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Leadership

Activity: Councillor Leadership and Decision Making

General Issues, Policy and Planning Matters

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
Leadership and Governance		
		<p><i>The Council has noted your comments.</i></p> <p>454 - Councillors' role is to set strategic direction and foster culture of excellence and continual improvement. Role of management and administration is to implement strategic direction and report to Councillors. Considerable improvement is needed.</p> <p>455 - Councillors' role is to set strategic direction and foster culture of excellence and continual improvement. Role of management and administration is to implement strategic direction and report to Councillors. Considerable improvement is needed.</p>
Links with Manawatu District Council		
		<p><i>The Council thanks you for your support in working collaboratively with the region.</i></p> <p>273 - Imperative for councils to work together collaboratively within the region and believe the joint strategic planning committee should also include Horizons and Horowhenua. Should also have iwi representation.</p>
Use of Consultants		
		<p><i>Thank you for your comments.</i></p> <p>239 - Ratepayers are consultants, not those employed for millions. Lack of involvement in local body govt is because it has been systematically hijacked by business. Do consultants know more about PN than a citizen of 27 years.</p>

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Activity: Direction Setting

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<p>Cancer Society Objectives - Solar Protection Policy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Council has decided to investigate and present a draft Sun Protection Policy for consideration.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">394 - See submission for requests from the Cancer Society of NZ Inc relating to: reducing the number of people developing skin cancer due to ultraviolet radiation exposure; and reducing occupational related cancer.</p>		
<p>City Goal - A city where People want to live</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A lot of people made comment in their submissions about the Council's vision and five goals. Nearly all supported the Council's direction, with specific comments made in support of becoming more sustainable (social, economic, environmental and culture). It is reassuring to note the number of people who support the vision and five goals, and that said they want to work with Council to achieve them.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Council is developing a Sustainable City Strategy that will integrate social, economic, environmental and culture/leisure issues, and the Council looks forward to working with the community on this strategy.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">247 - People are living here and we are the ones who you should be working for. Make it the best City for us, not an imaginary group of people you think may move here. Council has cut support to community based organisations making it difficult for them to function properly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">304 - Pleased to see Council is dedicated to continuing supporting community organisations through funding to enable such organisations to continue working with people in need.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">325 - Support ongoing funding of community groups so that all citizens are empowered into Mauri Ora, vigorous wellbeing.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">354 - Support to achieve the objective of PN being a vibrant, caring, creative and sustainable city.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">413 - Commend operational shift towards community development and youth development as part of efforts to support this goal. Appears to be a mismatch of aspirations and espoused values at some levels which significantly and negatively impacts on community spirit.</p>		

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<p>City Goal - A city which attracts, fosters and retains businesses</p>		<p><i>A lot of people made comment in their submissions about the Council's vision and five goals. Nearly all supported the Council's direction, with specific comments made in support of becoming more sustainable (social, economic, environmental and culture). It is reassuring to note the number of people who support the vision and five goals, and that said they want to work with Council to achieve them.</i></p> <p><i>The Council is developing a Sustainable City Strategy that will integrate social, economic, environmental and culture/leisure issues, and the Council looks forward to working with the community on this strategy.</i></p> <p>29 - Economic growth and stability is the driver for ratepayer employment, wellbeing and affordability for improved Council provides services.</p> <p>85 - Very important for growth. Fast track RMA and speed up building consents.</p> <p>161 - Bio Commerce Centre is valuable but cant carry the weight of this vision by itself. High-tech businesses go to places that stand out for ecological reasons, which PN can only be if it makes an eco-friendly lifestyle top priority. Focus on creating that and PN will market itself.</p> <p>273 - Whilst many impacts on local business and jobs are outside Council control, we believe there are opportunities where Council could provide active leadership role. Eg getting international flights back into the City.</p> <p>280 - Make resource consents easy for them.</p> <p>354 - Support to achieve the objective of PN being a vibrant, caring, creative and sustainable city.</p> <p>387 - Support essence, however wish to encourage Council to consider where and when economic hands-on involvement should start and finish.</p> <p>389 - Do whatever it takes to retain business in the City. What does not help our image is all the empty shop and office space within the CBD that is not occupied.</p>

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<p>City Goal - An environmentally sustainable city</p> <p><i>A lot of people made comment in their submissions about the Council's vision and five goals. Nearly all supported the Council's direction, with specific comments made in support of becoming more sustainable (social, economic, environmental and culture). It is reassuring to note the number of people who support the vision and five goals, and that said they want to work with Council to achieve them.</i></p> <p><i>The Council is developing a Sustainable City Strategy that will integrate social, economic, environmental and culture/leisure issues, and the Council looks forward to working with the community on this strategy.</i></p> <p>91 - Providing better cycleways, footpaths, public transport does encourage people to use transport that is sustainable.</p> <p>176 - Good public transport bus networks mean that people do not have to be constrained to living in a particular area. Good footpaths also enable those with mobility and other disabilities to move easily about the city.</p> <p>241 - It makes more sense to invest in public transport and plan better use of existing roads rather than increase debt, rates and impose ongoing road maintenance costs. Ask Council to support Active Transport Strategy and encourage people to get out of cars and use bikes and walking.</p> <p>270 - Support greater emphasis on building a sustainable green city.</p> <p>273 - Great to see desire to continue with environmental sustainability issues and supportive of more emphasis being put on this goal compared to other years.</p> <p>288 - Agree with sentiments regarding encouraging people out of their cars. Would be much easier to encourage cycling if national action was taken on improved road user training.</p> <p>324 - Will be an inspiration to many of our creative, leading edge, knowledge-wave people.</p> <p>325 - Crucial in this time of economic hardship to support citizens on tight budgets. Concerned to see later in the document that the fund appears to refer to sustainability in a broader sense.</p> <p>354 - Support to achieve the objective of PN being a vibrant, caring, creative and sustainable city.</p> <p>365 - Green Corridors and biodiversity programmes in general have a large role to play in increasing the environmental sustainability of PN because of the current lack of biodiversity values in and around the City.</p> <p>407 - Sustainability is not just about supporting green principles, it is part of an integrated philosophy which balances the desires and wants for sustainability against economic growth.</p> <p>420 - Support two areas of this goal but there are other essential initiatives required for a sustainable city and provision for these needs to be in the plan. (See submission for detail.)</p> <p>421 - Environmental sustainable is so much more than waste minimisation and active transport. Creating an ES city requires the promotion of a sustainable urban form.</p> <p>426 - Support two areas of this goal but there are other essential initiatives required for a sustainable city and provision for these needs to be in the plan. (See submission for detail.)</p> <p>465 - Support where commonsense and practicality prevails.</p> <p>493 - Support goal and development of sustainable city strategy.</p> <p>504 - Support five draft goals, in particular this goal. Believe the City needs a clearly stated, comprehensive growth strategy in place before this can be achieved.</p> <p>524 - Much more important than a lake or a new bridge.</p> <p>535 - Cannot agree to more emphasis without knowing more of what, where and how this will be directed and at what cost.</p>		

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City Goal - Inclusion of Youth Goal in 10 Year Plan		<p><i>The Council supports the work of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs but does not intend to make this a goal at the City level. It does fit under goals one, two and three. The Council works with the Youth One Stop Shop and recognises their role in the coordination and development of the Youth Think Tank.</i></p> <p>14 - Request that the youth goal of the Taskforce be included in LTCCP - That all young people under the age of 25 should be engaged in appropriate education, training, work or other options, which will lead to long term economic independence and wellbeing. (See submission for rationale.)</p> <p>413 - YOSS believes PN is recognised as a vibrant, caring, creative and sustainable city for young people. Many opportunities to progress this further and YOSS is key partner in this work.</p>
City Growth - Assumptions		<p><i>Thank you for your comments. The Council's growth assumptions are based on NZ Statistic projections.</i></p> <p>99 - Ask Council officers to provide copies of reports and assumptions presented to Council that supported an assumption on growth occurring naturally in absence of pre-determined and active growth strategies when prior experience is that the city will decline in both growth and population in absence of determined growth strategy. (See submission for more detail.)</p>
City Vision		<p><i>A lot of people made comment in their submissions about the Council's vision and five goals. Nearly all supported the Council's direction, with specific comments made in support of becoming more sustainable (social, economic, environmental and culture). It is reassuring to note the number of people who support the vision and five goals, and that said they want to work with Council to achieve them.</i></p> <p><i>The Council is developing a Sustainable City Strategy that will integrate social, economic, environmental and culture/leisure issues, and the Council looks forward to working with the community on this strategy.</i></p>

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48 - Support vibrant caring creative city but a city also needs industries to create long term employment for younger citizens, ie funding for business.

56 - Dont go on about being sustainable as your top statement. Show initiative and plan for this region to success and prosper whilst then being sustainable.

61 - The only way PN will become vibrant, caring, creative is through growth, otherwise the easy lifestyle will go as people will not have jobs and be all gloom and doom.

161 - Council is being too conservative in steps to create Vision. Support plans to encourage diversity and innovation but spending too much on a market image of sense of pride and improving perception and promotional signage is inappropriate.

241 - Support, with definition of sustainability proposed to include "looking after the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of people and maintaining and enhancing the quality of their environment." Wellbeing also includes concept of health, physical, mental, social and spiritual wellbeing both on an individual level and that of a community.

247 - Agree population growth is not important, sustainable population is and this is what Council should be working towards.

255 - Focus on environmental sustainability, limit growth of the City and ensure infrastructure is well maintained.

270 - To work to improve the perceptions of PN is too subjective. Could be good perception for young people if pubs were open all hours, on the other hand could be favourable if we had lots of musical events and great coffee shops. So work for things that benefit people and good perceptions will follow.

273 - Overall support, but would have liked to see link to tangata whenua and cultural responsiveness. Also supportive to five goals but would have liked to see a goal specifically targeted around partnership development with tangata whenua.

305 - Support statement with three City goals, in particular the quest to become environmentally sustainable. Suggests how Council should work to implement Vision and develop Sustainable City Strategy by working with the community. (See submission for more detail.)

324 - Pleased to see sustainability in the statement.

325 - Support responsible stewardship of resources to honour the past and enable the future.

336 - Agree with vision and pleased to see strengthened emphasis for an environmentally sustainable city and organisation. Believe caring aspect has not been adequately transferred into the goals.

337 - Support in general, in particular for focus on sustainability over next 10 years. Council's move to tackle debt is supported, as is commitment to supporting business, and agree that economic sustainability is especially important.

340 - Majority of survey responses want Council to improve the perception of PN. Is this meant to indicate the need to promote the City as a visitor destination or to create conditions within the City where people will be attracted to make it their home? Pleasing to note change in Council policy to major goal of City growth.

354 - Support the 5 draft goals to achieve the objective of PN being a vibrant, caring, creative and sustainable city.

361 - Support population growth no longer as a main goal.

365 - In particular PN is a leading city in the quest to become environmentally sustainable.

370 - Good to see Council is not setting a growth target. Growth in itself is not always a good thing.

400 - Approve of new focus to not try to grow the City. Natural growth is fine.

407 - Not appropriate to remove growth as a major goal, it should remain key focus. Is not viable to make the City more attractive to live without attracting and maintaining businesses that employ people, offer good salaries and an enjoyable lifestyle.

410 - Support issues and goals, in particular being sustainable and green and also to be more financially responsible.

420 - Support vision and goals, in particular quest to become environmentally sustainable.

426 - Support vision and goals, in particular quest to become environmentally sustainable.

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448 - Support growth no longer being a major goal. Is it necessary to work to improve perceptions of PN though. If Council looks after its citizens and businesses image would follow naturally.

454 - Put more emphasis on economic growth.

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465 - Happy with statement regarding growth. Focus on current City population.

479 - VM support integration within goals, and applaud Council for recognising links between sustainability, fostering and attracting businesses, providing a vibrant place where people want to live, and fiscal responsibility.

493 - Support and agree with increased emphasis on active transport strategies. Given economic downturn, increased effort in assisting businesses through appropriate business organisations may be needed.

537 - Agree with Council's new attitude to growth.

City Vision and Goals - Suggestions for Change

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The Council is developing a Sustainable City Strategy that will integrate social, economic, environmental and culture/leisure issues, and the Council looks forward to working with the community on this strategy.

337 - A city where people want to live - goal should include the words "and visit". We can develop our City and Region to becoming a compelling component of NZ tourism industry.

389 - Should be a brief referral to long term planning for traffic issues.

413 - Recommends open, honest, transparent and respectful communication. Inclusive of non-verbal communication as well as verbal. Maybe a way of measuring this goal is for you to invite feedback from people you have a relationship with.

420 - Vision for transport and roading needs to be consistent with environmentally sustainable city goal, particularly getting people out of their cars. More closely link economic development goal with environmental sustainable goal.

422 - Delighted that the draft plan states environmental sustainability. Definition of sustainability should have long term view of what would make this City a good place for people to live in not just in our lifetimes but also in seven generations time.

426 - Vision for roading in the City needs to be consistent with the environmentally sustainable city goal, particularly focusing on getting people out of their cars. And more closely link economic development goals with the environmental sustainable city goal.

465 - An email newsletter is another option to consider. Receiving updates, information, meeting reminders would be extremely beneficial and would increase my involvement in City and Council matters. Finding time to source via the website is not always available.

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Climate Change		<p><i>Thank you for your comments. The Council used the work of the inter-governmental panel on climate change to assess the evidence for and uncertainties of climate change. Many greenhouse gas initiatives also have economic and social benefits in their own right.</i></p> <p><i>The Council is developing a Climate Change Strategy and has already measured its carbon footprint and that of the community. The next step is to set targets and then actions to reduce carbon emissions.</i></p> <p>28 - Climate change is unproven science and should not be part of PNCCs deliberations.</p> <p>34 - Too expensive to set up. No requirement to spend money on initiatives, that is what legislation is for.</p> <p>151 - Climate change is not caused by increased carbon emissions, but is exacerbated by them. Much greater global challenge is posed by the exploding human population.</p> <p>161 - Regret Council is deferring action on climate change until it learns whether an emissions trading scheme goes forward. Regardless of national plans, Council should be actively working to help the community be more responsible about emissions levels.</p> <p>241 - New roads and bridges generate more traffic. Increase in traffic contributes to increase in pollution levels, which has a detrimental effect on the climate.</p> <p>280 - If this is an issue in 10 years time, address it then, The jury is out as to whether this is an issue now.</p> <p>305 - Good to see Council has initiated some activities that work towards environmental sustainability.</p> <p>422 - Delighted that climate change is acknowledged.</p>
Community Development - Change in Level of Service		<p><i>The Council is involved in these activities and this is recognised as a role within the Community Development Policy, therefore the level of service will remain as it is.</i></p> <p>493 - Recommend changing "Council works with govt agencies and community groups to ensure coordination of resources to the community" to "Council assists Community Development initiatives to succeed".</p>
Community Outcomes - General		<p><i>Considerable consultation was undertaken for the Community Outcomes. Community Outcomes are reviewed each six years and further consultation will be undertaken when this review takes place in 2011.</i></p> <p>539 - No more than a rehash by Council officers of perception of historical documentation unsupported by meaningful consultation.</p>
Community Outcomes - Health		<p><i>The Council's support for community groups working in health is considered through the Community Funding Policy.</i></p> <p>429 - Submission suggests ways in which Council should work with other organisations on the health community outcome. (See submission for detail.)</p>
Council Goal - A financially responsible Council providing value for money		<p><i>A lot of people made comment in their submissions about the Council's vision and five goals. Nearly all supported the Council's direction, with specific comments made in support of becoming more sustainable (social, economic, environmental and culture). It is reassuring to note the number of people who support the vision and five goals, and that said they want to work with Council to achieve them.</i></p> <p><i>The Council is developing a Sustainable City Strategy that will integrate social, economic, environmental and culture/leisure issues, and the Council looks forward to working with the community on this strategy.</i></p>

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		<p>4 - Please, lets live within our means.</p> <p>34 - No more frivolous spending on Christmas trees as funding can be sought elsewhere to pay.</p> <p>47 - Administration - overspending.</p> <p>61 - No good cutting down on spending and people being unemployed. By spending money you make money and give people jobs so they can pay their rates.</p> <p>74 - Determine which matters are essential to health and safety of citizens as first priority. Also consider keeping rates increases to same percentage as increases to superannuation.</p> <p>85 - More emphasis on finances to grow the city.</p> <p>99 - On what basis does Council justify the need to levy additional \$50m of rates from ratepayers in the next five years when Councils business plans are based on a business as usual scenario that should not require additional rates to be taxed.</p> <p>176 - While rates increases will inevitably happen, keeping these reasonable is important for residents. Spreading costs over current and future ratepayers is supported.</p> <p>191 - Main services Council should provide are water, roads, footpaths, rubbish collection, parks, libraries. Such things as community development, arts and culture, economic development should be tapered to fit available funds.</p> <p>235 - PN was founded a borough of Wellington in 1867. 142 years later expenditure is \$33M and in just 8 more years this Council wants to take expenditure to \$53M. An increase of 62% all funded by increased rates income. Not responsible management.</p> <p>247 - Council is not financially responsible. Debt level is out of control and yet Council wants to increase by borrowing more. Big ticket items need to be off the agenda until a lot of debt is cleared. Concentrate on maintaining infrastructure. Do not think we get value for our rates money.</p> <p>270 - Include better spread of resources, fairness. There are areas like Kelvin grove that have been built but there are inadequate facilities such as shops, schools.</p> <p>273 - Very supportive.</p> <p>282 - Council should stick to its knitting - basic duties. After basic amenities, rate take should be used to reduce debt.</p> <p>297 - Try and pay off debt but do not borrow more.</p> <p>312 - As individuals within our homes and our businesses, we constrain expenditure within affordable limits. Council would do well to recognise that it should constrain cost increases within the changes in income being gained by ratepayers.</p> <p>336 - Would like commitment to debt reduction stated in the vision as part of financial responsibility.</p> <p>354 - Support to achieve the objective of PN being a vibrant, caring, creative and sustainable city.</p> <p>400 - Council has committed to reduce spending, but I think it needs to do more. If you want to add something to the budget, then you should take something else off to compensate. Infrastructure, maintaining parks, graffiti and rubbish clean up are the essentials.</p> <p>487 - Support statement. Will no doubt be imposed on all LAs from Wellington. Downside is that the City is a low income town due to the many students and we have a low income rate for many residents.</p> <p>505 - Keep expenditure within the rates paid and try to reduce debt to reduce interest costs.</p> <p>535 - Financial responsibility does not come from imaginary levels of assets that are often inflated. Prudence comes from the use of fixed monetary levels.</p>

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<p>Council Goal - Better two-way communication between the Council and community</p> <p><i>A lot of people made comment in their submissions about the Council's vision and five goals. Nearly all supported the Council's direction, with specific comments made in support of becoming more sustainable (social, economic, environmental and culture). It is reassuring to note the number of people who support the vision and five goals, and that said they want to work with Council to achieve them.</i></p> <p><i>The Council is developing a Sustainable City Strategy that will integrate social, economic, environmental and culture/leisure issues, and the Council looks forward to working with the community on this strategy.</i></p> <p>176 - Crucial for happy and healthy communities, knowing people are being heard and their views are considered. Community groups play a key role in relaying concerns of residents to Council.</p> <p>247 - Will never be satisfactory two-way communication. Revamping the Square a prime example. People get disheartened, they know Council does not listen to them yet the people pay your salaries. Would like Council to communicate honestly, no hidden agendas.</p> <p>267 - Happy with obtaining information through print media, especially inserts in free newspapers. Not interested in receiving information electronically but acknowledge many people would be pleased to. Council should employ both mediums.</p> <p>270 - Council does not do too badly. However, try having meetings in the daytime to suit older people, as well as at night and dont always choose same day of the week.</p> <p>273 - Want to be communicated with directly and face to face. Want Council staff to come and consult with us on major projects in early consultative phases where we can have real input. Also for Council to annually report to us face to face on what they are doing within the City.</p> <p>340 - Very pleasing to see improvement in Council's willingness to listen and respond to the communities concerns. Unfortunately the consultative process always ends in a favourable response from Council.</p> <p>354 - Support to achieve the objective of PN being a vibrant, caring, creative and sustainable city.</p> <p>371 - A genuine effort is being made to hear what the ratepayers are saying.</p> <p>389 - Has taken Ashhurst community 9 months to get answers to questions raised at first community meeting held last year. Ward committees a much more accessible way of communication.</p> <p>420 - Essential in development of the Sustainable Strategy and implementation of the initiatives.</p> <p>426 - Essential in development of the Sustainability Strategy and implementation of initiatives.</p> <p>505 - Do not assume that all residents have email or a mobile phone. Use the Guardian and Tribune to communicate with us.</p> <p>535 - Communication between Council and the community should be a two way street, it is not.</p>		

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<p>Development Contributions</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The Development Contributions Policy was adopted by the Council along with the 10 Year Plan. The following further amendments were made to the Policy as part of this process: There were small increases to the roading and city reserve fees following the reinstatement of some programmes into the 10 Year Plan programme; Massey University – Turitea Campus was added as a special circumstance under clause 5.5 of the Policy; A clause was added that clarifies that rural accessory buildings do not attract development contributions fees; and changes were made to the definition of allotment and allotment area in response to submissions.</i></p> <p>151 - Developer contributions may cover the cost of services but they do not cover the costs of upgrading existing infrastructure to carry the additional loading.</p> <p>341 - Massey University requests that the Turitea Campus be exempt from development contributions (see reasons outlined in points 1-4 of submission).</p> <p>406 - Support transparent development contributions. Should be set at a level that is attractive for new investment in PN.</p> <p>407 - Must be set at a level which is attractive for new ventures and investments. Should be more attractive to invest and develop here than in other areas.</p>		
<p>Development Contributions - Correlation from Asset Management Plans</p> <p><i>You were contacted by Council staff during consultation on the Development Contributions Policy to talk through the issues you had raised.</i></p> <p>425 - Submitter cannot correlate financial budgets from asset management plans into the Development Contributions Policy and asks for responses to specific questions.</p>		
<p>District Plan</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. The Council is working with Manawatu District Council and Horizons Regional Council collectively on a number of fronts to achieve increased efficiencies in service. Issues raised in submissions are being considered as part of the Urban Growth Strategy, Urban Design Strategy and District Plan Review.</i></p> <p>92 - Why have separate councils now that govt subsidies are a story of the past. Do away with them and strive to have one authority.</p> <p>273 - Look forward to work on this with the Council as it unfolds.</p> <p>406 - Business zone parking provisions are onerous and restrictive. To attract development to PN and rehabilitation of existing buildings, provisions should be relaxed.</p> <p>493 - Recommend this look at parking restraint, facilities that reduce the need to travel, and look at site design, suitable density and amenity location to further encourage active transport. Also encourage greater use of the Health Impact Assessment and would be interested in working with Council to use this tool on draft Council policy.</p> <p>543 - Key issues that the Trust has brought to Council's attention that will impact on work during the life of the 10 Year Plan and should be signalled to the wider community of work that Council will be undertaking. (See submission for detail.)</p>		

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<p>Environment Network Manawatu</p> <p><i>Your support for Environment Network Manawatu is noted and appreciated. Any funding decisions are made through the Community Funding Policy.</i></p> <p>365 - Support funding and support for ENM Inc.</p> <p>388 - Commend continued financing for the work of ENM.</p> <p>399 - Support ENMs submission.</p> <p>410 - Support funding to this group. It assists various volunteer groups who participate in many ways under this umbrella group.</p> <p>422 - Support provision of funding for the part time coordinator. Ask that funding be increased to allow the position to be full time, receiving wage increases similar to those received by Council staff.</p> <p>426 - Support continued funding in real terms.</p>		
<p>Events Strategy</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. These will be considered as part of the Events Strategy Review.</i></p> <p>337 - If we are to advance a push to attract, develop or stimulate major events, some thought should be given to how the strategy is funded over the next 10 years.</p> <p>447 - Manawatu Regional Organisations request that Council joins them in coming together and committing at the highest level to ensure that a major events strategy is given momentum to succeed. We should not be involved in smaller events and their promotion, but focus on big events.</p> <p>479 - Holistic and integrated planning does not appear to occur which undermines both the use of assets and the economic impact. VM fully supports submission made by Manawatu Regional Organisations.</p>		
<p>Green Corridors</p> <p><i>The Council notes Green Corridors' support and would like to thank you for your continued hard work and partnership with the Council.</i></p> <p>365 - Seek continued political and fiscal support for Green Corridors initiative and its various planting projects around the City.</p>		
<p>Health Impact Assessment</p> <p><i>Council officers have had training in the use of the HIA tool from Public Health and it is taken into consideration during policy development. Council officers use very similar techniques to evaluate the impact of policies.</i></p> <p>493 - Encourage Council to make greater use of the HIA and would be interested in working with Council to use this tool on draft Council policy.</p>		
<p>Keep Palmerston North Beautiful</p> <p><i>The Council uses a variety of logos to represent its activities. As the Council moves towards its goals of sustainability and community involvement, the use of new and existing logos to support these will be reviewed. Active involvement in Keep Palmerston North Beautiful is seen as a way to meet these goals. The detail of how this is to be achieved needs to be worked through as specific strategies are developed.</i></p> <p>399 - Would like to see use and promotion of KPNB used more by Council. Logo is a vivid reminder to people to think more about the city they live in.</p>		

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Liquor Policy		<p><i>Parliament is currently considering the Sale and Supply of Liquor and Liquor Enforcement Bill, which will empower councils to adopt Local Alcohol Plans (LAPs). These LAPs will provide a more enforceable tool for planning and managing liquor licensing throughout the City. It would be prudent to wait until the outcome of the bill is known before committing to developing a liquor licensing policy. There is no fundamental opposition to developing a liquor licensing policy/local alcohol plan.</i></p> <p>493 - Acknowledge that Council is trying to minimise the policies it has, but believe that the harm caused by misuse of alcohol would justify a Liquor Licensing Policy.</p>
Maori Community Development Strategy		<p><i>The Council acknowledges and appreciates your support in our endeavours to work more effectively and responsively with the Maori community.</i></p> <p>355 - Members are aware of work being done and suggest Council highlights this work as an important component of the LTCCP.</p>
Maori Participation in Decision Making		<p><i>The Council acknowledges and appreciates your support in our endeavours to work more effectively and responsively with the Maori community. Your comments have been noted and will be taken into account by the staff who are leading this work.</i></p> <p>273 - This section contains many of the projects we would like the Council to achieve over next 10 years. (See submission for comments and recommendations.)</p> <p>475 - Happy with Council services and wish to continue meeting Council to discuss and explore collaborative projects of mutual concern. Support MAIA as this supports wider Maori community participation.</p> <p>493 - Recommend Council works with appropriate groups and organisations to develop specific initiatives needed to improve the wellbeing of Maori.</p>
Natural and Cultural Heritage Incentive Fund		<p><i>The Council has no immediate plans to review the Natural and Cultural Heritage Incentive Fund. The District Plan Review is likely to result in an increase in the number of scheduled (protected) buildings and notable trees within the City. Such an outcome is likely, in time, to prompt a review of the Natural and Cultural Heritage Incentive Fund to ensure sufficient funding and mechanisms are in place to support the increase in the number of protected buildings and trees.</i></p> <p>543 - Recommend Council institutes a policy review of incentive support for owners of listed heritage buildings to promote a wider range of financial assistance mechanisms to ensure survival of heritage properties in the City.</p>
Performance Measure - Civil Defence (Response Times)		<p><i>Rural Fire is a legislative requirement for the Council.</i></p> <p>421 - Support overall direction of emergency management activities but suggest an alternative, more appropriate measure to reflect civil defence activities other than rural fire.</p>
Performance Measure - Injury Crashes		<p><i>The performance measure is kept as a Community Outcome measure.</i></p> <p>493 - Recommend Council reinstates this measure. Injury is a leading cause of premature death and disability. Dropping this measure conflicts with the community outcome of people feel safe.</p>
Performance Measure - Number of Events in The Square		<p><i>This will be considered as part of the Events Strategy Review.</i></p> <p>479 - Makes no mention of quality, an important aspect to any planning.</p>

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Performance Measure - Residences no Further than 500m From a Local reserve		<p><i>The Council acknowledges this point and the performance measure will be amended.</i></p> <p>389 - There should be some sort of qualification that covers all the housing and residents that live in what could be loosely termed as rural PN.</p>
Performance Measure - Water (Compliance with Legislation)		<p><i>Council uses compliance with water standards as a performance measure instead.</i></p> <p>493 - Health Act as amended 2007 places duties on water suppliers. Surprised there is no reference in 10 Year Plan. One way we would judge Council success is by including compliance with appropriate legislation.</p>
Performance Measures - Cycling and Public Transport		<p><i>The Council has noted your comment. It is proposed to amend the performance measure to increase the number of walking and cycling trips by one percent per year through to 2015.</i></p> <p>420 - Good to see but need to be specific in terms of a target increase rather than undefined.</p> <p>426 - Good to see but need to be specific in terms of a target increase rather than undefined.</p>
Performance Measures - Targets Consistent to City Vision		<p><i>These performance measures will be developed as part of the Sustainable City Strategy.</i></p> <p>426 - The meaning of sustainable is often not reflected in stated performance measures. They need to specify targets that are consistent with the sustainable city vision.</p>
Policy on Significance		<p><i>Thank you for your support and comments. The Council acknowledges that the Summary document could have contained more information about the Policy and this will be considered as part of the Council's debrief of the 10 Year Plan process.</i></p> <p>290 - Additional information would be useful in the Summary, eg examples of how the policy operates. Feedback is likely to be small due to lack of understanding.</p> <p>388 - Support inclusion of Ashhurst Domain as a strategic asset. Would need to be consultation on any possible sale of part as is suggested from time to time.</p> <p>389 - Support the placement of Ashhurst Domain.</p> <p>410 - Particularly support inclusion of community centres, cemeteries, walkways and the Ashhurst Domain as strategic assets.</p> <p>420 - Support adding walkways and the Ashhurst Domain to strategic assets.</p> <p>426 - Support adding walkways and Ashhurst Domain to strategic assets.</p>
Pram Crossings - Improvements to Conditions		<p><i>The Council continues to identify and improve pedestrian facilities as funding permits. Priority is given to crossing facilities, more severe problems and higher use facilities.</i></p> <p>389 - With the growing number of people using these aids for mobility as they dont have family around with cars, what is the timeline the Council has to improve these percentages (ref. page 133-134).</p>

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<p>Presentation of Documents</p> <p><i>Thank you for your comments. These will be considered as part of the Council's debrief of the 10 Year Plan process.</i></p> <p>20 - Good on PNCC for putting together a great presentation of the Summary.</p> <p>47 - Pity the Summary is so confusing or is it meant to be?</p> <p>151 - Magnitude of Summary is ridiculous and few residents will bother reading it. Documents submitted to EEC must not exceed 5 pages.</p> <p>254 - In the Summary is a list of things not included, but nowhere is a list of planned expenditure of this sort, eg what intersection upgrades are included?</p> <p>371 - Congratulate current Council and officers on absence of spin in publications.</p> <p>479 - Lacked coherent structure. Not easy to reconcile two volumes with the summary, which was large itself. Suggest improvement by goals being numbered and always worded the same, rather than varied or precised. Clearer association between goals and community outcomes.</p>		
<p>Residential Urban Growth</p> <p><i>The identification of future growth areas is a priority for the Council. Council has adopted revised objectives for residential growth, and is currently identifying potential options. This will be the focus of public consultation later this year. The Council has identified the avoidance of development subject to serious flood risk or underlain by high class soils as its top priorities, and it recognises that growth areas, bridge locations, alternatives to car based transport and public transport all need to be considered during the strategy review.</i></p>		

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		<p>157 - Strongly oppose development on Te Matai side of the river over what is the most fertile land in the Manawatu. Continued growth of Summerhill is more preferable option.</p> <p>161 - Commitment to conserve and enhance eco-friendly lifestyle can be undermined by short term decisions to rezone for sprawl-orientated development or by planning for traffic growth in ways that increase pressures on development and create more of a car culture than an eco-culture.</p> <p>247 - Is ridiculous rezoning areas to build more houses if we do not have a reasonably priced, well run public transport service. All rezoning does is increase need for more infrastructure, therefore increased rates.</p> <p>282 - Ensure growth on poor land, not valuable agricultural soils.</p> <p>320 - The future urban growth area and another bridge should receive priority attention in the 10 Year Plan and be considered jointly as the two issues are complementary to each other.</p> <p>361 - Support natural growth and efforts to maintain and improve the attractive features of the territory. Respect for productive capacity of land and the life-giving qualities of natural resources. (See submission for detail.)</p> <p>372 - Keep City area restricted. Don't aim for growth, aim to make PN better not bigger.</p> <p>406 - Support development on flat non-floodable land on western side of the river as it provides opportunities for affordable housing to be constructed.</p> <p>410 - Please stay clear of areas subject to flooding. Climate change is likely to make these even more prone. Further discussions with MDC would be useful.</p> <p>421 - Horizons request Council addresses sustainable urban growth along the MDC boundary and also expansion of the growth study to a full urban growth study. Also request urgent finalisation of strategy so that transportation planning can be fully and effectively integrated. (See submission for detail.)</p> <p>441 - Oppose Council not looking at Gillespies Line area for housing. Boundary change decision flooded and Horizons had no objection to housing in that area.</p> <p>442 - Want Council to relook at Gillespies Line area for housing. It does not flood and has a good primary school. Horizons had no major problem.</p> <p>448 - Strong support for Council desire to avoid development on areas of high class soils and subject to flooding.</p> <p>451 - Request Council addresses sustainable urban growth along the MDC boundary and also expansion of the growth study to a full urban growth study. Also request urgent finalisation of strategy so that transportation planning can be fully and effectively integrated. (See submission for detail.)</p> <p>479 - Agree it unwise to have growth target expressed only as total population figure. PN already has a poor reputation. City will be NZs best kept secret even if a strategy for growth is executed effectively. Would like to see Council actively welcoming and facilitating new businesses and services that complement existing expertise.</p>
Sustainability - General		
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you for your comments. The Council is developing a Sustainable City Strategy that will include these issues by covering social, economic, environmental and culture/leisure.</i></p> <p>78 - The challenge is to deliver LTCCPs in which councils have explored what is possible, decided what is acceptable, and developed a clever plan that contains a shared vision with measureable goals, which is then published in a clear and concise manner. (See submission for details.)</p> <p>151 - Highly commendable but present economic conditions should dictate that development goes on the back burner.</p>		

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<p>Volunteering Initiatives</p> <p><i>The Council is committed to identifying ways of celebrating and acknowledging the significant value and contribution of the voluntary sector of Palmerston North. This is specifically acknowledged through the Community Development Policy. There is currently planning underway for a major event in 2009.</i></p>		
		<p>348 - Request Council recognises the value of volunteering in this community by supporting initiatives to encourage participation in the many and varied voluntary organisations in this City.</p>
<p>Water Conservation Policy</p> <p><i>It is intended that the costs and benefits of these systems will be fully evaluated as part of the District Plan Review.</i></p>		
		<p>356 - Request Council puts in place an embracing rain water storage policy. Such a step would be complementary and aligned and applied to new building permits.</p>
<p>Windfarms</p> <p><i>The Council has resolved to develop a policy on windfarm location once the outcome of the Turitea Windfarm call-in inquiry is known. A thorough assessment of the potential effects associated with the Turitea Wind Farm proposal is being conducted and the findings will be presented to the Board of Inquiry. The Council is confident that the Board of Inquiry will have sufficient evidence to enable it to reach a decision which best reflects the sustainable management of the Turitea resource. The Council has engaged geotechnical and engineering consultants to examine the proposal and recommend appropriate methods to ensure that the water supply is not compromised. The Council has enforcement procedures to require compliance with conditions of resource consents.</i></p> <p><i>With regards to windmills on the Council's logo, this is part of the Council's branding strategy. The use of new and existing logos to support the Council's goals of sustainability and community involvement is likely to be reviewed.</i></p>		
		<p>24 - Sort the District Plan to save whats left of the Tararua skyline, no more visible windfarms.</p> <p>28 - Requirement to look after social, economic and cultural wellbeing of people was destroyed by voting to change the purpose of Turitea Reserve to allow Mighty River Powers proposal to proceed to call in stage. Leisure and recreational opportunities will be destroyed if application proceeds. (See submission for more detail.)</p> <p>97 - Have had to sell land with debacle over the wind farm. All attempts to make the city an attractive destination will fall on the sword of 45 meter blades. (See submission for more detail.)</p> <p>182 - Do not allow any more windfarms within the PN boundary.</p> <p>195 - Do not support windfarm at Turitea. Some things need to be preserved and protected.</p> <p>195 - Oppose extension of Turitea Windfarm.</p> <p>270 - In promoting the windfarm and its environs, Council must ensure there will not be a reduction in the quality of water supplied to the City.</p> <p>273 - Note that there is no reference to Turitea Windfarm or development of reserve as an eco park. Would expect Council to recognise ecological and cultural value of the reserve and that a programme to protect and restore the area be considered.</p> <p>343 - Oppose windmills on Council letterheads and website. Many ratepayers are windmill weary.</p> <p>361 - Believe Turitea Reserve and Hardings Park must be protected from windfarm development. Council must ensure that full compliance with conditions of consent is achieved.</p> <p>400 - I dont mind wind turbines but strongly object to them being in the middle of our water catchment area and potentially risking the safety of our water supply.</p> <p>428 - No more windfarms around our City and hills.</p> <p>483 - Support continuing partnerships between Council, MRP and Turitea windfarmers to develop proposed Turitea windfarm. Lessens City's carbon footprint and will lessen rates burden by paying for reserves costs.</p>

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New/Increased Requests

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<p>Environment Centres Fund - Bid to Ministry for the Environment</p> <p><i>Council Officers are looking into the requirements for applying for Environment Centre Funding from the MFE. The Council was not aware of this grant. It seems that for organisations to receive funds from the MFE, they have to be in partnership with the Council or have a memorandum of understanding with Council.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">420 - Seek support through additional resourcing in the 2009-10 year for a bid to the Environment Centres Fund of the Ministry for the Environment.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">426 - Seek support through additional resourcing in the 2009-10 year for a bid to the Environment Centres Fund of the Ministry for the Environment.</p>		
<p>NZ Archaeological Association Digital Site Recording Scheme</p> <p><i>The Council will actively investigate this scheme to assess its merits. The Council is always open to accessing resources or information that can improve our ability to enhance the protection of the archaeological heritage of the City.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">543 - Recommend Council subscribes to the scheme to allow access to up to date streaming of archaeological information for planning and consent advice.</p>		

Operating and Capital Programmes

Description	Decision	Submitter Comments
<p>(OP) Implement Sustainable City Strategy and Sustainable City Initiatives</p> <p><i>The Council welcomes your support for this programme and will consult with submitters through implementation. For the Council, sustainability covers social, economic, environmental and cultural issues. This reflects the definition of sustainable development in the Local Government Act. Climate Change will be part of the Sustainable City Strategy - the Council is part of the Communities for Climate Change programme.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">273 - Wish to actively be involved in development of strategy, in particular environmental sustainability.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">305 - Encouraging to see. Need to clarify that it is referring to environmental sustainability fund, to align with what is promised in the Mayor and CE message. Funding needs to be specifically allocated to ES, including climate change. (See submission for more detail.)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">324 - Strongly support especially in this time of economic uncertainty when many citizens are in need of the assets that assist environmentally sustainable living such as warm houses, hire of reusable products and access to skills. Funding needs to be specifically allocated to ES, so there is no confusion at a later time as to the stated purpose for the fund.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">337 - Commitment is visionary and fully supported.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">420 - Hope that PNCET and ENM member groups will be involved with Council in development of the strategy.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">422 - Delighted the strategy is being prepared. Focus should be on environmental sustainability because without a sustainable environment there cannot be a sustainable economy or society.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">426 - Hope that PNCET and ENM member groups will be involved with Council in development of the strategy.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">493 - Climate Change Strategy does not appear in the 10 Year Plan. Recommend this be developed.</p>		

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(UF) Windfarms - Developing a Policy		<p><i>Your support is noted. This programme remains unfunded at this stage. The Council has resolved to develop a policy on windfarm location once the outcome of the Turitea Windfarm call-in Inquiry is known.</i></p> <p>273 - If more windfarms are likely to go ahead we support development of a policy and would like to be actively involved.</p> <p>361 - Remains an essential item. Whilst it can be deferred until the application outcome is known, the Tararua Range is not safe from further applications.</p> <p>440 - Should develop very fast a policy on windfarms.</p>

