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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:

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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

If the Business is not appreciating after 5 yrs the rate remission should be repaid but how would you collect it ?

The Farmer who lost land because of erosion, would be revalued and therefore pay less Rates.

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:

Re the sports centre I have ticked ✓ but I have my doubts about the on going finances of this project. I don't like the idea of this building being built of Education Land. I also have concerns about who will run it. I have always been wary of school Teachers being in charge

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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:

These are tourist areas and we should be catering for these people

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:

We should all be paying for the services in these area's

I find it strange on page 2 of the long Term plan that we want people to visit, work and Live here in Waitomo and yet 50% of Council Staff choose to Live elsewhere

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