1PM → 4PM

6/4/23

CITIZENS PANEL FOCUS GROUP - LEVIN

ENGAGE BETTER!

Horowhenua DISTRICT COUNCIL

ICEBREAKER

DANCERS · GRANDPARENTS · SOLO PARENTS · VOLUNTEERS · DISHWASHER RESTACKERS · MEANING OF LIFE PONDERERS · PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT HORO WHENUA!

BREAKING DOWN STEREOTYPES

"OFTEN WE SEE OUR DIFFERENCES WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON!"

BRAND PERSONIFICATION

IF HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL WAS A PERSON WHAT WOULD THEY LOOK LIKE?

CONFUSED · UTE · TRYING · POOR · CONSERVATIVE · TOYOTA COROLLA · MARRIED WITH KIDS · PATERNAL · 50's · PESSIMISTIC · BORING COLOURS · FORMAL DRESS · MIDDLE AGED · STALE · TRYING TO DO WHAT THEY CAN WITH THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE

WHAT COUNCIL COULD LOOK LIKE?

HONEST · BRIGHT · FAMILY · ELECTRIC CAR · VIBRANT · TRANPARENT · OPEN COMMUNICATION · HELPFUL · MALE & FEMALE · JUGGLERS (NOT CLOWNS)

OPPORTUNITES & CHALLENGES

MOUNTAINS · NATURE · RICH MAORI HISTORY · TOURISM · WATER

BECOMING A MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITY · SOCIAL INCLUSION

DIVERSITY: MIX OF OLD AND YOUNG · MAKE LEVIN A SUPER CITY · FEMALE & MALE · NEW WATER REGIME · CLEAN UP WATERWAYS

COMMUNICATION - ALLOWING RESIDENTS TO HAVE THEIR SAY · WELLINGTON EXPRESSWAY

VERSATILITY: WELL POSITIONED FOR GROWTH · CONTRAST TO URBAN WELLINGTON

HAVING TO DEAL WITH POOR DECISIONS FROM THE PAST · LANDFILL · YOUTH INVOLVEMENT · H2O SECURITY · RISK AVERSE LOCAL GOVT · INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO BE FIXED BEFORE MORE GROWTH · TOO MUCH TO DO! · INFILL HOUSING · NEED TO BUILD UPWARDS · RATHER THAN OUTWARDS · NEED TO RELATE TO DIVERSE POPULATION · POPULATION IN THE DARK AROUND WHAT IS HAPPENING · NEED FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT · NOT MUCH DRAW FOR TOURISTS · ROADING

ANNUAL PLAN

ADJUSTING FEES RELATING TO DOG & ANIMAL CONTROL · HEALTH LICENCING · FOXTON BEACH FREEHOLDING ACCOUNT · RESOURCE CONSENTING ACTIVITIES

LONG TERM PLAN

KEY INFRASTRUCTURE → GET THE BASICS RIGHT · WILL BE OUT OF COUNCILS HANDS WHAT WILL THE RESPONSIBILITY BE? · WATER SUPPLY · WASTEWATER · STORMWATER NETWORKS · ENGAGEMENT & PARTNERSHIP APPROACH · CIVIL DEFENCE · LAKE HOROWHENUA · COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT · SOLID WASTE MINIMISATION · DELIVERING CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME · TRANSPORTATION LOCAL ROADS & PATHWAYS · COMMUNITY LEAD CHANGE · DESTINATION MANAGEMENT · RECREATION PARKS & PROPERTY → CAN WE DO THIS DIFFERENTLY · LEVIN TOWN CENTRE TRANSFORMATION · ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT · HOUSING AFFORDABILITY · PLANNING FOR GROWTH · DZNL ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP · RATES AFFORDABILITY

LEVIN LANDFILL

1. DEBT CLOSED — KEEP LANDFILL CLOSED WITH NO ALTERNATIVE SITE USE — STILL COSTING US MONEY $1.6M
2. KEEP LANDFILL CLOSED — LOOK FOR ALTERNATE USES FOR SITE TO GENERATE REVENUE — LESS THAN 1.6M
3. OPEN LANDFILL UNTILL CONSENT EXPIRES $1.1M

ALL OPTIONS REQUIRE MAINTAINANCE/REMEDIATION

REVENUE STREAMS

SOIL · RAIN WATER · TOURISM · ATTRACTIONS · HORTICULTURE → NEW IDEAS · WE ARE THE STOPPING POINT · TRANSPORT SERVICING HUB · IMPROVE TRAIN LINE · REPURPOSE / SELL ASSETS · MORE MEDICAL FACILITIES · INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP · ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY · EVENTS · PROMOTE LEVIN AS FOODBOWL · MAKE WETLANDS/LAKES A FEATURE (REQUIRES CLEANUP) · 1 SITE OPEN ON HOLIDAYS · FIX LAKE

RATES REVIEW

1. RATES BASED ON LAND VALUE VS 2. RATES BASED ON CAPITAL VALUE OR 3. CAPITAL WITH A RURAL DIFFERENTIAL

NEED TO INCREASE RATES OR BORROWING OR BOTH 7.9%

INTREST · DEPRECIATION · UTILITIES · INSURANCE

2M MORE

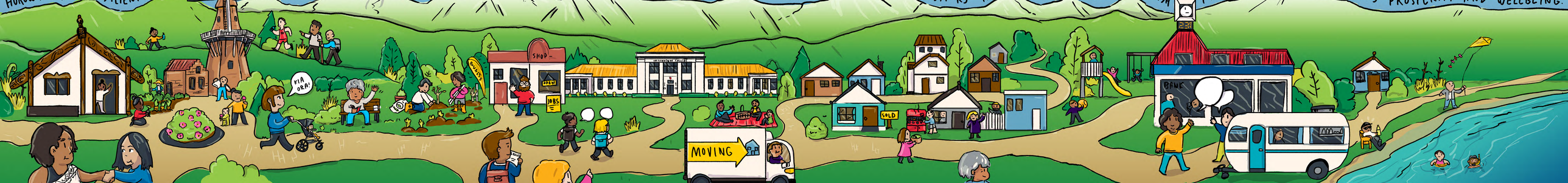
WE NEED 7.9% TO STAY EVEN · LESS THAN 7.9% - WHAT SERVICES DO WE CUT EASILY? · SOME HOUSEHOLDS WILLING TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR GREATER GOOD · INDIVIDUAL CASE ASSESSMENT? · RATES ARE A BLUNT INSTRUMENT · WILL AFFECT SOME HOUSEHOLDS MORE THAN OTHERS · MAKE REBATE AUTOMATIC

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

4x WATER IN THE RECENT WEATHER EVENT, PUT STRAIN ON OUR SYSTEM · 60YR OLD SYSTEM — REPAIR WHEN NEEDED — LOSING WATER TO LEAKS → 300 TO 500 LITRES PER CONNECTION PER DAY · WATER METERS HAS SOME REAL BENEFITS

NEED TO GET THINGS RIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

1. INCREASE BUDGET TO DELIVER ON PROJECTS
2. REDUCE PROGRAMME OF WORK TO MEET CURRENT BUDGET · INCREASE BUDGET FOR PROJECTS EXCLUDING LEAK DETECTION

VISION:

HOROWHENUA HAS RESILIENT NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES WITH PATHWAYS TO SKILLS, JOBS, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOROWHENUA IS A FAVOURED DESTINATION FOR VISITORS AND NEW RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO ADD TO THE DISTRICT'S PROSPERITY AND WELLBEING.