahango	100.00% 5	8.93% 5
Q4: Waimarino	100.00% 2	3.57% 2
Q4: Rangataua	100.00% 1	1.79% 1
Q4: Ohakune	100.00% 9	16.07% 9
Q4: Raetihi	100.00% 12	21.43% 12
Q4: Waiouru	100.00% 1	1.79% 1
Total Respondents	56	56

Q4 275 responses

Where do you live?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Taumarunui	30.18%	83
● Ohura	2.18%	6
● Ongarue	1.09%	3
● Owango	5.45%	15
● Waimarino	2.55%	7
● Rangataua	1.82%	5
● Ohakune	22.18%	61
Total		275

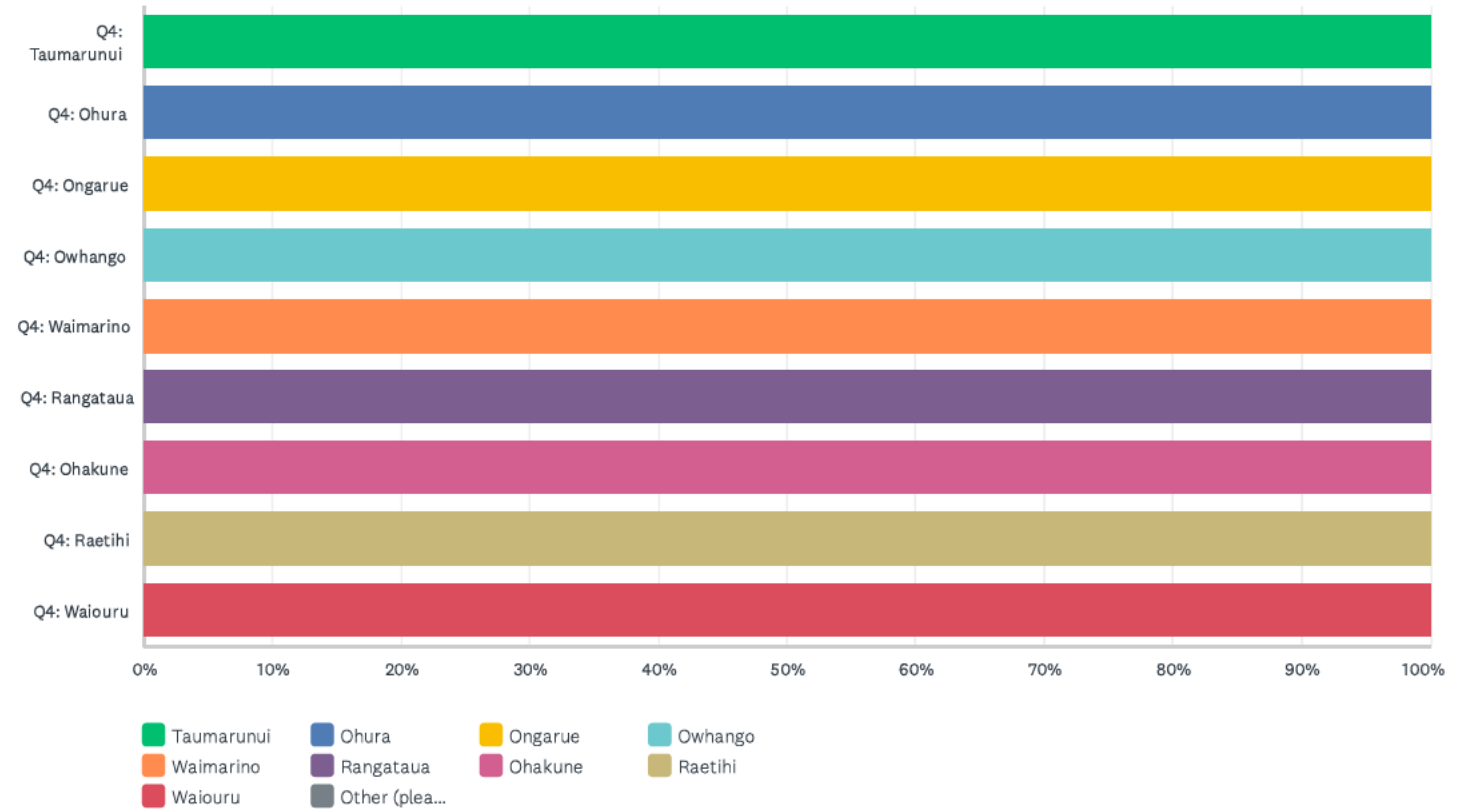
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Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
 Raetihi	25.45%	70
 Waiouru	1.82%	5
 Other (please specify)	7.27%	20
Total		275

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Orautoha	8/11/2026 11:54 AM
2	Horopito	8/11/2026 11:49 AM
3	Kakahi	8/11/2026 11:42 AM
4	Kakahi	8/7/2026 1:09 PM
5	X ex	8/5/2026 10:39 PM
6	Pipiriki	8/5/2026 5:45 PM
7	Piriaka	8/5/2026 10:56 AM
8	Rural Taumarunui	8/4/2026 6:46 PM
9	Kākahi	8/4/2026 3:58 AM
10	Ohakune ratepayer who lives out of area	8/3/2026 12:08 PM
11	Raurimu	8/2/2026 12:17 PM
12	Papakura (we own land in Horopito)	8/1/2026 12:16 PM
13	Coromandel	8/1/2026 11:30 AM
14	Auckland	8/1/2026 10:52 AM
15	Kaitieke	7/31/2026 6:57 PM
16	Raurimu	7/31/2026 5:14 PM
17	Horopito	7/31/2026 2:09 AM
18	Raurimu	7/30/2026 1:27 PM
19	Ruapehu	7/27/2026 4:55 PM
20	Raurimu	7/23/2026 2:49 PM

Q4 Where do you live?

Answered: 255 Skipped: 0



	TAUMARUNUI	OHURA	ONGARUE	OWHANGO	WAIMARINO	RANGATAUA	OHAKUNE	RAETIHI	WAIOURU	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	Total
Q4: Taumarunui	100.00% 83	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	32
Q4: Ohura	0.00% 0	100.00% 6	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2
Q4: Ongarue	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1
Q4: Owango	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 15	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5
Q4: Waimarino	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 7	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2
Q4: Rangataua	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 5	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1
Q4: Ohakune	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 61	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	23
Q4: Raetihi	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 70	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	27
Q4: Waiouru	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 5	0.00% 0	1
Total Respondents	83	6	3	15	7	5	61	70	5	0	