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INDICATE WHICH OPTION YOU SUPPORT FOR OUR SIX PROPOSALS:

1 SAFE COMMUNITIES

Council proposes the local establishment of an accredited Safe Community programme using the Safe Communities model. Refer page 9.

Which option do you choose?

OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)

Council should pursue Safe Communities accreditation to support the development of our communities.

OPTION 1 ○

OPTION 2:

Council should not pursue the safe communities accreditation.

OPTION 2 ✓

OPTION 3:

Council should make the Safe Communities initiative an even greater priority and allocate more funding towards it?

OPTION 3 ○

MY COMMENT:

~~No~~ RE: SAFE COMMUNITIES.

(1) STRICTLY SPEAKING, IT IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANY DISTRICT COUNCIL TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES OR USE TAX PAYER/~~RATEPAYER~~ MONIES TO ENSURE HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES; THIS PROVISION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THEIR INSTRUMENTS SUCH AS: THE N.Z. POLICE; DISTRICT HEALTH BOARDS; MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT; ~~AND~~ MINISTRY OF EDUCATION; AND NEW ZEALAND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES!

(2) ANY MONIES PRESENTLY SPENT ON ~~THIS ENDEAVOUR~~ SHOULD BE CHANNELLED INTO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE!

(3) COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE ~~ARRANGEMENTS~~ DUPLICATE RESOURCES, TIME, AND MONEY; VALUED AND MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS WOULD NOT SUCCEED IN DELIVERING ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.

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2 NORTH KING COUNTRY SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRE

The Game on Charitable Trust (GoCT) proposes the development of the North King Country Indoor Sport and Recreation Centre (the Sports Centre) in Te Kuiti. Council has been invited to **provide funding** for that development. Refer pages 10-11.

Which option do you choose?

OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)

Council should provide a maximum capital funding grant to the GoCT of **$1.5 million,** with **$1 million** provided in **2018/19 year** and $500,000 in 2019/20 under the proviso that if the GoCT are able to source additional funding from other benefactors then Council would contribute less?

OPTION 1 ○

OPTION 2:

Council should not provide any capital funding for the sports centre.

OPTION 2 ✓

4 RATES REMISSION POLICY

We are proposing to establish a new remission category that provides rates remission of up to 50% for one year to new businesses or new developments established within the past 12 months. Council's objective in establishing this remission category is to promote employment and economic development within the District.

We are also proposing a new remission category that provides relief to properties that have been detrimentally affected by erosion, subsidence, submersion, earthquake or other calamities. The objective of establishing this remission category is to assist ratepayers affected by events outside of their control and as the consequence of a natural calamity. Refer page 13.

Council should introduce the new categories for remission into the Rates Remission Policy.

○ Yes ✓ No

NOTE: ① AS THE COUNCIL HAS EXPRESSED IT'S PREFERRED OPTIONS WITHOUT ALLOWING SUBMITTORS TO MARK THE OWN PREFERENCE, I CONSIDER THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT TO BE BIASED.

② SOME OF THE PROPOSALS ARE COACHED IN SUCH A WAY THAT ANSWERING 'YES' OR 'NO' IS NOT SUBJECTIVELY CORRECT.

3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council plans to **participate and become a member of the proposed** Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency (WREDA), and the **South Waikato economic initiative** to develop a strategy and action plan for the economic development of the South Waikato sub-region to get the best possible return for our investment and to take advantage of the opportunity as part of a bigger collective. Refer page 12.

Do you support Council's proposal to participate in the WREDA and the South Waikato economic initiative? (our preferred option)

○ Yes ✓ No

MY COMMENT:

Nº2: PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE SADLY LACKING IN MANY ASPECTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNCIL DISTRICT SHOULD TAKE PRIORITY OVER ANY SORT OF SPORTS FIXTURE OR RECREATION CENTRE; THE SEALING OF RESIDENTIAL ROADS, SEWAGE, AND WATER PROVISION SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE.

Nº3: IT IS NOT A DISTRICT COUNCIL'S OBJECTIVE TO CREATE OR PARTICIPATE IN CREATING IT'S OWN EMPIRE BUT TO SERVICE THE NEEDS OF ITS RATEPAYERS IN THE FORM OF INFRASTRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE. TAKING PART IN A BIGGER COLLECTIVE IS OFTEN NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OR ADVANTAGEOUS TO LOCAL PROJECTS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT.

Nº4: THIS RATES REMISSION POLICY SHOULD HAVE BEEN DIVIDED UP FURTHER AS I BELIEVE THAT SOME RATE REMISSION SHOULD APPLY FOR NEW BUSINESSES BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE CASE REGARDING LAND AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITY (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT LAND NOT COVERED BY THE EARTHQUAKE COMMISSION OR INSURANCE). HENCE, MY NO TO INTRODUCING NEW CATEGORIES FOR REMISSION. THIS IS AN IMPERFECT SUBMISSION THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER STATED.

NOTE: ALL THE ABOVE SUBMISSIONS ARE TOO SIMPLISTIC AND DO NOT ENCOMPASS ENOUGH 'REALITY' ASPECTS FOR DUE CONSIDERATION, THUS PRODUCING A NEGATIVE NO! WHEN PERHAPS IT SHOULD BE YES IF FURTHER ENLIGHTED!

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5 PUBLIC TOILETS AT MOKAU AND WAITOMO VILLAGE

Council is proposing to upgrade the Mokau toilets to more appropriately meet user needs in the 2018/19 financial year (first year of the Long Term Plan).

Council is proposing to invest in public toilet facility at Waitomo Village in 2019/20. However, this will be subject to land ownership being vested to Council for such a facility.

The estimated cost of the two facilities will require an investment of approximately $320,000 each. Refer page 14.

Which option do you choose?

OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)

Council should apply for external funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) to cover 50% of the cost of these facilities.

If funding is obtained then proceed with the upgrade at Mokau in 2018/19 and new toilets at Waitomo Village in 2019/20.

OPTION 1 ✓

OPTION 2:

Council should not proceed with providing the new and upgraded facilities **even if the external funding is obtained**.

OPTION 2 ○

MY COMMENT:

No 5 IF ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS OBTAINED THEN NO PROCEEDING WITH EITHER PROJECT. HOWEVER, THIS IS ONE OF THE BETTER PROPOSALS OFFERED AND IS A NEEDY CIRCUMSTANCE.

6 FUNDING WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES

- Council is of the view that the entire District benefits from adequate and environmentally sound Water and Wastewater services and
- these services should cost the same in each community. Refer pages 15-16.

Which option do you choose?

OPTION 1 (PREFERRED OPTION)

Council should implement the 'same service same rate' proposal phased in over four years (for water) and include 10% district benefit rate for all rating units across the district.

Under this option the water and sewerage assistance subsidies currently paid by all rating units in the district would be replaced with the district benefit allocation and the Piopio Wider Benefit Rating Area (PWBRA) sewerage rate would be removed.

OPTION 1 ○

OPTION 2:

Council should stay with the current funding system which is - you pay for water and sewerage based on where you live and all rating units in the district pay an assistance rate for these services in smaller communities and PWBRA Sewerage rate remains.

OPTION 2 ✓

MY COMMENT:

No 6 SINCE I DO NOT HAVE THE AVAILABILITY OF EITHER WATER OR WASTEWATER SERVICES MY RESPONSE IS SECULAR AND ARBITARY.

NOTE: ✓ THERE ARE MANY OTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING OPERATING GOVERNANCE THAT NEED ANSWERING — WHY HAVE THESE NOT BEEN INCLUDED (SUCH AS: EROSION CONTROLS & BUDGET; ROADING PLANS FOR SEALING / MAINTENANCE; NUMBERING OF PROPERTIES FOR POSTAL SERVICE).

NEED MORE SPACE? *Please attach additional paper with your name, phone number and page number on each sheet.*

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