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Speak\_to\_Council\_Hearing: Yes\_speak

PROPOSAL\_1\_SAFE\_COMMUNITIES: I support Option 1 for proposal 1

SAFE\_COMMUNITIES\_COMMENTS: There are a couple of areas where it would be helpful to have additional information because the uncertainties might have implications:

The Safe Communities model seems a good idea, but it would be helpful to have assurance that the initiative is supported by local iwi leaders, assuming that is true.

More generally, there is little mention of iwi leader consultation or views on the elements of the plan.

PROPOSAL\_2\_NORTH\_KC\_SPORTS: I support option 1 for proposal 2

NORTH\_KC\_COMMENTS: Where it would be helpful to have additional information because the uncertainties might have implications is:

The sports centre seems like a good proposal but it would good to know that Council is not taking on an actual or implied funder of last resort obligation, and it should be stated whether or not there is a connection with aspirations for gaming infrastructure, or if money is being sourced from the proceeds of gambling.

PROPOSAL\_3\_ECONOMIC\_DEVELOPMENT:

ECONOMIC\_DEV\_COMMENTS: There are a few things I would expect to see covered but were not considered:

Likely population trends, uncertainty and implications, noting lack of census data but expecting local knowledge of trends to substitute.

Plans in response to impacts of expected sea level rise on coastal communities.

There are two more fundamental questions raised by the draft plan:

There is a great deal of attention given to what are important community matters but relatively small financial commitments. In contrast there are very substantial financial commitments, especially in roading, pavement and footpaths, which are very lightly described. Given the long period being considered and the materiality of expenditure it would be helpful to have insight into whether innovation opportunities have been examined and identified, together with what the important road planning trade-offs are, and how they have been resolved. There is nothing that helps provide assurance that the right strategic decisions are being made and that operational decision-making will be best-practice.

The high-level words around the importance of economic development are encouraging but the content below is not compelling. I would expect commentary on the goals of economic development in the District, the economic opportunities and issues, and the interventions proposed to achieve the goals. More specifically, the proposal to rebate a portion of early period rates is underwhelming and unconvincing. It is hard to believe that a rates rebate will materially affect decisions to locate businesses in the district, and no evidence is offered. Signing up to the regional initiative, while a good idea, will not substitute for thinking through the local needs and actions, particularly given the scale of the district relative to the scale of the region. I note there is a very large increase in regional

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economic development funding and the District Council should be considering how securing some of that funding might contribute to local economic development.

PROPOSAL\_4\_RATES\_REMISSION: YES. I support Council's proposal 4  
RATES\_REMISSION\_COMMENTS:

PROPOSAL\_5\_PUBLIC\_TOILETS: I support option 1 for proposal 5  
PUBLIC\_TOILET\_COMMENTS:

PROPOSAL\_6\_FUNDING\_WATER\_SEWERAGE: I support Option 2 for proposal\_6  
FUNDING\_WATER\_SEW\_COMMENTS: Where it would be helpful to have additional information because the uncertainties might have implications is:  
The opportunities, or lack of options, to reduce the inputs to land-fill, given that is the goal of the policy rather than revenue-raising.

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