

Policy and planning chairman's report

April 2022

Hello and welcome to today's meeting,

As you will have noted there are number of items that are new to the agenda for this meeting that I will comment on including a number of documents that are being consulted on concurrently with our draft annual plan.

Those are our schedule of fees and charges, our draft proposed rates remissions document and the draft proposed rates remissions on maori land. The submission period which opened on the 8th April will close on the 9th May, with allowance for hearings on the 19th May.

You will also note that we have our daft destination management plan on our agenda for adoption. I hope that you have all read it, and intend to re-read it. There is a lot in there, and I hope that we have picked up on all the prior learnings in this area as we seem to have had "tourism "related plans and committees in this district for many years.

The key recommendations on pages 21-25 are the working part of this report that in my opinion are the important part that will either make or break this work program, but there is also so much other good reading in here, it is a case of watch this space.

Another paper that should be noted is the procurement policy which is in today's paper. Of interest is how we define "local" in terms of suppliers, are we including climate change responses in our procurement decisions?

I also note that in our housing policy that we have "pensioner flats" as part of our descriptions, and that raises the question for me of what is our definition of pensioner flats? By defining our potential builds in this way are we defining the outcome or structure for the build based on our current understanding, our current builds or future needs.

I look forward to your input on these and other matters.

Angus Gordon

Chairman