

Date: Thursday 4 May 2017
Time: 5.00pm
Meeting Room: St Chads Church and Community Centre
Venue: 38 St Johns Road
Meadowbank

Ōrākei Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Have Your Say	St Heliers Church HYS Consultation (21/03/17)		Matthew Bartlett	
Date Sent to Event Lead	No of Attendees	Facilitator		
	80	Cr Simpson (CIE Staff: Angeline, Jeremy, Jean, Matt)		
Name/Org (optional)	Comment	Subject Type	Theme	Count
	Q1 Other - Why didn't the council think of setting a baseline in a review of the functions, rather than starting at 2.5 or 3.5 (it's so much more than inflation!)	AP - Form Questions	1.0 Q1 Rates increases	1
	Q1 Other - The book only refers to an average rates increase – is it an absolute cap, or an average cap?	AP - Form Questions	1.0 Q1 Rates increases	1
	Q1 Other - Will the UAGC go up with the average?	AP - Form Questions	1.0 Q1 Rates increases	1
	Q1 Other - Will Orakei houses go up like other ones?	AP - Form Questions	1.0 Q1 Rates increases	1
	Q1 Other - How much will remain from this budget after this year?	AP - Form Questions	1.0 Q1 Rates increases	1
	Q2 Other - St Heliers Association has done research – rates rises are a problem for the shops. Convenience stores – what happens to them if business rates rise and they can't afford to function? The post office is gone already – will we lose our village and end up like Mission Bay?	AP - Form Questions	2.0 Q2 Rating stability	1
	Q2 Other - Why is there no option for the business ratepayers to pay more than residents?	AP - Form Questions	2.0 Q2 Rating stability	1
	Q2 Other - Can you give a hint as to how many years out this rates differential rise goes up?	AP - Form Questions	2.0 Q2 Rating stability	1
	Q2 Other - I find it hard to determine what I think about these issues. Everything is couched in a non-specific way. How much more do they pay right now? Where are the hard numbers?	AP - Form Questions	2.0 Q2 Rating stability	1
	Q3 Agree - Council should put this money into public things. Good outcome. I suggest because of the kerfuffle, reduce the budget for ATEED and put that into infrastructure. Get ATEED to go and collect money for themselves (physically)	AP - Form Questions	3.0 Q3 Paying for tourism promotion	1
	Q3 Disagree - Variance between budget (20-30m) and 2.5/3% rates increase seems big! I'm in business. I have budgets. I can't have a budget like that.	AP - Form Questions	3.0 Q3 Paying for tourism promotion	1
	Q3 Disagree - I wonder very much if the target rate is going to go through, or be watered down! Why aren't you looking at drastic savings past this rate? We already pay a govt tourist office to promote New Zealand! Why do we have to duplicate those functions? This is a CCO out of control! 20-30 million dollars – is that their operating budget, or is their salary budget 55 million, or what? It's a personal slush fund. Can't you make more cuts in the office?	AP - Form Questions	3.0 Q3 Paying for tourism promotion	1
	Q3 Disagree - I have 20 years in the tourism industry. The council have not grasped this whole thing. Accommodation providers can't recover the targeted rate. The market doesn't operate in a way that all competitors voluntarily rise their prices. Totally inequitable. Totally unfair. The real answer: cut ATEED in half. So many departments. What do they all do? They have expensive offices. They also do economic development.	AP - Form Questions	3.0 Q3 Paying for tourism promotion	1
	Q3 Other - Where do interest payments come in?	AP - Form Questions	3.0 Q3 Paying for tourism promotion	1
	Q4 Disagree - This govt seems hell-bent on increasing immigration. So many lies about it. 80% come to Auckland. Why should a ratepayer pay for infrastructure to support them?	AP - Form Questions	3.0 Q3 Paying for tourism promotion	1
	Q4 Other - What about a vacant house levy? New York has it!	AP - Form Questions	4.0 Q4 Paying for housing infrastructure	1
	Q4 Other - How far down does this go? Just for greenfields, or for intensification?	AP - Form Questions	4.0 Q4 Paying for housing infrastructure	1
	Q4 Other - Has it been considered that this targeted rate could be retrospective since the PAUP was notified?Where do interest payments come in?	AP - Form Questions	4.0 Q4 Paying for housing infrastructure	1
	Q4 Other - Isn't it the case that more and more people rent? Do renters pay rates and do overseas property owners pay rates?	AP - Form Questions	4.0 Q4 Paying for housing infrastructure	1
	Q5 Agree - I am the Labour candidate for Tamaki. I support this proposal. Minimum wage isn't acceptable. This is totally affordable and council has to be aspirational on this issue.	AP - Form Questions	5.0 Q5 Living wage	1
	Q5 Agree - People on super have other benefits. Raising minimum wage does have benefits – they spend it in their communities. Let's start closing the wage gap, too, and be a model employer	AP - Form Questions	4.0 Q4 Paying for housing infrastructure	1
	Q5 Disagree I have been involved in trade union movement. Council are talking as if living wage is something they can justify. Left-wing organisations are pushing this. What's even in the bill? The eastern-region councilors need to be aware of where this is coming from.	AP - Form Questions	4.0 Q4 Paying for housing infrastructure	1
	Q5 Easy to justify through random, abstract benefits – but it's a social subsidy. Should council provide those? Why should retired people pay for this.	AP - Form Questions	5.0 Q5 Living wage	1
	Q5 Other - Have you accounted for the effects if the low-to-medium earners want more?	AP - Form Questions	5.0 Q5 Living wage	1
	Q5 Other - What are other services will be cut? Libraries?? You're just giving a 1% rise to those making more than \$40,000. Why don't you freeze the wage of those earning more than \$100,00? [Large applause]	AP - Form Questions	5.0 Q5 Living wage	1