



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of an
Extraordinary Meeting of the
Invercargill City Council
to be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor
Civic Administration Building,
101 Esk Street, Invercargill
On Tuesday, 9 May 2017 at the conclusion of the
Regulatory Services Committee meeting, at 4.30 pm**

His Worship the Mayor Mr T R Shadbolt JP
Cr D J Ludlow (Deputy Mayor)
Cr R L Abbott
Cr R R Amundsen
Cr A J Arnold
Cr K F Arnold
Cr T M Biddle
Cr A H Crackett
Cr I L Esler
Cr G D Lewis
Cr I R Pottinger
Cr L F Soper
Cr L S Thomas

EIRWEN HARRIS MITCHELL
MANAGER, SECRETARIAL SERVICES

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TO: EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL
FROM: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR
MEETING DATE: 9 MAY 2017

ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSIONS

Report Prepared by: His Worship the Mayor – Mr T Shadbolt

SUMMARY

<p>Council received 60 submissions (15 of which were for the Certificate of Public Use fee) to the 2017/18 Annual Plan Consultation and heard those submitters who wished to be heard in support of their submissions on Monday 10th April 2017.</p>
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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the recommended decisions in *Appendix One* be adopted and included in Council's 2017/18 Annual Plan.

AND

That Council approve the comments in the Recommended Response column in *Appendix 2*, to be sent to submitters in response to their submissions. It is further recommended that where the issues raised by submitters are discussed in *Appendix One* to the Mayor's Report a copy of that discussion is included in the response to their submission.

IMPLICATIONS

1.	<p><i>Has this been provided for in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan?</i> This is part of the Annual Plan process.</p>
2.	<p><i>Is a budget amendment required?</i> The Annual Plan process establishes the budget.</p>
3.	<p><i>Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance?</i> No.</p>
4.	<p><i>Implications in terms of other Council Strategic Documents or Council Policy?</i> No.</p>
5.	<p><i>Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?</i> Yes, submissions have been heard and must now be debated and considered.</p>
6.	<p><i>Has the Child, Youth and Family Friendly Policy been considered?</i> Yes.</p>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are addressed in individual recommendations.

2017/18 ANNUAL PLAN CONSULTATION SUBMISSIONS

The matters raised that Council needs to consider are summarised in **Appendix One**. I have provided recommended decisions on all submission points.

Staff comments to submissions are included in **Appendix Two**.

RATING DISCUSSION

The Long-Term Plan (LTP) identified a rates increase of 5.39% for the 2017/18 year. Council carefully assessed each of its activities to determine how they can be achieved in the most cost effective way. The Annual Plan Consultation Document was presented to the community for submission highlighting only brand new activities or projects not included in the LTP.

Through the submission process, Council has received requests for funding as well as submissions on potential rate increases.

Should Council adopt the recommended decisions, the rates change for the 2017/18 financial year will be 4.68%.



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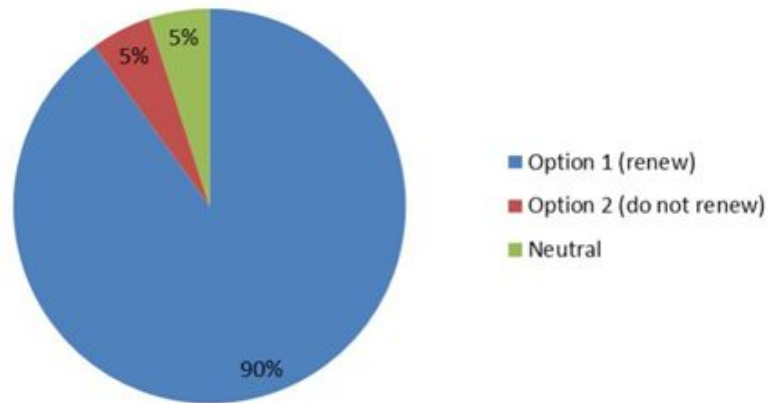
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Changes to Draft Annual Plan

Changes to Draft Annual Plan following Consultation			
Activity	Change	Level of Service Impact	Financial Impact
Events Fund	Do not increase the Emerging Events Fund by \$50,000.	No change from current level of service.	Reduction of \$50,000 in 2017/18 rates.
Piped Network Utility Maintenance (<i>Water Supply and Drainage</i>)	Increased cost of contract.	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$312,000 in 2017/18 rates.
Democratic Process	Allowance for an independent member on the Audit Sub-Committee.	Increased level of service.	Increase of \$10,000 in 2017/18 rates.
Resource Management	Funding for Southland Community Nursery.	No change from current level of service.	\$1,000 in 2017/18 to be funded from Reserve.
Resource Management	Funding for Otatara Landcare Group.	No change from current level of service.	\$2,500 in 2017/18 to be funded from Reserve.
Resource Management	Funding for Otatara Pestbusters project.	No change from current level of service.	\$1,000 in 2017/18 to be funded from Reserve.
Resource Management	Funding for Bush Haven.	No change from current level of service.	\$1,000 in 2017/18 to be funded from Reserve.
Various	Reduce the interest rate used in the Long-Term Plan to reflect recent change in the Bank Interest Rate.	No change from current level of service.	Saving of \$50,000 in 2017/18 rates.
Use of General Reserve	Use funds from the General Reserve to offset the rates increase.	No change from current level of service.	Saving of \$200,000 in 2017/18 rates.
St Johns' Grant	Fund the grant to St Johns through Reserves instead of Rates.	No change from current level of service.	Saving of \$34,000 in 2017/18 rates.

	Rates Revenue (GST exclusive) (\$000)	Rates Change	Average change to ratepayer (year)	\$ Average change to ratepayer (weekly)
2017/18 Rates	\$50,418	4.68%	\$87.96	\$1.69

Stead Street Stopbank



Discussion

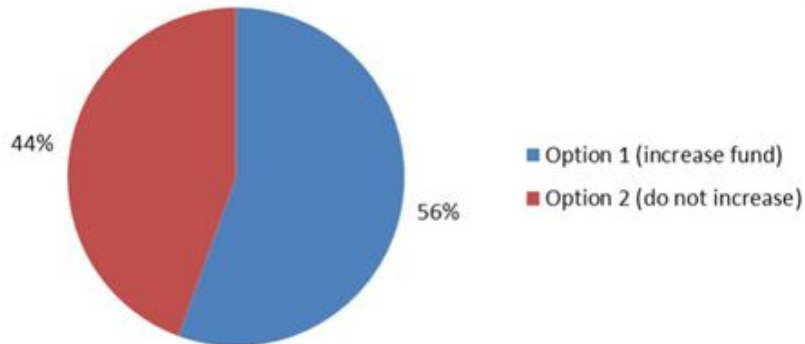
Council discussed the importance of the Stead Street Stopbank and its role in the protection of the road, airport and residential area of Otatara from tidal flooding. The Councillors considered submissions and noted that there are a number of factors to be taken into consideration when developing the project. They noted that the Stopbank is part of a larger flood protection network, and that the impact of upgrading the Stead Street Stopbank on that network will need consideration by all parties involved.

The Councillors acknowledged that this project would be subject to resource consent and that a number of submitters had requested that the recreational use of the Stopbank be considered. The Councillors wanted to encourage those who wished to provide comments on the project to make a submission on the resource consent application when it was lodged.

Recommended Decision

Council adopts its preferred option and upgrades the Stead Street Stopbank. Undertaking this project will increase the level of service provided to the Community. The total cost of the project is an estimated \$1.33 million dollars and is to be loan funded. Although loan funding the project results in a nil impact on rates in the 2017/18 year, the Council acknowledges that in the following year this will increase rates by 0.21%.

Events Fund



Discussion

Council discussed the importance of events in encouraging Invercargill to be a vibrant, exciting place to live and visit. Councillors reviewed some of the events that had been held in Invercargill and discussed the impact that these events have had. It was noted that when events became established they were eligible for the Iconic Events funding, and that with the ongoing success of some events, there was little funding left available for new events.

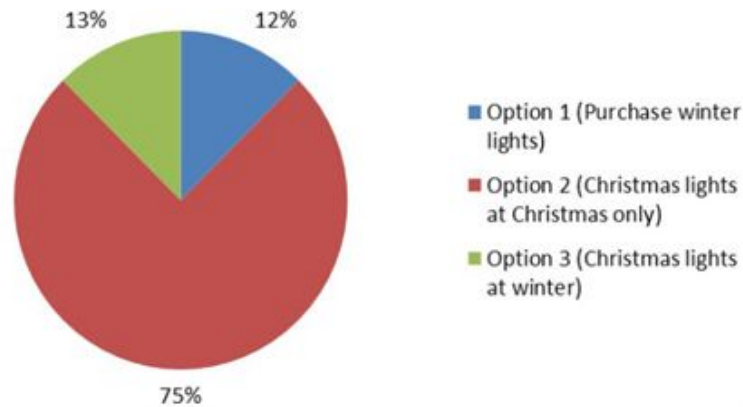
The Councillors considered submissions and noted that there was strong public support for encouraging vibrancy throughout the City. Many submitters raised points indicating the type of event that they would like to see the Invercargill City Council encouraging and funding. Some submissions also noted the need for clarity and transparency in how the Events Fund was allocated.

The Councillors discussed the importance of having a robust framework and terms of reference for the Events Committee and determined that a review of the Terms of Reference should be undertaken to ensure that the fund is being allocated in line with Council's vision.

Recommended Decision

Council adopts Option 2, which was not its preferred option, and does not increase the Events Fund by \$50,000. This would result in a decrease of 0.1% to the 2017/18 rates proposed in the draft Annual Plan. This does not have an impact on the level of service provided. Council also determine to review the Events Fund process and criteria.

Festive Lights



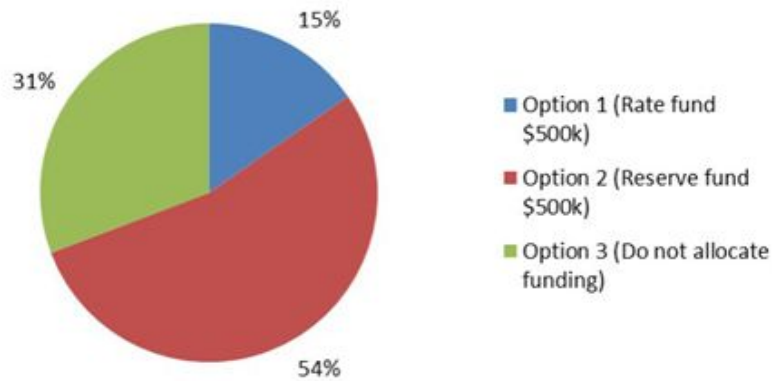
Discussion

Council discussed the positive feedback that had been received from members of the Community following the installation of the Festive Lights over the Christmas period. The Councillors considered submissions and noted that some submitters encouraged Council to install festive lights in other areas of the City. The Councillors discussed that while this was an idea worth considering, it was not affordable in the current year. They further discussed that further investigation into any such matter would have to be undertaken to ensure safety and affordability of the proposal.

Recommended Decision

Council adopts its preferred option and displays the existing lights at Christmas only. This decision does not impact on the level of service provided, nor on the level of rates required.

Invercargill Development



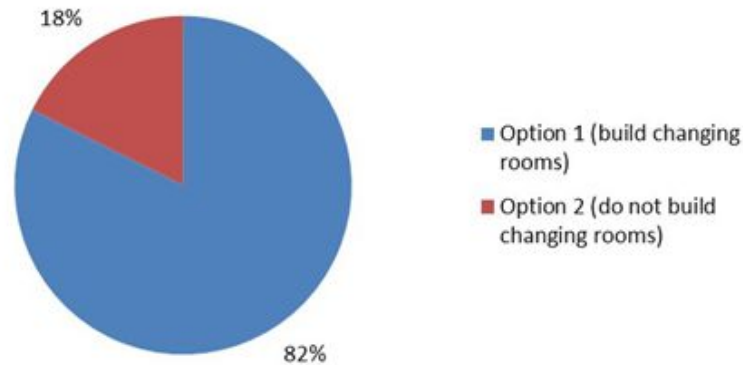
Discussion

Council discussed its commitment to the Southland Regional Development Strategy and noted that a number of projects identified in the Strategy were already supported by the Council and underway. Council considered submissions and it was noted that if the \$500,000 for Invercargill Development projects was to be reserve funded, it would no longer be available for the other City Centre upgrades that were previously planned. Councillors recognised that should the Council wish to continue with these upgrades at some point in the future the reserve would need to be reimbursed and that this would have an impact on rates. The Councillors discussed the types of project that could receive funding through this area and it was clarified that when it came to allocating this budget, each project would be considered by Council on its merits. Decisions on which projects to support with this budget would be made by the Council on a case by case basis.

Recommended Decision

Council adopts its preferred option and allocates \$500,000 to further investigate and progress projects to reinvigorate the City. This would increase the level of service provided by Council, but will not impact rates in the 2017/18 year as it will be funded through the City Centre Redevelopment Reserve Fund that is held for the purpose of reinvigorating the City Centre.

Pools



Discussion

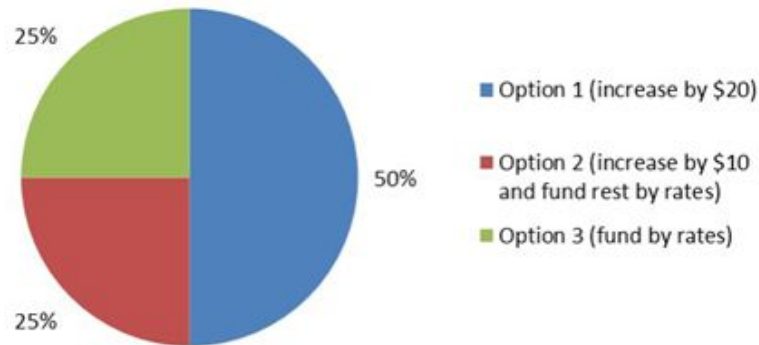
Council discussed the significant support through submissions for the building of additional changing rooms at Splash Palace. Councillors acknowledged the sentiment of many submissions that raised concerns with the usability of the current facilities. Councillors agreed that the new changing rooms would mitigate a number of health and safety situations and improve general hygiene.

Council discussed the total cost of the project being \$1.4 million which will include the changing rooms and the associated work that would need to be carried out in the café and foyer as well as external works. Council considered that the work would be loan funded and that although this would mean that there is no impact on rates in the 2017/18 year, in the 2018/19 year rates would need to increase by 0.23% to fund the loan repayments.

Recommended Decision

Council adopts its preferred option and builds the additional changing rooms, upgrades the café and foyer as well as other external works, at a cost of \$1.4 million to be funded by loan. This will increase the level of service provided. Council acknowledges that although this does not impact the rates required this year, in the 2018/19 year rates will need to increase by 0.23% to fund the loan repayments.

Solid Waste



Discussion

Council discussed the Central Government driven changes to the New Zealand Emission Trading Scheme, and the impact that this has on WasteNet Southland and the Council. The Councillors acknowledged that the Central Government initiatives result in Council having to pay a further \$21.11 per tonne of waste to meet its obligations under the Scheme.

Councillors considered submissions and noted that the majority were in favour of at least some aspect of a “user-pays” solution. It was further noted that from a Waste Minimisation perspective lower volumes into the Transfer Station are a good thing. However, from a financial perspective it means that the cost of the service is spread across fewer customers when using the “user pays” financial model.

Councillors noted that the fees paid at the Invercargill Transfer Station were relatively low when compared to other South Island areas and that the increase in fee would result in an approximately \$3.60 increase for a 180kg trailer load of waste.

Recommended Decision

Council adopts its preferred option and increases the Transfer Station fees by \$20 per tonne to offset increased disposal expenditure and lower volumes going through the Transfer Station. This decision will not increase the level of service provided and also will not increase the level of rates required.

Fees and Charges

Certificate of Public Use

Discussion

The Councillors discussed Certificates of Public Use (CPU) and acknowledged that they are applied for by the owner of a building to allow the public to have access to it when there is building work being done with a building consent and the building consent is not yet signed off. It was discussed that the purpose of the CPU is to check essential safety features before allowing the public access.

Council discussed that at present a CPU is issued for a maximum of 3 months at a fee of \$350. The proposal was that a second or any subsequent CPU would have a fee of \$5,000.

The Councillors considered submissions and determined that \$5,000 is too great a jump in fee. They discussed the possibility of having a graduated increase in fee. The Councillors discussed that the rationale behind the fee increase was sound, but the quantum was not quite right. It was noted that many submitters supported extending the timeframe from three to six months.

Councillors further discussed options available under the Building Act, and noted that the graduated fee and working alongside the building owner to have the work completed was the preferred option and best met Council's vision.

Recommended Decision

Council adopt a graduated fee increase for Certificates of Public Use as outlined in the table below:

	First 6 months	Second 6 months	Third and subsequent 6 months
Fee	\$350	\$700	\$2,000

Funding Requests (not included in LTP) - Approved

Funding Requests not included in the LTP/ Draft AP			
Activity	Change	Level of Service Impact	Financial Impact
Resource Management	Funding for Southland Community Nursery.	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$1,000 in 2017/18 rates.
Resource Management	Funding for Otatara Landcare Group.	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$2,500 in 2017/18 rates.
Resource Management	Funding for Otatara Pestbusters project.	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$1,000 in 2017/18 rates.
Resource Management	Funding for Bush Haven.	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$1,000 in 2017/18 rates.
Funding Requests included in Draft AP but not in the LTP			
Activity	Change	Level of Service Impact	Financial Impact
Grants – Safe in the South	Funding for Safe in the South	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$10,000 in the 2017/18 rates.
Grant – Southland Youth One Stop Shop Trust	Increase funding to subsidise rent on building at 10 Deveron Street	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$2,000 in the 2017/18 rates.
Grant - St Johns	Funding for St Johns new development	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$34,000 in the 2017/18 rates.
Grant – Invercargill Grief and Loss Awareness Centre	Funding for the Invercargill Grief and Loss Awareness Centre	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$15,000 in the 2017/18 rates.
Citizens Advice Bureau	Increase funding to the Citizens Advice Bureau	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$2,000 in the 2017/18 rates.
Awarua Communications Museum	Funding for the Awarua Communications Museum	No change from current level of service.	Increase of \$5,000 in the 2017/18 rates.

Funding Requests (not approved)

Bluff

Mowing of Marine Parade – Submitter requests that the berm from the War Memorial to Pilot Station Marine Parade. Council determined not to fund this project.

Public Toilet – Council has an estimate of \$130,000 to install the toilet and \$20,000 in annual operating costs. Council determined not to fund this project. Council recommends that the Bluff Community Board contact Venture Southland and discuss how to apply for funding from Central Government’s Tourism funding.

Council recommends that the Bluff Community Board develop a strategic plan to address development of Bluff in the future.

Roading

Caution Keruru signs - These signs are not a subsidised or approved “standard” sign and therefore require Council to pay full cost of the work. The signs, although erected on the road, do not have a specific safety benefit to road users. Council determined not to fund or erect further signs.

Community Funding Applications

Organisation	Amount Requested	LTP Provided	Purpose for Grant	Other Information
Project Litefoot	\$5,943.00	Nil	Implement a LiteClub programme into five community sports clubs in Invercargill.	Will install energy efficient lightbulbs, hot water cylinders and water saving devices as well as a waste minimisation programme.
Hospice Southland Charitable Trust	\$15,000	Nil	12 Month pilot programme in Invercargill and Bluff to help with volunteer training, coordinator salaries, resources and travel.	People with illnesses cannot necessarily manage day to day, so volunteers will help them feel comfortable in their own homes so that they can stay there longer.

No.	Name	Submission	Recommended Response
001	Yvonne Johnstone	Objects to the rise in City rates, it is too significant for those on the pension.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process.
002	A M Smith	Objects to the rise in City rates. Focus on the core services rather than upgrading City Centre.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process.
003	Margaret Whitford	Council should be paying for town expenses, not extras. Objects to the re-development of Esk Street as it has done nothing to neither fill the shops nor encourage tourism. Objects to the rates increase.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process.
004	Albie Ford	<p>Submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – supports option 1 • Events – supports option 2 • Festive Lights – supports option 2 • Invercargill Development – supports option 3 and notes that they agree in theory but require a breakdown of the \$500,000 as it would go a long way in construction. • Pools – supports option 1 and notes that it could be funded through entry fees. States that if there has been more attendance that expected then there should be a surplus to match this, over the last few years. • Solid Waste – supports option 1 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and renew the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and display the Christmas lights only at Christmas time.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and fund up to \$500,000 towards Invercargill Development out of reserves. The \$500,000 is to assist in funding further development of individual business cases for projects. The \$500,000 has not yet been allocated to the individual projects.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and to build the changing rooms. Visitor numbers have exceeded to the point where more changing rooms are required, however the numbers are insufficient on their own to independently service a loan.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20 per tonne.</p>

		<p>The submitter further stated that there is no provision for cyclists when upgrading intersections or installing cycle lanes. Further, that there is incorrect installation of tactile pavers throughout the City.</p>	<p>We consider our cyclists when we review intersection layouts and when on our cycling network. Good examples are the Queens Drive works. We have a well-developed cycling network but recognise that we need to review this in light of the cycling strategy.</p> <p>We also recognise that some of the historical tactile pavers may have not been installed absolutely correctly but as we work around the city on footpaths we are correcting these.</p>
005	Eileen Hughes	<p>Objects to the rates rise this year – submits that her daughter in Auckland pays less rates for her property that has a GV of more than three times her Invercargill property. For people receiving the pension, they have a fixed income so are unable to budget for rates rise and even with a rates rebate there is still a significant difference in what they pay versus what is repaid.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process.</p>
006	Anonymous	<p>The submitter has only commented on the Pools, and elected support of Option 1.</p> <p>They noted that the disabled changing rooms should be moved with a toilet in each, as having special needs is difficult enough and not having toilet facilities is very frustrating.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>It is recognised that at times there are not enough change rooms for disabled users. Whilst there is currently only one toilet available in these change rooms it is also recognised that at times it may not be enough.</p> <p>Options will be looked at in the design of the new change rooms.</p>
007	Anonymous	<p>The submitter has only commented on the Pools, and elected support of Option 1.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses from staff are included where appropriate.</p>

		<p>They noted that there should be more disabled changing rooms with a toilet in each (at least six available). As there is only one it is very difficult as she cannot take her son into the ladies and she cannot go into the mens toilet.</p>	<p>It is recognised that at times there are not enough change rooms for disabled users. Whilst there is currently only one toilet available in these change rooms it is also recognised that at times it may not be enough.</p> <p>Options will be looked at in the design of the new change rooms.</p>
008	Brian Nicholson	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; to increase the stopbank to current standards to protect the road, airport and Otatara. The sooner this work is done, the better. • Events – Option 1; increase the funding for events in the City to help groups and organisations to be able to apply for grants from the fund. • Festive Lights – Option 2; Christmas time only so there is no impact on rates. • Invercargill Development – Option 2; allocate the funding to investigate and to progress projects to reinvigorate the City, to keep bringing more tourists to the city and to keep people (locals) supporting the City. • Pools – Option 1; if the work is really needed then do it, especially the wheelchair ramps for disabled people as it is urgently required and should have been done at the start (of the initial build). • Solid Waste – option 2; increase by 10 tonne offset with increased disposal expenditure/lower volumes going through the Transfer Station. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and renew the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and to display the Christmas lights at Christmas only.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and fund up to \$500,000 towards Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and build the changing rooms.</p> <p>The wheelchair ramp into the facility will be completely redesigned and rebuilt as part of the Changing room project.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20 per tonne.</p>

<p>009</p>	<p>Ann Boyles</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; better to upgrade the stopbank now than go through another 1980's style flood. • Events – Option 2; event organisers ought to be accountable for their costs and not rely on Council to fund them. • Festive Lights – Option 2; this is not being accountable for expenditure. • Invercargill Development – Option 2; reservations about the costs mentioned. Would like to keep the community and ratepayers updated with the developments and would prefer that the Council upgrades infrastructure first. Submits that Council should complete the library and pool upgrade before starting on another project. • Pools – Option 1; most needed as they are overcrowded particularly when schools visit. • Solid Waste – Option 1; reduce rubbish even more and make Invercargill a large plastic supermarket bag free zone. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and to display the Christmas lights at Christmas only.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and fund up to \$500,000 towards Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and build the changing rooms.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20 per tonne. The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 encourages councils to consider the 'waste hierarchy' when managing and minimising waste i.e. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover and Treat/Dispose.</p> <p>Reducing plastic bag usage would be in alignment with the 'Waste hierarchy'.</p> <p>It is noted that plastic bags can be recycled in Southland, through the Council's recycling services (yellow bin and drop-off centre).</p>
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		<p>The submitter has further stated that the CBD can at times be dirty, grimy and positively embarrassing to take visitors around. There needs to be more landscaping and encourage the landlords to paint the frontages of empty buildings or knock them down so new buildings can go up.</p> <p>Submitter states that Council should lobby the Government for greater rebates to match the increase in rates as a lot of homeowners are older and on fixed incomes.</p> <p>The submitter further states that the Councillors should consult with the community and communicate the progress on projects and discuss what is happening.</p>	<p>Landscaping improvements will be considered as future plans are considered by Council.</p> <p>Council is working closely with our contractor on the regular cleaning works they undertake, but would appreciate if specific areas could be highlighted where we have not met expectations.</p> <p>The Council is currently in the process of formulating an approach in respect of Heritage in the CBD.</p> <p>Council is currently working to develop an Engagement Strategy that will assist in ensuring that all members of the public who wish to be communicated with are getting the information in a meaningful manner.</p>
<p>010</p>	<p>Max Skerrett</p>	<p>Submits concern with the continuing rise in the real operating cost of the Council. Queries what the costs are that apply only to local authorities?</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process.</p> <p>Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>The inflationary cost that is used by Council in its budgeting is developed by an independent organisation (BERL). Changes in the consumer price index (CPI) are used as the basis for measuring the inflation faced by households. It gives a picture of how the prices of the goods and services purchased by the typical New Zealand household are changing over time. It is therefore heavily represented by food, accommodation and transport costs, which collectively make up over 50% of the index. The Council, however, purchases a different mix of goods and services. Council's "basket" is dominated by changes in the Local Government cost adjustors such as labour costs, land and materials associated with assets. There is therefore a difference between changes in CPI and Council's cost.</p>

		<p>Questions what is costing all of the extra money? Offers the reason being staff expansion. From the ICC Annual Reports, staff have increased from 391 in 2012 to 453 in 2015.</p>	<p>Operational Expenditure has increased in the 2017/18 plan but this has been offset by operational revenue increasing by a similar amount. This is a result of Council seeking out other forms of income in an effort to secure additional income to reduce the burden on the ratepayer. This will also help futureproof Council total income.</p> <p>The major reason for the increased cost is the money being spent on advanced capital renewal and improvement programmes. These capital programmes mainly relate to Water Supply and Drainage and is additional spending of about \$2.5 million, which is equal to a rate increase of 5%. Other capital costs have been reduced to bring the overall rates increase to 4.7%.</p>
<p>011</p>	<p>Bush Haven Native Bird Rehabilitation Trust, C/- May and Russell Evans</p>	<p>Submitter expresses appreciation for the \$1,000 received the past 2 years and submits that they could not operate without these funds.</p> <p>Submitter outlines the work undertaken in caring for native birds and the success rate.</p> <p>Submitter outlines the work being undertaken with local Iwi.</p> <p>Request that \$2,000 be granted to enable Bush Haven to not apply annually.</p> <p>Request that Council consider rates relief on the property to enable the work to continue.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to grant \$1,000 to Bush Haven Native Bird Rehabilitation Trust in line with previous years.</p> <p>Each application for Rates Remission is considered by the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in line with Council's policy. It is suggested that the submitter makes an application. A rates remission information pack has been sent to the submitter to assist.</p>

		<p>Request that Council erect more “Caution Kereru” signs as submits these have played a part in preventing road deaths. Notes that these were declined last year and suggests that the following locations be given consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oreti Road, halfway round the curve before Black Road coming of Dunns Road • Otatara Road before the Stop Sign at Dunns Road. 	<p>These signs are not a subsidised or approved “standard” sign and therefore require Council to pay full cost of the work. The signs, although erected on the road, do not have a specific safety benefit to road users. Council determined not to fund or erect further signs.</p>
<p>012</p>	<p>Stephen Luscombe – Transport Southland</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; Need new life at Stead Street – make it more people friendly and less cars. • Events – Option 1; Invercargill needs more events, Council should attempt to get more events from the big cities. • Festive Lights – Option 3; Lights need to be put in South City and Windsor also. Brighten up the cold months. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to only display the Festive lights at Christmas.</p> <p>Options to erect festive lights within other areas of the community would need specific consideration. Lighting could be on the road sides but if lighting across the road was desired, much more detailed engineering is required. There are limitations as to what decorations can be secured safely to the existing light poles.</p> <p>The cost of installing lighting in other areas has several elements beyond purchasing as the storing, erecting and maintaining of the lights would also need accurate estimation.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invercargill Development – Option 2; need to get the shops full again and tidy up the CBD. Need to get more people from the big cities. • Pools – Option 1; Submits that Invercargill should have two pools. • Solid Waste – option 2; Further submits that Invercargill should have a green waste bin. <p>Further submits that we need a new bus company to run the city buses, should be 7 days per week. Run small mini buses like what is done in Christchurch. Also should investigate bus routes to Airport, Otatara and to Industrial areas. Should be a public bus from Bluff.</p>	<p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and fund up to \$500,000 towards Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and to build the changing rooms.</p> <p>Whilst not in the immediate planning cycle, long term consideration is being given to the need for future proofing Invercargill's Aquatic facilities.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20 per tonne.</p> <p>Council currently provides greenwaste (garden waste) disposal services at the Invercargill and Bluff Transfer Stations, and through WasteNet Southland initiatives encourages households to compost where practicable.</p> <p>Staff are aware of two commercial waste companies that offer kerbside garden waste services to Invercargill residents (Southern Transport, All Waste Solutions).</p> <p>Council is about to undertake a route review which will look at options for the future. The current contract was publicly tendered and awarded in 2012.</p> <p>There are specific requirements to attract NZTA assistance and this will be factored in the review.</p> <p>The Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP) will be consulted on later this year. This is another opportunity to input into what services are considered and how these are run.</p> <p>Operating a large number of additional runs would require significant additional funding from rates as currently those runs are unlikely to be subsidised.</p> <p>If a service was tourism driven, then it would be expected that such a service would have a business case which supported any investment.</p>
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		<p>Submits that the Airport needs to get Jetstar down here.</p> <p>Submits that we need to get the tram service back.</p> <p>Submits that we need a bus service to cover the Catlins, Orepuki, Tuatapere, Otautau, Te Anau. Submits that it is difficult to get out of Invercargill.</p>	<p>This is a commercial decision that is totally in Jet Star's hands so neither the Council nor Invercargill Airport Limited has any influence on this.</p> <p>This suggestion would need significant financial input and may not be viable. Invercargill does not have congestion or demand for a service.</p> <p>The routes requested could be submitted for the Regional Public Transport Plan which establishes which services are delivered for Southland. This would also need the other Southland councils to support any submission.</p>
<p>013</p>	<p>Southland District Health Board</p>	<p>Submitter commends Council for its focus on improving the health and wellbeing of its citizens through the consultation document. The proactive approach in improving the tidal flooding protection provided by the Stead Street stopbank in advance of the predicted sea-level rise, and the proposed improvements at the pool in response to increased use across age ranges by people engaging in physical activity for fun and fitness are clear examples of a health in all policies (HiAP) approach.</p> <p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; Submits that fortifying this vital access road to Invercargill the health and wellbeing of residents during times of flooding will be protected. • Events – Option 1; Encourage Council to support sun smart, smokefree and alcohol harm reduction. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>Alcohol harm reduction is an area of focus for the Safe in the South programme.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Festive Lights – Option 2; If Option 1 is preferred recommend that timing aligns with Matariki. • Invercargill Development – Option 2; Submits that carefully planned innovative projects will enhance the quality of life and benefit the community. • Pools – Option 1; Accessibility for older patrons and increased numbers are important considerations. Eager to support café staff to enhance health catering and food options. • Solid Waste – Option 1. <p>The Submitter further submits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commend Council's ongoing commitment to replace old AC pipes. • Support the ongoing investment in drainage based programmes to prevent flooding and enhance water quality. Supports all measures taken to eliminate sewage contamination of storm water. • Endorse the fluoridation of the water supply. • Commend consideration of a smokefree Esk Street. Recommend a city wide approach to encouraging smokefree outdoor spaces. 	<p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to display the festive lights at Christmas only.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to fund up to \$500,000 of Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and to build the changing rooms.</p> <p>Our admission statistics also support the view of an increasing number of older patrons using the facility. The Café provides a range of healthy options in its range of various foods.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and to increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20.00 per tonne.</p> <p>Asset Management Plans target the renewal of ageing pipes, and improved stormwater capacity to reduce flooding risk, and reduce stormwater contamination.</p> <p>A draft smokefree policy for Esk Street is being prepared following a Council resolution in 2016. This was initiated by the Invercargill Youth Council undertaking a survey in Esk Street supported by many community agencies.</p> <p>Council would need to consider a suitable bylaw to work toward smokefree outdoor spaces, including consultation with the wider community and more importantly how it would be enforced in practice (including staffing).</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend that priority is placed on renewing ageing infrastructure in parts of the network that give rise to cumulative contamination of the urban catchment. Increase resourcing for areas where sewage cross contamination is occurring. • Recommend Council remains mindful of the potential impact of freshwater limit setting on future requirements for wastewater services. • Recommend that Council improves the connectivity of cycleways, mode separation, maintains the existing quality of footpaths and ensures adequate lighting. • Recommend Council supports ongoing work which enhances the local food supply. • Offer to assist in the orientation of new Councillors in Health in all Policies approach, and continue to enhance the existing knowledge of council staff. 	<p>Investigation programmes including flow monitoring, CCTV inspections, and identification of cross contamination sources are used to inform priority renewal requirements.</p> <p>Council staff seek involvement in the limit setting process to ensure that achievable targets are set.</p> <p>Most of the inputs are likely to be considered within asset plans.</p> <p>Council is supportive of community initiatives for local food supplies.</p>
014	Southland Community Nursery and Education Centre	<p>Requests \$3,000 grant to continue work with the nursery and with schools and other visitors.</p> <p>Supports the submissions of Otatara Landcare Group, Otatara Pestbusters and Bush Haven.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process.</p> <p>Council has previously granted \$1,000 to the Southland Community Nursery. Council has determined to grant \$1,000 to the Southland Community Nursery and Education Centre.</p>
015	WellSouth Primary Health Network	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events – Option 1; Further recommends designating Council-run events as family friendly and smokefree. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process.</p> <p>Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>All Council run events and Council supported events are considered for Friendly branding. In each case the event coordinator is contacted and the brand template for events is discussed.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pools – Option 1; Recommend café be family friendly including healthy food options. <p>The submitter further submits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the smokefree playgrounds policy to include common outdoor spaces. • Endorses the Youth Council’s recommendation to make the CBD smokefree. 	<p>The decision to proceed with branding remains with each event coordinator.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and to build the changing rooms. Splash Palaces’ family friendly accreditation required our Café to have healthy food options. The Café provides a range of healthy options in its range of various foods.</p> <p>Council would need to consider a suitable policy to work toward this submission, including consultation with the wider community. A Smokefree Esk Street Policy is being developed following a 2016 Council resolution.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages the Council to incorporate food resilience into its plans and strategies. A local food production and distribution system based on ecological sustainability. Suggest could be included in Environmental Health, Resource Management, Community Development, Parks and Reserves and/or Urban Rejuvenation. • Investing in an orchard and community food hub rather than ornamental gardens. • Creating more edible landscapes. • Supporting farmers markets, community gardens etc. 	<p>Council is supportive of community groups that are working toward local food resiliency, but does not consider that this is a core responsibility of Council.</p> <p>Council’s Parks Department have provided reserve areas for orchards and community gardens.</p> <p>Council’s Parks department support community gardens. Council’s Environmental Health department supports the initiative as this increases the availability, distribution and affordability of fresh, healthy food for the community. This can be promoted more by the council through:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Subsidising event locations for the Farmers Market to allow for greater participation by stall holders at these events. - Working with producers, distributors, retailers, etc.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy food options at all events on Council owned property and within Council owned facilities. • Development of a local food policy. 	<p>to encourage the availability, affordability and uptake of healthy food in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating community educational brochures to increase knowledge of how to grow, harvest, prepare, and consume healthy locally grown food to support edible gardens and a flourishing food economy. - Ensuring that the stall holders are preparing, serving safe and suitable food to the general public in accordance to the Food Act 2014 requirements. <p>Council is supportive of community groups that are working toward local food resiliency, but does not consider that this is a core responsibility of Council.</p>
<p>016</p>	<p>Rodney Tribe</p>	<p>Submitter opposes a 4.7% rates increase and wishes to address the following areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events fund • Pool upgrade • Efficiencies • Council Controlled Organisations • Animal Services Fees • Infrastructure renewals • Debt level • Investment Property • General Reserves • Festive Lights • Grants • Chinese Garden 	<p>Thank you for your submissions. Staff responses are included where appropriate against the further submissions you provided at the Hearing.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugby Park • Invercargill Development. 	
017	Angus McKay, Emergency Management Southland	<p>Submits that there are a number of factors to be taken into consideration when evaluating raising the Stead Street stop bank.</p> <p>Submits that the Stead Street stop bank is part of a larger network of sea defences and cannot be considered in isolation. Asks that the following is considered when making a decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What impact does it have on the current flood protection in place for the Waihopai River and the Rifle Range. • Is it currently built to a standard strong enough to cope with being overtopped or does it need upgrading anyway, regardless of the increase in height. • Will the design of the road bridge over the Waihopai River be impacted by raising the stop bank height. <p>Submits that with greater understanding about climate change an increase in the height of the stop bank will reduce the risk of flooding to the Airport as well as ensuring access to Otatara.</p> <p>Requests that the decision is made in close cooperation with other stakeholders responsible for flood protection in Invercargill.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Staff agree that there are a number of factors to consider in evaluating this project, and that this bank is part of a larger network of sea defences, which will also be compromised by sea level rise, and for which options will need to be considered.</p> <p>This project is included in the Annual Plan because the bank has recently been overtopped, so early attention is necessary. The Rifle Range banks have previously been rebuilt, and similar projects for other flooding defences will be considered in the future. Raising this bank will not compromise other flood protection infrastructure.</p> <p>This project will require Resource Consent from Environment Southland, so consultation with other stakeholders will be required.</p>
018	Federated Farmers of New Zealand - David Cooper	<p>Encourages Council to consider the submission both for the 17/18 year and for development of the LTP.</p> <p>Supports Council's targeted rating approach and use of differentials.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p>

		<p>Supports Council's preferred options for the Stead Street stop bank, Festive lights, Invercargill Development and Solid Waste.</p> <p>Requests that additional expenditure proposed for emerging events is funded through the Economic Development Base targeted rate.</p> <p>Support Council undertaking further consultation with those directly affected by the Stead Street stop bank proposal in the lead up to the 2018 LTP.</p>	<p>Council has determined to follow its preferred options for the Stead Street Stopbank, the Festive lights, Invercargill Development and the Solid Waste issues.</p> <p>Funding the Emerging Events fund through the Economic Development rate would be possible; Council's Rating Policy will be addressed as part of the 2018 Long-term Plan development.</p>
<p>019</p>	<p>Healthy Families Invercargill</p>	<p>Thanks Council for its continued support of initiatives that Healthy Families Invercargill has been involved in.</p> <p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stop bank – Option 1; Encourage Council to engage Sport Southland's expertise when considering the stop bank as a recreational asset. • Events – Option 1; Recommend that this not be focused solely on tourism-based events, but also have scope to support events that focus on physical activity/health. • Pools – Option 1; Submits this is a well-used and well run facility and it is important that Council meets the demand. <p>Further recommends that Council commit to supporting the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy.</p>	<p>Note – also submitted electronically.</p> <p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Resource consent will be required for the project and Council encourages input through the consenting process.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>Council has determined to review the Events Funding process and criteria.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and to build the changing rooms.</p> <p>Council supports the concept of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy, but does not consider that developing it is a core responsibility of Council. Once a strategy is developed Council would consider its role in supporting the Strategy.</p>

		<p>Recommends that Council commit to supporting the Local Good Food Network Group in order to encourage a thriving local food system. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a Food Policy Council • Supporting edible plantings in the city by introducing a benchmark of at least 5% (by value) of the Parks Departments budget be planted in edible species. • Providing support to community gardens. • Working with the community to understand the types and location of food needed and desired by them. 	<p>Council supports Community groups or members that wish to do these things themselves as they are not considered a core responsibility of Council.</p> <p>The Parks Department of Council supports various groups by the provision of areas for planting such as apple planting Donovan Park, community gardens in Lithgow Street and Derwent Crescent and previous schemes at Rockdale Park and Ettrick Street reserve.</p>
<p>020</p>	<p>Stella O'Connor, IncrEDIBLE Invercargill</p>	<p>Request the City Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a Food Policy Council • Support edible plantings in the city by introducing a benchmark of at least 5% (by value) of the Parks Departments budget be planted in edible species. • Provide support to community gardens. • Work with the community to understand the types and location of food needed and desired by them. <p>Request that the Council explore whether funds earmarked for the Chinese Garden can be used for</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council supports Community groups or members that wish to do these things themselves as they are not considered a core responsibility of Council.</p> <p>The Parks Department of Council supports various groups by the provision of areas for planting such as apple planting Donovan Park, community gardens in Lithgow Street and Derwent Crescent and previous schemes at Rockdale Park and Ettrick Street reserve.</p> <p>The project has been committed with funding and development already underway.</p>

		projects that grow a resilient local food system.	
021	Sport Southland	<p>Thanks Council for its continued support of the sport and recreation sector.</p> <p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stop bank – Option 1; Recommends that the usage of the stop bank by walkers, runners and cyclists be taken into account when planning the renewal. • Events – Option 1; Recommend that this not be focused solely on tourism-based events, but also have scope to support events that focus on physical activity / health outcomes. • Pools – Option 1; Notes that the use of an indoor pool or aquatic centre to participate in sport and recreation is higher in Southland than in the rest of New Zealand. It is important that Council meets the demand and growth of this facility for the benefit of all users and so that it may continue to meet future demand. <p>Submitter recommends that Council commit to supporting the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy.</p> <p>Recommend that Council looks into ways to meaningfully engage with communities regarding work that progresses.</p>	<p>Note – also submitted electronically.</p> <p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and to upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank. Resource consent will be required for the project and Council encourages input through the consenting process.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council has further determined to review the Events Funding process and criteria.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and to build the changing rooms.</p> <p>Council supports the concept of a Regional Sport and Recreation Strategy, but does not consider that developing it is a core responsibility of Council. Once a strategy is developed Council would consider its role in supporting the Strategy.</p> <p>Council is currently developing an Engagement Strategy that will assist in communicating and engaging with the different members of our community.</p>

<p>022</p>	<p>Barry Smith, Otatara Landcare Group</p>	<p>Requests \$4,000 towards costs for purchase of native plants, combi guards, plant maintenance, pest control, track maintenance and other costs in association with the Bushy Point restoration project.</p> <p>Requests \$1,000 for the Otatara Pestbusters work in the six Otatara ICC reserves. Further seek to expand the pest control undertaken and seek a further \$1,000.</p> <p>Support the submissions of the Southland Community Nursery and Environment Centre and of Bush Haven.</p> <p>Recommend that ICC put more emphasis on promoting the natural values of Otatara to residents and to work with the OLG to inform new residents of the values through a 'Welcome to Otatara' package.</p> <p>Request that Council advocate for the removal of non-native plants and their replacement with locally sourced natives, particularly as conditions of resource consent.</p> <p>Request that ICC contribute to the next section of the Invercargill to Bluff walkway / cycleway.</p> <p>Request better weed control and footpath maintenance along the footpath at the end of the bus stop end of Marama Ave South. Also look into pedestrian use of Marama Ave North and work on the parking issue outside of the Otatara School.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate. Council determined to contribute \$2,500 for the Bushy Point Restoration project in line with prior years.</p> <p>Council determined to contribute \$1,000 to Otatara Pestbusters for pest destruction in the six Otatara ICC reserves.</p> <p>The Environmental and Planning Services Directorate is employing an Environmental Information Officer. Their role will include working with community groups.</p> <p>This may not be appropriate as exotic species can provide shelter for native species and also provide an additional food source for bird life.</p> <p>Council determined to contribute \$50,000.00 to the completion of the walkway / cycleway.</p> <p>Otatara does not pay footpath or frontage rates so any work undertaken is considered as safety or community good activity. This maintenance request will be passed on to our team to review.</p> <p>It is agreed that further consultation with the wider Otatara community is needed to better manage the car parking issues generated by parents driving to school. Council is being asked to solve a problem which has strong origins with the Ministry of Education which has allowed the school to expand without supplying additional car parking.</p>
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<p>023</p>	<p>Nathan Surendran</p>	<p>Requests the establishment of a Food Policy Council convened and supported by the Council.</p> <p>Request that Council explore whether funds earmarked for the Chinese Garden can be used for projects that support growing a resilient local food system.</p> <p>Requests that Council introduce a program to incrementally increase the amount of edible planting by the parks department across the city.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate. Council supports Community groups or members that wish to do these things themselves as they are not considered a core responsibility of Council.</p> <p>The project has been committed with funding and development already underway.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate 5% of parks planting budget to edible planting that is also ornamental. Design the change to be cost neutral to ratepayers, simple easy to move 'ready to harvest' signage, locations to meet health and safety considerations. • Work with the community to understand type and location of food desired. • Aim to maximise planting of edible and medicinal plants through incremental changes each budget period. 	<p>The Parks Department of Council supports various groups by the provision of areas for planting such as apple planting Donovan Park, community gardens in Lithgow Street and Derwent Crescent and previous schemes at Rockdale Park and Ettrick Street reserve.</p>
024	Elizabeth Miller	<p>Requests that Council review its Dog Control Policies and Bylaws with a view to easing restrictions on where dogs are allowed in the City if under the control of a responsible owner.</p> <p>Submits that until dogs have an opportunity to be properly socialised within the community, there will always be fear and the potential for territorial dogs.</p> <p>Submits that a dangerous dog is one not given the right amount of care by its owner and is a product of its environment.</p> <p>Submits that changes to our bylaw and policy should free the restrictions placed on responsible owners and increase the penalties for non-compliance.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council's Policy and Bylaw will be reviewed as the result of changes to the Dog Control Act.</p> <p>Restrictions cannot be eased on dogs to allow for Responsible Owners to have their dogs within the City as there is no effective means of policing this. The Dog Park on Elles Road, as well as the various parks within the City, provides an opportunity for dog owners to socialise their dogs.</p> <p>Many restrictions imposed on dog owners are from the Dog Control Act 1996 and are unable to be reduced by Council. Fines are set by the Act/ Regulations, not by Council. Council provides for a Responsible Dog Owner Registration fee at a reduced cost. Owners of other dogs, including Classified dogs, pay a higher registration fee.</p>
025	Mrs Chris Henderson	<p>Submits that there should be a revolving fund to encourage householders to install their own rainwater tanks for times of shortage.</p> <p>Submits that an alternative to more engineering of the Stead Street stop bank, could be suitable native planting to buffer and provide protective</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and to upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank. Staff consider that it is unlikely</p>

		<p>barrier to low lying areas.</p> <p>Splash Palace - Submits that an adjacent health and sports medicine pool may be needed in the future.</p> <p>Submits that a low-carbon city could attract people to Invercargill.</p> <p>Suggest Top Town and Rural Games be added as events.</p> <p>Supports option 2 of the Festive Lights. Fits with the Venture Southland Dark Skies project.</p> <p>Submits that Council could lead by example in heritage buildings by utilising a council owned building for adaptive re-use. Earthquake proofing it could provide an ideal learning opportunity for Council, architects, engineers, students etc.</p>	<p>that plantings will be a feasible alternative to stop banks.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and build the new changing rooms. Whilst not in the immediate plans consideration is being given to the future proofing of Invercargill's aquatic facilities.</p> <p>Council determined to review the process and criteria for events funding.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to only display the Festive lights at Christmas.</p> <p>The Council is currently in the process of formulating an approach in respect of Heritage in the CBD.</p>
<p>026</p>	<p>Mary O'Brien, CCS Disability Action</p>	<p>Submits that Council should consult with the disabled community and access professionals. Establishing a Disability Advisory Group is a practical way to gain this information.</p> <p>Submits the Council measure access needs. Use tools such as Technical Street Audits; recommend that Council commit a small percentage of its maintenance budget to conducting these audits and planning access improvements. Also Pedestrian Street Audits, counting users of visible mobility aides.</p> <p>Recommend that when planning and consulting regarding future developments (ie Art Centre) Council ensure they are universally accessible.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Comments are noted and can be considered.</p>

		<p>Recommend that Council consult with the disabled community to gain an understanding of current barriers to disabled people using the pool and that technical experts are engaged when planning any changes.</p>	<p>There is recognition that there are some challenges for disabled people in using the facility, however in the past few years we have increased the number of carparks for disabled people, installed one new fixed disabled persons lift and one new fully mobile disabled persons lift, installed a lifting unit in one disabled persons change room and purchased an additional aquatic wheelchair.</p> <p>Regardless, experts will be engaged when planning changes.</p>
027	Jonathan Street, Environment Southland	<p>Submitter supports the upgrade of the Stead Street stop bank.</p> <p>The submitter has assets in the area, being the Stead Street pumping station and the Waihopai River stop banks that will need replacing and upgrading.</p> <p>Recommends a working group be established to coordinate the works.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and to upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council accepts that Environment Southland and other Infrastructural Services providers will need to be consulted during the preparation of construction plans to ensure that their requirements are addressed.</p>
028	Tyron Strongman – Awarua Developments	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; Submits this should be done sooner rather than later. • Events – Option 1; Submits that the City needs more events. • Festive Lights – Option 1; submits that this is a good way to brighten the CBD in the winter, suggests a light or lantern festival with an ice sculpture competition. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and to upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and only display the Festive lights at Christmas time. Council believes that your further suggestions are great suggestions and the City Centre Co-ordinator will look into the feasibility of some of them. Thank you for the great ideas.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invercargill Development – Option 1; Submits this is an excellent way to expedite Invercargill’s transformation into a vibrant tourism destination. • Pools – Option 1; Submits that an upgrade is a priority. Submits that as a regular user of Bluff Pool, would like to see access improved by allowing residents and users to use the pool at their discretion as pool users in Riverton do. • Solid Waste – option 3. <p>Submitters further submits that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invercargill needs to place itself as a regional transport hub, connecting Queenstown, Fiordland, Dunedin, Southern Scenic Route and Bluff. Submits that an inner city bus station should be developed as the Museum bus stop is a joke. • Public bus services are urgently required for Bluff residents to make the community more liveable. A Bluff service could also serve South City, Kew Hospital and Clifden. • Esplanade Reserve on Foreshore Road is an eyesore and a hazard. The man-made beach on Foreshore Road is eroding drawing out landfill waste from the reclamation. Many community groups have resources and plans for the beach, but cannot proceed due to consenting fees and costs. Submits Council should intervene to make the area safe and useable. • Submits that the Bluff Pool price is too expensive for the facilities that are offered. Recommends that Council boost user numbers by a) reducing charges, b) increasing access through an annual 	<p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and to fund up to \$500,000 for Invercargill Development projects from reserves.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and build the changing rooms.</p> <p>Bluff pool is an accredited Poolsafe pool under the NZRA and Water Safety New Zealand. This means that lifeguards must be present whenever the pool is in use.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20.00 per tonne.</p> <p>Council’s Passenger Transport is not focused as a service on regional or tourism routes. Your comments will be passed on to Venture Southland as the Tourism expert for Invercargill City Council.</p> <p>Council reviews the services provided including the extent of services through the Regional Public Transport Plan. It is suggested the submitter could develop ideas and submit these later in the year when consultation on the plan is considered.</p> <p>The area is previous Harbour land fill site and the sea is now re-entering this area by eroding the bank away. Retaining walls will prevent this but will also eliminate the sand beach.</p> <p>The Bluff pool is owned by the Bluff Community Pool Trust. The Council manages the pool on their behalf but, for example, the setting of fees and introduction of other</p>
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		<p>pool key charge for use out of hours c) install a gym facility to share operating burden. Further submits that Council should consider renewable energy sources, solar panel or wind turbine.</p>	<p>activities etc. is at the discretion of the Trust.</p>
<p>029</p>	<p>Mark Dunlop</p>	<p>Requests Council consider the following ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metro type train track around Queens Garden. • Hanging baskets outside shops in the City. • Fluorescent paint on the centre lines of road more visible, with protective coat over the paint. • Solar energy lights (blue or purple) to light Troopers Memorial. • Make the restaurant at Stirling Point into a giant oyster shell opened like a clam. • More flower plant boxes in the City Centre. • Paint keep left signs on road surfaces. Also have keep left signs on the side of the road. • Overflow water catchment ponds for heavy flooding like they have in Japan. Water can then be re-used with no waste. • Shops in the City need large fluorescent street numbers. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>A train on tracks would be very disruptive to the golf course but an electric transport for tourists on coronation avenue could be run commercially.</p> <p>Parks may wish to participate in this as part of an Inner city initiative. Previously some baskets have been vandalised and they would need a new watering system installed.</p> <p>Paint for road markings is set as part of national standards and Council is obliged to follow these.</p> <p>Restrictions on lighting on a state highway could be an issue. Council determined not to undertake this proposal.</p> <p>This idea can be considered for incorporation for future upgrades.</p> <p>Signs and road markings are set by national standards. Our records do not show this is a problem area in our statistics.</p> <p>Council promotes stormwater retention ponds within its Low Intensity Stormwater Design strategies for greenfield development. However these are generally not suitable in developed areas due to the land areas required for these devices.</p> <p>Shop owners have a choice how they provide signage and street numbers.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety barrier for problem corners made out of milk bottles filled with water and strapped together to form a cube. 	Any new systems have to go through many tests and are required to meet standards which have high performance standards.
030	Invercargill Youth Council	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – Option 1; Submits this will be safer for cyclists. • Events – Option 1; Submits that the City needs more family events. • Festive Lights – Option 2. • Invercargill Development – Option 2. • Pools – Option 1; Submits that an upgrade for changing rooms is a priority. Opposes changing the café and foyer. <p>Thanks Council for its ongoing support of the Youth Council.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank. Resource consent will be required for the project and Council encourages input through the consenting process.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council has also determined to review the process and criteria for events funding.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and display the festive lights only at Christmas.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 2 and fund up to \$500,000 towards Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council has determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades.</p> <p>The changing of the Café and Foyer has been required for some time, the space is currently very limited and cannot cope with high numbers of people coming through the front doors. This is a health and safety issue that is largely mitigated by the new design. Similarly the café move provides more free area for other activities and keeps the business administration together.</p>
031	Sue Burgess	Submitter supports Option 1 for the Pool Changing Rooms upgrade.	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the</p>

			upgrades.
032	Bob Ferguson	<p>Submitter supports Option 1 for the Pool Changing Rooms upgrade. Further submits that this is of the utmost importance and that neglecting to do so would be verging on a lack of understanding of health and safety situations.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades.</p> <p>Council agrees that the new changing rooms would mitigate a number of health and safety situations and improve general hygiene.</p>
033	L O'Callaghan	<p>Submits that the Kakaporium is a distraction from the hard decisions needing to be made on the Museum upgrade and City Centre Art Gallery. Requests that Council put the Kakaporium on hold and focuses on the needs of the Museum to move refurbishment forward in a short term time frame.</p> <p>Requests that Council review the appointment of Councillors as Directors of Council owned companies. Believes that there is a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Requests that Council give full review and oversight to the purpose and function of Council owned companies.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council has already directed that a comprehensive review of Council's CCOs and how directors are appointed be undertaken.</p>
		<p>Submits that the Events fund should not be increased, but should be decreased to 2014 levels. Expenditure on events is at the expense of other higher priorities. The pool of ratepayer funding for events should be modest and used to seed new events. Submits that Events funding and the process around approval needs complete review by full Council.</p> <p>Submits that Council should focus on daytime Christmas decorations rather than lights.</p>	<p>Council has determined not to increase the Events Fund. Council has further determined to undertake a review of the process and criteria for events funding.</p> <p>Options for daytime decorations have proved difficult to find which are sufficiently robust to survive our weather conditions.</p> <p>But Council continues to keep a watch on what is</p>

		<p>Suggests that Queens Park create an area for Chess Stations. This will assist with social congregation.</p> <p>Requests that Council as the lessor facilitate the upgrade of outdoor seating at the Park Café. Debates about responsibility are not helpful.</p> <p>Requests that Council review its Code of Conduct and the expectations around its implementation.</p>	<p>available.</p> <p>Chess could be played on any of the existing picnic tables provided.</p> <p>No request has been received from the lessor who provided this facility.</p> <p>Council's Code of Conduct is adopted at the beginning of each triennium.</p>
<p>034</p>	<p>Bluff Community Board</p>	<p>Requests urgency and funding for the completion of the Invercargill to Bluff Cycle and Walkway.</p> <p>Submits Council improve the berm of the Bluff Foreshore Road, from the War Memorial to the Pilot Station, so that the area can be mowed from the existing road berm to the foreshore bank to a high standard.</p> <p>Requests that a toilet be established on the land in front of the senior citizens building or other suitable area as the current two public toilets are not adequate enough for the number of tourists now visiting Bluff.</p> <p>Requests that plantings be undertaken to improve the left hand side of Flagstaff Road leading to Bluff Hill Road.</p> <p>Requests that more rubbish bins be installed at both Stirling Point and Bluff Hill.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate. Council budgets \$50,000 each year toward the completion of the walkway / cycleway.</p> <p>This work currently is not budgeted. Further funding would be required to undertake the work. Council recommends that the Bluff Community Board develop a strategic plan that can be included for consideration in the Long-Term Plan process.</p> <p>Council recommends that the Bluff Community Board contact Venture Southland and discuss how to apply for funding from Central Government's Tourism funding.</p> <p>Council staff will increase maintenance of the area.</p> <p>Rubbish bins are installed for small elements of rubbish from visiting people, for example a chip packet or sandwich wrapper. Council does not supply rubbish bins for refuse disposal from campervans. The correct place for this disposal is through a Transfer Station, one of</p>

		Supports the Bluff Town Hall rate increase to \$16.50.	which is located in Bluff.
035	Brad Harris	Submission to discuss Wilcox Road	Thank you for your submission. Council has determined to develop a policy that will detail how roads will be sealed and how this would be funded or rated for, if requested in the future. It is anticipated that this policy will be in place prior to further consideration of the Wilcox Road matter.
SM1 036	Carl Heenan	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1, the submitter supports fixing this to prevent flooding risk. Would like to dredge some of the Estuary where the floodbank is to deepen or remove some of the silt away from the floodbank. • Events – option 1, advises Council to look to other community funders to help. Requests that Council’s Events committee have community representatives on it. Would like to see the fund increased to \$250,000 to attract more international events to the City. Submits that we do not have sufficient motels and hotels and that this needs to be addressed. • Festive Lights – option 1, install lights in winter and Christmas in various areas of the City such as the airport drive entrance and South City. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate. Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank. This project does not include proposals to dredge parts of the estuary.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council further determined to review the process and criteria for events funding. The Events Committee has a member who is not an elected member of the Invercargill City Council. Although noting your concern the issue of accommodation is something that is outside of Council’s core responsibilities.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and only display festive lights at Christmas. Options to erect festive lights within other areas of the community would need specific consideration. There are limitations as to what decorations can be secured safely to the existing light poles. The cost of installing lighting in other areas has several elements beyond purchasing as the storing, erecting and maintaining of the lights would also need accurate estimation.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invercargill development – option 1, Submits that there should also be funding from central government. • Pools – option 1, but also encourage community funders to help. • Solid Waste – option 1. • The submitter further requests that the entrance to the Invercargill Airport be upgraded as it is untidy and boring. Submitter further recommends a bronze statute for the front of Stadium Southland. Submitter opposes a Chinese Garden and submits the money should be put towards the City's youth. Submitter would like to see more funding put into upgrading all the Council's housing and make the gardens look better than they do at present. 	<p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to fund up to \$500,000 for Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20.00 per tonne.</p> <p>Your further submissions will be considered as individual projects are developed.</p>
<p>SM2 037</p>	<p>Paul Cade</p>	<p>Submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. • Events – option 2. • Festive Lights – option 2. • Invercargill Development – option 3. • Pools – option 2. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council further determined to review the process and criteria for events funding.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and only display festive lights at Christmas.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to fund up to \$500,000 for Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste – option 2. 	<p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20.00 per tonne.</p>
SM3 038	Incomplete	No responses given	
SM4 039	Ron Gilson	<p>Submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 2, it may require maintenance but not renewal. • Events – option 2, events are not what ICC should be involved in. • Festive Lights – option 2, investing this \$200,000 in sewerage pipes would be better. • Invercargill Development – option 3, submits that money previously spent updating the CBD has been a waste as it has not brought any more people into the CBD. Submits that the major issue is that Council has allowed liquor outlets, offices, gyms and other businesses to replace shops. • Pools – option 2; Submits that this is not a business the Council should be involved in. Splash Palace should be sold off to a private business, as a lot of elderly ratepayers are rated for this service but cannot use it because of their age or health. Submits that it should be user pays. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Option 2 will result in increased flood risk to the Lake Hawkins area, including the Invercargill Airport as sea level rises over time.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council further determined to review the process and criteria for events funding.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and only display festive lights at Christmas.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to fund up to \$500,000 for Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades.</p> <p>Council provides the swimming facilities (like most other councils) due to it not being a profit driven activity. A total user pays system would mean use of the pool would be unaffordable for most people and as the pool contributes significantly to the health and wellbeing of our community Council continues to provide this. By way of example, drowning is the number one reason for child deaths in Australia and New Zealand; teaching our children to swim</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid Waste – option 3, Submits that with people recycling more there is less rubbish going to the transfer station so this is the reason Council wishes to increase the fees. 	<p>with the ILT Learn to Swim Programme would not be possible without the provision of the Invercargill City Council Aquatic Services.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20.00 per tonne. From a Waste Minimisation perspective lower volumes into the Transfer Station are a good thing. However, from a financial perspective it means that the cost of the service is spread across fewer customers when using the “user pays” financial model.</p>
<p>SM5 040</p>	<p>Southland Museum and Art Gallery Trust - Paul Horner</p>	<p>Supports the Southland Regional Heritage Committee who has requested an increase to the Regional Heritage Rate for the 2017/18 financial year and thereafter.</p> <p>This would increase funding to SMAG to carry out essential work on the museum collection which will provide for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with a project to re-catalogue all of the objects in collection; • Extension of the employment of a Collection Technician after the end of 2016/17 financial year to carry out collection cataloguing work; • Begin a project to re-package objects and store them in more effective shelving to achieve preventative conservation and greater storage density within the store-room; • Begin a project to make digital images of all collection items to be posted onto an online museum website. • Submitter notes several benefits of the projects. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council’s decision-making process.</p> <p>Council determined to continue to rate \$5 above the level established in the Long-Term Plan for the Regional Heritage Rate.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submits that the Trust Board and management of the museum have greatly appreciated the extra funding provided by ICC in the current year and are very thankful for it. 	
<p>SM6 041</p>	<p>Wade Devine</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. Events – option 2. Submits that Council take a hard look at what it is funding on behalf of ratepayers. Submits that the emerging events fund should be abandoned. Festive Lights – option 2. Submits that Council should sort out the state of existing commercial buildings before doing any further upgrades to the City Centre. Invercargill development – option 3. Submits that Council should sort out the state of existing commercial buildings before doing any further upgrades to the City Centre. Submits that a number of inner city buildings should be demolished. Pools – Did not support an option, but submits that the cost of \$1.4 million seems excessive. Solid Waste – option 3. Submits that lower volumes going through the Transfer Station should be a good thing, not a reason to increase fees. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council’s decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council further determined to review the process and criteria for events funding.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and only display festive lights at Christmas.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to fund up to \$500,000 for Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades. The cost was compiled by an external quantity surveyor.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20.00 per tonne. From a Waste Minimisation perspective lower volumes into the Transfer Station are a good thing. However, from a financial perspective it means that the cost of the service is spread across fewer customers when using the “user pays” financial model.</p>

		Submits that the proposed rates increase is over the top and should be reset to the rate of inflation. Funding for non-core activities should be curtailed to achieve a rate increase of no more than inflation.	
SM7 042	Sport Southland - Brendon McDermott	The submitter has elected the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. • Events – option 1. • Pools – option1. 	Note has also provided a written submission. Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank. Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council further determined to review the process and criteria for events funding. Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades.
SM8 043	Healthy Families Invercargill – Jared Cappie	The submitter has elected the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. • Events – option 1. • Pools – option1. 	Note has also provided a written submission. Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank. Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council further determined to review the process and criteria for events funding. Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades.
SM9 044	Heritage South Trust – Rachel Egerton	Supports the initiatives taken recently to revitalise the inner city with more activities and other initiatives with the appointment of a coordinator. Grateful for the support this has provided to Heritage Month 2017 and Inner City Heritage Week 2016. Requests that the support continues. Encourages continued support and funding of the Southland Regional Heritage fund. Submits that there is a need to improve resourcing for the Southland Museum and Art Gallery, particularly for more and suitably qualified staff.	Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. The Council is currently in the process of formulating an approach in respect of Heritage in the CBD.

		<p>Commends Council for commissioning the report on Heritage Buildings and looks forward to the community consultation phase.</p> <p>Recommends Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement initiatives that support and encourage owners of heritage buildings to undertake maintenance, earthquake strengthening and conservation. • Implement methods such as those employed by Dunedin City Council in their warehouse precinct. • Be flexible and innovative about consent requirements for inner city heritage buildings. • Encourage conversion of inner city heritage buildings first floor and above to residential accommodation. • Set an example by undertaking best practice earthquake strengthening and conservation on an inner city building. • Consider the impacts of consenting new buildings while existing heritage buildings sit empty, or worse still consenting the costly demolition of heritage buildings. 	
<p>SM10 45</p>	<p>Rochelle Surendran</p>	<p>The submitter has elected the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stead Street Stopbank – option 1. Submits that climate change represents a significant challenge for Invercargill. Recommends Council adopt policy and plans to understand how climate change will impact on Invercargill's entire infrastructure. 	<p>Thank you for your comments, your submissions were noted as part of Council's decision-making process. Specific responses are included where appropriate.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and upgrade the Stead Street Stopbank.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events – option 1. • Festive Lights – option 3. Submits that the investment is wasted if the community cannot enjoy them, winter months are the better time to do so. • Invercargill development – option 2. • Pools – option 2. Opposes borrowing to build additional changing rooms and raising rates in the future to repay the loan. Submits that if visitor numbers to the pool are growing, there should be the opportunity for growth in pool revenue to help finance (at least partially) any additional changing rooms. • Solid Waste – option 1. <p>Requests that Council consider establishing a Food Policy Council.</p> <p>Requests that Council reconsider the investment in building a Chinese Garden and instead invest the money in a community orchard or edible garden.</p>	<p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund. Council further determined to review the process and criteria for events funding.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and only display festive lights at Christmas.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and to fund up to \$500,000 for Invercargill Development projects out of reserves.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and complete the upgrades.</p> <p>Visitor numbers have exceeded to the point where more changing rooms are required, however the numbers are insufficient on their own to independently service a loan.</p> <p>Council determined to follow Option 1 and increase fees at the Transfer Station by \$20.00 per tonne.</p> <p>Council supports Community groups or members that wish to do these things themselves as they are not considered a core responsibility of Council.</p> <p>The project has been committed with funding and development already underway.</p>
<p>016</p>	<p>R Tribe – Further submissions at Hearing</p>	<p>Events Fund</p> <p>Submitter does not support increasing the events fund. States it has functioned well within the funding bracket and built up surpluses.</p> <p>ICC’s Long-Term Plan states that events must meet eligibility criteria before Council will consider funding, the Events Committee have their own terms of reference that determine what can receive funding. Submitter infers that not all events meet</p>	<p>Council determined to follow Option 2 and not increase the Events Fund.</p> <p>Council has determined to review the Events Funding process and criteria.</p> <p>The Events Committee Terms of Reference was last reviewed in December 2014 and adopted in January 2015.</p>

		<p>both requirements stipulated.</p> <p>Submitter would prefer that Council retain the current \$200,000 total events funding to distribute between both events categories.</p> <p>Submitter recommends that Council revisits their Events Committee Terms of Reference. States that the public have limited clarity as to the existing terms of reference being carried out when making decisions. Further states that are little in the way of accountability reports available from grant recipients which are listed as a requirement for current terms of reference.</p> <p>Submitter feels Council's current processes and criteria could be better to allow for greater accountability and transparency.</p>	
		<p>Pool Upgrade</p> <p>Submitter queries the costs involved in the additional changing rooms and additional items and where this is to be funded from.</p> <p>States that under Council's Long-Term Plan and Financial Strategy the pool complex is having a rates contribution greater than that forecast and submitter seeks a review of this upgrade cost structure and the pools fee structure to ensure that costs driven by demand are serviced through the area creating demand.</p> <p>Submitter further states that if costs cannot be serviced through demand then costs and or parts of projects should be re-considered.</p>	<p>The submitter's rationale about greater numbers driving the need is mostly correct, however we already have the greater numbers, the issue is that we can't appropriately provide space for them as it is. The need for the changing rooms is to meet current and future demand (which we expect to continue growing).</p> <p>The costs involved were provided by an external quantity surveyor and are planned to be loan funded.</p> <p>Staff understand that the cost per year is simply the repayments on the loan and as above, don't necessarily expect a huge increase in the number of people using the facility as a result of building the change rooms. This was one benefit of building the gym, income from that would have also covered the changing rooms but given that project did not go ahead, Council now needs to rate fund the work - the demand is still there but there is no alternate funding source.</p> <p>The increased revenue gained from the higher user numbers has been largely put toward hiring more staff. The new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 has meant that an increased number of staff and lifeguards must be</p>

			available at all times.
		<p>Efficiencies (Innovation Project)</p> <p>Council's current LTP Financial Strategy states that one of its key strategies is "the establishment of an innovation project to investigate new and more effective ways of delivering services".</p> <p>The submitter states that the internal project is not overly effective as the costs are simply increasing. Submitter believes it would be good to see a Council wide efficiency review to determine if Council's structure is efficient and what areas could gain further efficiencies in line with Section 17 of the Local Government Act 2002.</p> <p>Submitter states budgeting is not as effective as it could be.</p> <p>States staff expenditure is set to rise by \$1.3 million (5.8%) for the coming year which the submitter questions whether Council can operate more efficiently than this.</p> <p>Further states that Council's budgeting is less than satisfactory as a number of areas are lumped together so it is difficult to discern what cost relates to what area.</p>	<p>The Innovation Project within Council is an ongoing project that is seeking to determine greater efficiencies for both staff, and ratepayers.</p> <p>Staff acknowledge the submitters observations.</p> <p>Council is currently in the process of undertaking Section 17A reviews of specific areas within Council to ensure that the delivery and funding of Council activities is in an efficient manner.</p> <p>New staff have been employed to promote Council's projects in line with their shifting priorities or legislative amendments. For instance the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 required an overhaul to ensure all safety obligations were being met in an appropriate manner. In most cases these have been funded through additional income or reserves, but in some instances rate have been required to fund these.</p> <p>Staff acknowledge comments regarding budgeting and will take this on board for the Long-Term plan cycle. Staff operate under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).</p>
		<p>CCO's/CCTO's</p> <p>Submitter seeks to revisit the Invercargill City Holdings Limited (ICHL) constitutional alteration that occurred in July/August 2016.</p> <p>States that Council's Long-Term Plan specified that Council did not intend to change ownership or control of ICHL or its subsidiaries.</p> <p>The constitutional change provided ICHL the ability to approve transactions in excess of \$30 million</p>	<p>As shareholder, Council is able to review the constitution of any of its companies at any stage.</p> <p>Due to the terms and conditions within the funding facility documentation, Invercargill City Holdings Limited is unable to encumber its assets without Council and bank approval.</p> <p>Council has already directed that a comprehensive review of Council's CCOs and how directors are appointed be undertaken.</p>

		<p>without Council approval. Further have no room in their external borrowings without lifting borrowing level which cannot be achieved through uncalled shares without Council approval. Submitter states assets could be used as security over borrowings and the ability to liquidate these as a mitigation measure could be severely limited.</p> <p>Submitter seeks Council to revisit ICHL constitutional changes to ensure Council has control and puts provisions in place to preclude assets from serving as security.</p>	
		<p>Animal Services – Fees</p> <p>Submitter states the costs of Animal Services department have risen by ~69% over the past four years while the number of dog registrations has only risen by 800-900. This increase amounts to around \$60,000 per annum in additional revenue from the increased fees.</p> <p>States it is a slim likelihood there would be a reduction in fees however asks staff to give consideration to whether the actual costs being placed against this department are in fact a true reflection of the reasonable costs being provided (see last page of submission with reference to Local Government Act).</p> <p>Council has proposed a ‘new’ responsible dog ownership fee category for dangerous and menacing dogs however under the Dog Control Act 1996, Council have a policy on dog control and within that in line with the Act it has set classifications for owners and how fees are to be set. Submitter states this proposed fee is not in line with the Council policy.</p> <p>Submitter appreciates what Council is looking to achieve through these fees however does not believe that doing so by disregarding Council policy</p>	<p>In 2014 the Council undertook a review of Animal Services as the service had a poor reputation and was very much reactionary in approach.</p> <p>In addition the indications were that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The city had a high unregistered dog population. (b) A change in approach was needed to address the upward trend of dog complaints being received by the Council and address the nation-wide concerns around dog attacks. (c) The new Animal Care facility was not being fully utilised and that the extra capacity provided could be used to address some of the city’s dog issues such as wandering dogs. <p>To address this the Council agreed to a change in approach to a more proactive one. This also meant a change in image and rebranding from a Police model to a softer image. An additional two Animal Control Officers were employed and a new part time Care Assistant taken on to ensure the Care Facility was managed as per the appropriate Dog Welfare Code and improve public</p>

		<p>is the correct way to do so.</p> <p>Submitter states that with the proposed 'new' fee (defined by breed under Dog Control Act) Council could achieve the same result without introducing a new ownership category or fee.</p> <p>Submitter recommends that if Council intend to offer a discount or reduced fee for new dogs that they do so by setting cut off dates.</p> <p>Submitter also recommends that Council also review their Dog Control Policy and Bylaw given that Council would like to reward 'responsible' dog owners of breeds only defined by the Act, states it would be good to review this in terms of ownership categories.</p> <p>Submitter states that if this were to occur that public consultation must be undertaken to resolve the new fee rather than be part of the Annual Plan process, as the policy must first be changed.</p> <p>Submitter further recommends Council should consider reduced fees for the second and subsequent dog owned by a common owner; states this is a common method used throughout the country.</p>	<p>accessibility to the facility to pick up their dog and pay any fees. These changes did increase the cost of providing this service, but the review considered that once the unregistered dog population had been addressed and a downward trend in complaints had been achieved, this would reduce the overall cost of the service and the savings would be passed on to the dog owner.</p> <p>The submitter questions the dog registrations over the period from 13/14 to 15/16, stating that registrations have risen around 800-900. Our records show this to be an increase of 2,356 dogs and indications are for the 16/17 year this figure will continue to rise.</p> <p>We believe the change in focus from a reactionary service to a proactive one has worked, and we are now in a position that we are able to consider reducing our costs and pass these savings on to our dog owners. This is due to an increase in dog registration/impoundment numbers and a downward trend in complaints.</p> <p>Point two: The submitter questions the New Responsible Ownership fee category for dangerous and menacing dogs, stating that this is not in line with the Dog Control Act and our Dog Policy. Each point is covered separately:</p> <p>ICC Dog Control Policy: The submitter is correct in that this new category is not in our policy. It was a matter of which should come first, a new fee which could reduce costs to an owner and, if gained, amend the policy. In light of the points raised by the submitter it is agreed that the Policy should be amended to account for the new fee first, but we acknowledge that an owner of a menacing or dangerous dog may still be responsible. For example, if their annual audits find no issues we would like to be in a position to reward compliant owners as less monitoring will be needed.</p>
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			<p>We will refrain from implementing such fees until a policy change has been made.</p> <p>The submitter has also raised an aspect of the Dog Control Act 1996 that has not been previously used by the Council. This refers to</p> <p><i>Section 32: Effect of classification as dangerous dog</i></p> <p><i>(1) If a dog is classified as a dangerous dog under section 31, the owner of the dog-</i></p> <p><i>(e) must, in respect of every registration year commencing after the date of receipt of the notice of classification, be liable for dog control fees for that dog at 150% of the level that would apply if the dog were not classified as a dangerous dog;</i></p> <p>We have not been implementing this section and accordingly the costs to register a Dangerous Dog will need to be amended to:</p> <p>150% of the Standard Fee - Not Desexed (\$100) New amount = \$250 150% of the Standard Fee - Desexed (\$85) New amount = \$212.50</p> <p>The previous fee for a Dangerous or Menacing Dog was \$150.00.</p> <p>Point Three: New Dog Fee. This has already been discussed with the submitter and it was acknowledged that there was an error in the implementation of this. It has been rectified for the balance of the Dog Control Year and a new system is in place for the upcoming year. It is expected that the Director will use her discretion to reduce the fee again this coming year.</p>
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			<p>Point four: The submitter believes we should consider reduced fees for the second and subsequent dog owned by a common owner. This is the intention of our policy but agree this may not be clear and we will amend the policy to correct this anomaly.</p> <p>A recommended timetable to review the Dog Control Policy has been presented to the Regulatory Services Committee meeting held in May.</p>
		<p>Infrastructure Renewals (long term intergenerational assets)</p> <p>Submitter believes Council's intention to fund renewal and replacement pipework with an expectation of 50+ years through rates goes against the concept of intergenerational equality. States if Council were to loan fund these then the impact on rates would be considerably less than Council forecasts.</p> <p>Submits that Council's Financial Strategy and Long-Term Plan conflict in many areas of funding assets. States that Council have noted the current replacements will be rate-funded, but would ordinarily be loan-funded.</p> <p>Submitter states that rates are due to rise to pay for these works; further states that if these were loan funded this would spread the costs over a longer period of time. Believes Council should consider this, irrespective of the impact it may have on Councils debt level against assets.</p> <p>States that Councillors should seek professional, independent advice on the current proposed funding method.</p> <p>Further states that if Council were to loan-fund these renewals this year's rates could drop</p>	<p>Council endeavour to fund renewal projects through rates by asset back up or by keeping the asset at their current level.</p> <p>Intergenerational equity is covering the costs for future as well as the costs for development. Through rates Council is able to maintain these assets through ongoing renewals with a continuum of payments spread across a variety of generations and funded on an even basis. Any significant improvement made to an asset is often funded through loan, as is replacement.</p> <p>There can be no value in taking out a loan in some circumstances. Renewal costs are often a constant cost; anything over and above this is usually taken as a loan, for instance the Branxholme Upgrade.</p> <p>ICC's Asset Management Plans covers the whole life of the asset making it an affordable asset and smoothing the cost over its life.</p>

		between two to three percent. Also believes it would give residents the opportunity to present their views on how they wish these works to be funded, to Council.	
		<p>Debt Level</p> <p>Submitter recommends Council review their current debt ceiling level and review benchmarks accordingly. Submitter notes that the debt level is below the maximum detailed in the Long-Term Plan.</p> <p>Notes that Council increased borrowing by \$30 million to loan to ICHL for an investment by Electricity Invercargill Limited (EIL). Submitter is concerned that borrowing to support ICHL may have an overall negative effect on the level of borrowings and rates if Council is constrained by borrowing levels.</p> <p>Submitter seeks that Council review the arrangement to see if the loan arrangement is one that sees the overall loan being paid down or if it is a revolving level of debt.</p> <p>States it would be in the best interest of the ratepayer and company if this debt were serviced to reduce the loan and overall exposure to the ratepayer and company.</p>	<p>Staff have reviewed the debt Benchmark with Council as part of the LTP 2018 - 2028 process in March 2017. The Council directed that staff leave the current 15% of Total Asset benchmark as it was. This benchmark can be reviewed again as part of the on-going LTP project.</p> <p>The Council will continue to review the total level of borrowings against benchmark within the financial strategy.</p> <p>The overall debt amount is broken into many different individual loans against various budget areas of Council. Each loan is paid down to Nil over a prescribed period (usually 20 years). Any new debt is then added under the same arrangement.</p>
		<p>Investment Property</p> <p>Submitter seeks that Council conduct a review of their current investment property activity as it appears to be behind what was forecast (a \$1.859m negative variance).</p> <p>The area was poised to make a \$311,000 contribution towards rates, this has not occurred according to the submitter.</p> <p>The 'Economic Development/Investment Property activity' reserve is forecast to have deficits over</p>	<p>Council notes a variance of \$1.556 million against the Long-Term Plan, this does relate to \$1 million for demolition of lower Esk Street and the delay and adjustment in rental income for the Don Street development for the 2017/18 year.</p> <p>This contribution to rates is forecast for the 2017/18 year, which is still to occur.</p> <p>The deficit within this reserve does offset the amount held within Total Reserves. This does in turn affect the amount of investment revenue received by Council.</p>

		<p>\$10.8 million by the end of the year and the submitter questions whether these deficits impact the investment revenue received by all surplus reserves.</p> <p>Submitter states the proposed deficit cannot be explained by the delay in the Don St development completion and also doubts this delay coupled with some demolition would account for the forecast results.</p> <p>Further notes that the current investment property activity does not align with the Council's Investment Property Activity Plan 2014.</p> <p>Recommends that Council review this activity and seek input from residents.</p>	<p>A review of the Investment Property Activity is currently being undertaken in accordance with section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002. This review will assist in the update of the Activity Plan that will help to form the upcoming Long-Term Plan.</p>
		<p>General Reserves</p> <p>Submitter notes that Council placed over 1% of rates away last year, yet the cost for the current year increased.</p> <p>Submitter notes that savings that Council makes should be used to offset rates in future years and budgets adjusted for this accordingly.</p> <p>Submitter further noted that a number of reserve funds were dealt with in public excluded meetings.</p>	<p>In some instances funds are placed into reserves for particular purposes that will be completed at a later date. An example of this is the \$1.4m put into reserves for the Water Tower Strengthening project. \$480K was placed into General reserve last year. The reason for doing this is that it gives the Council the ability to apply this money to Council Activities without having to place that burden back on the ratepayer in future years.</p>
		<p>Festive Lights</p> <p>Submitter requests that Council seek tenders or quotes for the installation of their festive lights as the cost of \$107,000 is very high.</p> <p>Submitter questions the commentary regarding the depreciation of lights that was noted in the Annual Plan, that if the lights were to be used throughout the year they should be depreciated accordingly.</p> <p>Notes that the matter was one of significant public interest and to have these discussions in public excluded under the "broad blanket" item titled 'Variation to Procurement Policy' does not provide</p>	<p>The cost of \$107,000 was not for installation alone – the cost breakdown is \$15,000 maintenance, \$62,000 contractors (including trees and banners, etc) and \$30,000 for depreciation. This cost excludes Powernet's contribution of services in kind.</p> <p>This work is reasonably labour intensive and has historically been tendered out. However, in this instance the two, ordinarily interested, parties are both involved in this process.</p> <p>Council's procurement strategy further allows for any cost less than \$100,000 to be directly procured and is not required to undergo a tender process.</p>

		<p>transparency or allow the public to infer what is being discussed.</p>	<p>The lights have an estimated asset life of four years; this is estimated on the basis that they will be placed up at Christmas time for approximately 40-50 days. If these lights were also used in mid-winter the colder conditions and wind that they would be exposed to may depreciate these assets faster.</p> <p>Staff acknowledge the comments regarding the public excluded procurement and will try to be open with future procurement. The nature of this procurement had confidential timeframes which is why discussion occurred in public excluded.</p>
		<p>Grants</p> <p>Submitter would like staff costs associated with consenting and inspection aspects of the St John Development to be consider being waived. This would reduce the total amount of grant funding that Council would need in total.</p> <p>Submits that Council should review their grant funding to Invercargill Venue and Event Management (IVEM). Submitter believes IVEM should operate on a breakeven model to provide this service. IVEM appear to be forecasting surpluses from its operations of around \$80,000 - \$90,000 and believes this should be used to reduce the operational grant requirements in future years.</p> <p>Further requests that Council consider notifying any new or altered grants within their consultation document going forward, this would provide the public greater insight and allow for further feedback provided to Council.</p>	<p>The framework surrounding Council providing grants and community funding is being assessed as part of the development of the Long-term Plan. It is anticipated that all discretionary grants will be subject to the new framework.</p>
		<p>Chinese Garden</p> <p>Submitter is in favour of developing a traditional Chinese garden in Queens Park as it will add an attraction and experience for those who may never</p>	<p>Submission noted.</p>

		<p>get to see in the real sense.</p> <p>Notes it is different to the Dunedin Chinese Garden as it is set within a wider park environment and it may aid in building the domestic tourist aspect of the City.</p> <p>Submitter states that the negative public perception is that money could be better used elsewhere or the Council continues to increase rates. Further states that one way to avoid this is to look at other ways of funding projects to lessen the immediate impact on rates.</p>	
		<p>Rugby Park</p> <p>Submitter would like Council to produce an Annual Report on the operation of Rugby Park to give residents an overview of their operation/revenue for the year.</p> <p>Further, submitter would like Council to explain why following the consultation process where it resolved to take over the park on certain conditions it entered into an arrangement that was not part of the Council resolution and saw it take over a debt ~\$800,000 by way of prepaid lease.</p> <p>Submitter would also like to know what safeguards, if any, have been put in place to ensure that should Rugby Southland ever find themselves in financial difficulty that Council is not exposed to paying back any portion of this purported prepaid lease.</p> <p>Further, submitter requests that Councillors revisit this arrangement to see, if in fact, the entering into of this agreement along with assuming the liability breaches any Council policies in terms of not complying with the resolution and delegated authorities.</p>	<p>At this time there is no intention to create a separate Annual Report for Rugby Park, the operation and revenue information is included in IVEM's Annual Report.</p>

		<p>Invercargill Development</p> <p>Submitter supports the allocation of already raised funds into studies that may add benefit and vibrancy to the overall city.</p> <p>Submitter states this on the basis that any expenditure of these funds is not inclusive of costs arising from Venture Southland involvement.</p> <p>States the reason for this is that Council contributes already to Venture Southland and would see this as paying twice, in the eyes of the ratepayer.</p>	<p>Submission noted.</p>
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