

Chairmans report to policy and planning committee

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Hello and welcome to the meeting, it seems like a lifetime since we met but perhaps on reflection it is that a large amount of workload has taken place in the interim between meetings.

If we review today's order paper it is very full, and extremely varied. I would like to highlight that even though there are a large number of policies that require our decision today they are reviews of current policies and do not require quite the same level of what I might describe as "workshop comment" in the meeting. To emphasise the point I think the value of our bi-monthly workshopping sessions to lighten the meeting workload is paying dividends, as long as people make the effort to attend and involve themselves appropriately. Personally I do wonder if I have been here too long as in councillor careers you do generally get to deal with a policy issue once in your lifetime, but here I am, and a number of my colleagues will be in the same boat reviewing major policy items that we thought that we had put to bed at least a couple of terms ago.

I would like to also acknowledge the documents that are in today's order paper, the Community led development of council owned facilities is one that caught my attention, thank you for the work and effort that has been put into this as it is a foundation for what will happen in our parks and reserves areas from here on in.

I look forward to your input, but let's hope we're out of here before midnight.

Angus Gordon

Chairman.