

Palmerston North City Council

Electing the Mayor



Andy ASQUITH

Independent Labour Group

My principal place of residence is in the Palmerston North City Council area. I am also standing for Councillor - City-wide (At Large).

I'm standing for the Palmerston North Mayoralty on a matter of principle. We are privileged to live in a democracy where elections are meant to be contested by credible candidates. Unopposed elections - or those with candidates lacking credibility - are not good for democracy. Importantly, a contested mayoral election increases voter turnout and engagement in local affairs. You deserve a real choice.

My campaign is around three themes: enhanced consultation and engagement; transparency, and a greater use of evidence in policy making.

I have considerable governance experience having served on numerous charity boards. I served as a member on the equivalent of a Community Board in the UK. I've over 25 years' experience and expertise researching, teaching, commentating and advising on local government leadership.

I've worked at Massey University Business School for 14 years. I live in Terrace End, where I'm a Rotarian. Vote for engagement, transparency and evidence-based decisions.