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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: Drink, Drugs, "Parties" are all main Loccal activities that can lead to "unsafe" Socially unacceptable things (various). Some years ago King Country Energy tried hard to Build a local Lake with a wide range of Family Friendly activity as a by Product (of KCE business). Suggest Council could talk to King Country Energy again NOW to see if there is any possiblity of this "wholesome" Community friendly Project could be re instated with A bit of help from Council as regards red tape. To get away from Domestic Violence, drink, drugs, prostitian crime it is required that there are "alternatives" put forward by our Community Leaders. Not everyone is or ever will be a rugby/net baller Player. Lakes have many recreational uses.

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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**

Flexability in year to year economic decision making to help local economy must be correct so yes good idea.

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:

Like the Idea of avoiding doubling up of effort & of the shared info that comes with this. Less waste & whatever is developed is likely to be better than one lone one Council effort input.

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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: This is the tip of the ice burg! Whole area will benefit from more Public toilets. Said Toilets should be built anticipating longer opening hours & a huge growth in Tourists.

I think Businesses like the "Waitomo Caves" which make Big profits from Public Toilet use should be "levied" to Pay more towards Public Toilets.

I Praise Concil effort's to think & act on this now it's right thing to do.!

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: People living in the Smaller Towns in the K.C. have bigger costs & less services but its important to all of us that basic facilitys remain in said Towns.! Long term Counci Should be looking at recycling All Sewerage. I Know it sounds ~~to~~ ~~fa~~ to for ~~this~~ Idea but 80% of the rest of the worlds people do use have a reuse system.! We Should look at less treatment & more reuse.!

For the 30s to 2040's period. as a possible option.! recycled reuse of sewerage use is as old as human civilization.! & in NZ. our non use is only due to the new-ness of our Culture.! (One only need look at NZ Farmer use of Cow manure)

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