

## Chairs Report Policy and Planning committee

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Hello and welcome to the meeting, we have a relatively light agenda today, but you will see that some of the items are highly pertinent to our district especially after the release of our last quotable valuation reports and also the recent rise in house values in all our urban areas. In the order paper on page 25 there is the activity under the economic development portfolio around housing. The number of items under this heading are large and this is heartening to see, there are so many groups and mechanisms, surely we or other people in the space can get some actions over the line.

In a similar vein our district signage project is coming along well, it will be good to get it finished , but it is also important that there is good buy in from all of the communities and that the graphics represent what they and we actually want to portray for each of our communities.

Lastly it is pleasing to see the uptake of people through the Mahi Tahī program in terms of job placements and the number of people who were prepared to step up to the invitation to visit one of our larger southern employes to look at potential job opportunities there.

Angus Gordon.

Chairman