



## **Long Term Plan Survey**

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## **1. Introduction**

As part of community engagement on the Council's Long Term Plan (LTP), a survey was sent to members of the Dunedin People's Panel. The survey was open from Tuesday 14 to Wednesday 22 April 2015.

The survey outlined the Council's proposed approach (as set out in the LTP consultation document) to:

- The key challenges the city faces over the next decade;
- Proposed new investments; and,
- Unfunded projects.

Comments were sought on the Council's proposals for each of these and the comments from the 174 respondents are reported as either in support or opposition of the proposals. Verbatim comments are appended in full.

## **2. About the People's Panel**

The Dunedin People's Panel provides an opportunity for people in Dunedin to provide feedback on a range of local issues, by completing online surveys. The Panel supplements other research and consultation used to gauge public perceptions to help inform decision-making processes.

Panellists come from a range of backgrounds and have a range of involvement with the DCC. The People's Panel is not a statistically representative sample of the Dunedin population, however, the Council encourages representation from a variety of groups on the Panel to obtain a wide range of views. Panellists come from a range of backgrounds and have a range of involvement with the DCC. At the time of surveying, there were 1,289 registered panellists.

More information about the Dunedin People's Panel, is available at [www.dunedin.govt.nz/peoplespanel](http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/peoplespanel).

### 3. Survey Results

#### 3.1 Challenging Times

Panellists were given the following information about the key challenges identified in the Council's LTP consultation document and links to the relevant information on the LTP webpage were provided:

*"Dunedin faces a number of key challenges over the next decade:*

- *Reducing debt*
- *Making the Forsyth Barr Stadium operation financially sustainable*
- *Replacing ageing water and wastewater infrastructure*
- *Limiting rates increases*

*The consultation document outlines options for managing these challenges, including the Council's proposed approach to each. In summary the Council's proposed approach is to:*

- *Pay off more debt than we take on to reduce debt by \$111m over 10 years.*
- *Establish stronger governance and set realistic budgets for the Forsyth Barr Stadium.*
- *Increase spending on replacing our ageing water and wastewater infrastructure to help maintain current service levels.*
- *Find efficiencies and savings to limit rates increases to 3% a year unless there are exceptional circumstances (3.8% in the 2015/16 year)."*

Panellists were then asked **'what do you think about the Council's proposed approach to the challenges of the next decade?'**

One hundred and sixty-seven (167) panellists responded to this question. Of these, eighty-two (82) respondents commented in support and two (2) commented in opposition to the Council's proposed approach without explicitly mentioning particular projects.

A number of respondents made comments explicitly supporting or opposing the Council's proposed approach to both challenges that were mentioned in the LTP consultation document and challenges that were not. A summary of these are shown in Table 1, below. Note, there are a range of reasons provided for opposition to the Council's proposed approach, particularly regarding to rates, where relatively equal numbers of respondents commented supporting lower or higher than proposed rates.

<b>Table 1 – Comments regarding proposed approach to key challenges</b>	<b>Support proposed approach</b>	<b>Oppose proposed approach</b>
General	82	2
Specific to debt	30	9
Specific to Forsyth Barr Stadium	14	23
Specific to infrastructure renewals	38	3
Specific to rates increases	14	27

Comments made in response to this question are appended as Appendix A.

### 3.2 New Investment

Panellists were given the following information about the new investments proposed in the Council's LTP consultation document and links to the relevant information on the LTP webpage were provided:

*"Alongside reducing debt and limiting rates increases, the Council is proposing a limited level of new investment, including:*

- *Speeding up Portobello Road safety improvements*
- *Improving the central city*
- *Providing a community complex / library in South Dunedin*
- *Completing the strategic cycle network sooner*
- *Supporting the Dunedin Hospital Therapeutic Pool*
- *Getting the most out of the Gigatown win*
- *Maximising the opportunities from Dunedin's City of Literature status*
- *Supporting new Otago Museum developments."*

Panellists were then asked **'what do you think about the Council's proposals to fund these new investments?'**

One hundred and sixty-five (165) panellists responded to this question. Of these, fifty-six (56) respondents commented in support and eleven (11) commented in opposition to the Council's proposed new investments without explicitly mentioning particular projects.

A number of respondents made comments explicitly supporting or opposing the Council's proposed approach to specific projects. A summary of these are shown in Table 2, below.

<b>Table 2 – Comments regarding proposed new investments</b>	<b>Support proposed approach</b>	<b>Oppose proposed approach</b>
General	56	11
Specific to Portobello Road	35	12
Specific to Central City Plan	42	16
Specific to Sth Dunedin Community Complex	37	34
Specific to Strategic Cycle Network	28	40
Specific to Physio Pool	38	10
Specific to Gigatown	34	22
Specific to City of Literature	26	20
Specific to Musuem	25	19

Comments made in response to this question are appended as Appendix B.

### 3.3 Unfunded Projects

Panellists were given the following information about the unfunded projects in the Council's LTP consultation document and links to the relevant information on the LTP webpage were provided:

*"For various reasons, including the need to manage finances responsibly, funding for other investments is not included. These include:*

- A new aquatic facility for Mosgiel*
- Cricket lights for the University of Otago Oval*
- Transport safety upgrades in the tertiary precinct area and Mosgiel town centre"*

Panellists were asked **'what do you think about the Council's proposals not to fund these projects?'**

One hundred and sixty-eight (168) panellists responded to this question. Of these, fifty-nine (59) respondents commented in support and one (1) commented in opposition to the Council's proposed new investments without explicitly mentioning particular projects.

A number of respondents made comments explicitly supporting or opposing the Council's proposed approach to specific projects. A summary of these are shown in Table 3, below.

<b>Table 3 – Comments regarding listed unfunded projects</b>	<b>Support proposed approach</b> (Don't want Council to fund)	<b>Oppose proposed approach</b> (Want Council to fund)
General	59	1
Specific to a new aquatic facility for Mosgiel	30	32
Specific to University of Otago Oval lighting	44	13
Specific to transport safety upgrades (general)	6	20
Specific to transport safety upgrades (Tertiary)	3	11
Specific to transport safety upgrades (Mosgiel)	1	9

Comments made in response to this question are appended as Appendix C.

### 3.4 Other Feedback

Panellists were told '***If you have any other comments about Dunedin's Long Term Plan please feel free to comment below or fill out the feedback form on our website***'.

One hundred and four (104) panellists responded to this question. The most common topics mentioned are set out in Table 4, below.

<b>Table 4 – Most common topics mentioned</b>	<b>Number of comments made</b>
Transport	12
Growth (economic / population)	11
Stadium	10
Council spending	7
General positive comments	7

Comments made in response to this question are appended as Appendix D.

**APPENDIX A: Verbatim Comments to the question “*what do you think about the Council’s proposed approach to the challenges of the next decade?*”**

- I think these challenges are sub-sets of the challenge we face as a city to address the multiple risks we now face as a result of climate change and rising sea-levels. Without the appropriate context, decisions which seems sensible in the short-term may actually turn out to place us in greater risk. For example: limiting rates increases when we have an urgent need to prepare managed retreat for many parts of the city makes work doubly hard; replacing aging infrastructure only makes sense when we have taken into account the longer term changes that are happening, i.e. a minimum sea-level rise of 30-40cm by 2050 according to the PCE and IPCC; the stadium seems like a huge distraction from the important work at hand - surely its CEO must have KPI's to meet? Is this council business?, and; debt reduction should be a focus but not at the cost of sale of strategic assets such as Forests, lines networks and the Waipori Fund.
- It's difficult for the average punter to know what to say about the debt. It can be counterproductive to pay it off too quickly when everything else has to languish for lack of capital as a result. Overall, I think these stated goals are pretty basic and not very innovative or creative.
- I think it is pretty good but there must be ways of making savings too, the pie chart showed a LOT of money going towards recreational type things such as Museum, Festivals etc. Salaries, expenses, company cars etc - trim some fat there maybe.
- I think it's great if they can actually stick to it.
- no more money for professional sport ie rugby and crickets proposal. the stadium has to stand on its own two feet or it can either be moth balled or sold, it will be a loss but its better then the ongoing losses as it will not make money-ever. it is not acceptable to try to justifie it staying open for the 2-3 big acts a year as we know the losses are far more then keeping it open. a 35 rates increase is not acceptable at all, you need to peg rates to the level of inflation and not more as we don't get pay rises to match rate rises. the dcc needs to go back to essential infrastructure only. you might have to look at selling an asset to try to balance the books. be honest with the total debt to the public, we know its bad and stop trying to hid the real debt.
- I think it is a very pragmatic and sensible approach. You often hear from the complainers and they're very happy to put anonymous comment on the internet (eg ODT). However, it's worth bearing in mind that Dunedin's rates are by no means the highest in the country as was pointed out in an article in the ODT at the end of last year. OK, the Forsyth Barr stadium is not yet working out as we all would like it to, but I cannot see it other than as an essential component of life in this city. The argument about the citizens of the future having to pay for the debt of the past just doesn't wash with me. I see little difference in what happens when one takes a mortgage out on a home - the debt is paid off over time as one uses the facility and not all in one lump sum at the beginning.
- The council should not think about limiting rate increases but it should strive for rate reductions not limitations.
- Debt needs to be reduced only if restrictive. Stadium appears to be generating income and profile for The City and is a key factor which needs to be tied in with accommodation support - difficult when we have 'feast or famine' requirements. Water infrastructure maintenance a must. Trafic does not need as much focus - we are a small city with 5 minute commutes. Cyclist are in the minority and I do not believe the emphasis placed on cycleways is justified and will lead to cyclists coming to Dunedin
- the foot part outside my place cnr of kenmure road and camaron streetto be fix some time??
- All good goals - we need to work on attracting new businesses to the town as well - and therefore we also need to think about continuing improvements as we go. For example the Mosgiel Pool and cycling strategies can't be put off continually
- Paying off debt ASAP is certainly saving the city on interest. Maybe the city should set a general rule of saving up to be able to pay for large projects in the future upfront or at least up to a certain percentage. What is the council's opinion of the stadium's management?
- Prudent.



- APPROVE OPTION 1 TO INCREASE RATES TO REDUCE DEBT. APPROVE OPTION 1 FOR STADIUM. APPROVE OPTION 3 FOR REPLACEMENT OF AGEING INFRASTRUCTURE. APPROVE OPTION 2 TO INCREASE RATES
- Reduce spending immediately. No more pie in the sky projects like the Stadium, Chinese Gardens, S Dunedin library etc. Spend only on core infrastructure eg water and wastewater. If university nos drop we could be in scalding water, worse than the hot water we are in now
- Sounds good and sensible.
- what's the point in having a rates limit but then deciding to go 'oh nah we need more this time cos it's 'exceptional' rate payers shouldn't have to fork out for a stadium THAT THEY DIDN'T WANT.
- Sounds good
- These seem very reasonable goals, but I need to know more about exactly how this will be achieved before I could say whether I was in agreement.
- Replacing the water and wastewater infrastructure is a priority. If this is deferred, it will only become more costly to fix. Making the Forsyth Barr Stadium financially sustainable goes hand-in-hand with limiting future rate increases. An uneconomic stadium has to be a charge on the rates.
- Stick to core public services for now - transportation and water and waste. Changing out the street lights to low power LEDs would probably save \$15 million per year of electricity. That would be a huge efficiency saving! Such a waste to have the street lights on all night in neighbourhoods like Ravensbourne where everyone is asleep. Shut them off from 11pm or midnight to 5am! Anyone out during those hours doesn't need us subsidising their light, let them take a torch.
- Rates increases up to 5% would be okay, rather than paring down the budget. Also, keep the physio pool open - I don't use it myself, but know people who do and need it.
- 1) Operating surplus should always be zero or greater averaged over a few years. In the present indebted situation operating surplus should be substantially greater than zero. 2) The target should be to reduce debt to zero over an achievable term. Reducing to 230 million is an inadequate target. 3) Transferring 30 million of debt from DVL to DCC is pure window dressing to disguise the losses being made as a result of the disastrous decision to build the stadium in spite of overwhelming public opposition, and does nothing other than disguise the problem and avoid confronting it. 4) In the 2015-6 year "rates will need to increase by 3.8% to cover the loss of \$4.5 million income from Council-owned companies Dunedin City Holdings Limited (DCHL) which they will instead use to carry out needed capital works" - again, just nonsense to disguise the fact that necessary maintenance has been deferred to fund the stadium and other unnecessary projects, until it is now urgent, and requires 4.5 million expenditure which will come from ratepayers. It is irrelevant whether the accounts show that the funds for this came from DCHL, whose lost income was then paid to DCC by a rates increase. And how much are the accountants paid for all this cost-shifting in the accounts? In summary, the present council have made disastrous decisions that have resulted in unsustainable debt, and in my view should all be evicted (except Vanderviss and a very few others who consistently voted against these expenditures).
- In general the Council's approach seems to be both strategic and necessary. It is important however that things like rates increases are kept to a minimum, and the Council must keep the community involved as well as trying to ensure that the community is not subject to projects and schemes by "stealth."
- a beautiful dream
- Debt repayment has to be the number one priority by paying more than we take on - everything else should wait. No one knows just what the future may bring. We are stuck with the Forsyth Barr Stadium. However, it has to be seen now as an asset and treated as such and used to its full potential, so the city should accept it as such and not treat it as a white elephant, just like we do libraries, art galleries, swimming pools etc. Infrastructure needs to be maintained, but refurbishment should be carefully managed as an ongoing process rather than dealt with in one hit. Small things can be done. E.g., the unnecessary over-pruning of trees as happens now; the senseless spraying of weeds such as the obscenity in Leith Valley - weeds are a necessary part of disturbed areas, providing

habitat for our birds and small animals in the absence of native plants: spraying kills everything - not just the weeds - and the residual chemicals enter our waterways and ultimately the harbour; contractor costs need to be pruned back.

- Why not limit rates increase to zero? Tighten up on unnecessary spending.
- reduce debt,, consider selling stadium to outside investors, even if sold at a loss, the ongoing running costs would not be adding to the city's debt, and the ludicrous salaries that the stadium management receive would no longer be a burden on the rate payers. replacing water and waste water infrastructure is exactly what the council should be doing. Limiting rates increases important.
- stick to the budget as many are on a fixed income and cant rais more \$\$\$\$\$\$
- Great job.
- I have looked at the long term plan and to me it seems very positive.
- Looks pretty good to me
- I think the approach is good. I also really like the set out of Build a Great Small city booklet /online documentation. It's well set out / easy to understand and follow
- good
- All very commendable. I am not sure how the approach achieves the objective of being one of the world's great small cities though. That aside, the approach is supported.
- I am happy with the way the Council has progressed with amenities for the community so far although to keep progressing as we must, it requires either increasing rates or applying more debt as has been explained. We all know that rates rise every year as a way to maintain annual spending and allow for increases in associated costs. Increasing rates too much can affect rate payers who are financially challenged, lower income families for example. You are left with taking on debt and set realistic budget for the stadium which I think will pay for itself over time. Overall I am happy with the Council's proposed approach.
- These are good, strong proposals. At last the Council appears to be getting the priorities right.
- Although it sounds great, saving yourself out of the pain is not viable. Too much of the narrative is about saving, curbing and limiting. I see way too little about getting the so-called investors in the city to add to the future. Hit the owners of the sad student housing hard with rates, and if they up the rates of the students, expose them. Buildings are empty because owners have cash to sit on, waiting for suckers to rent. Tell us why we need an upgrade of infrastructure, make the plan to do it sooner rather than later, up the tax and show us on bus stops and everywhere how the dollar is being spent. Sick of sticking to 3% to keep officials in seats while we spend money on cycle lanes. Good idea, but not while the old infrastructure is rotting under the city. So - I think the plan is inherently flawed, started from the wrong assumptions and the needs of the few.
- Sounds good in theory. But nothing startling, people will wonder what it means to have a realistic budget, where the money comes from to pay back debt and that we shouldn't be in this position.
- I think a firm and comprehensive strategy to start paying off debt is important but we must be sure to maintain infrastructure quality at the same time. If that 'slows' down the process of debt repayment then I think we need to provide a 'balance' that doesn't pay off debt to the detriment of aging infrastructure that will incur more debt in the future.
- All the proposed approaches the council want to meet are very much a key to building our city and are a priority. Trying make the stadium financially sustainable would be the biggest challenge and I hope it becomes a success but I doubt it can be done. Rate increases while unpopular may be something that has to be done. Water infrastructure is a definite priority.
- Agree with three of the four challenges, but making the stadium operation financially sustainable is cloud cuckoo land.
- Don't like the cuts being proposed in the cultural sector especially the city library. The operation of stadium will never be financially sustainable. it's just a dead duck
- Another great challenge is the increasing effects of climate change - sea level rise, fossil fuel use. -Council thus needs to remain vigilant and pro-active in its sustainability measures

- It seems solid.
- Agree with all four!
- It seems reasonable to me. But I don't have time to read all the background details. Can no-one take the time to write an executive summary that isn't more than 50% waffle and financial jargon? The principles above seem fine, but how to actually do these things seems much harder. What's the plan?
- looks good
- That's standard for all councils in nz , That's your job so not a new approach.
- seems good
- Sounds good on paper, but do not trust Councillors. Must get rates way below 3%.
- I think the council should concentrate on its core requirements maintaining the essential necessities for the residents of the city admit that other facilities in the city cost just as much to to run each year as the stadium and put everything in to prospective to the needs of the community as a whole not just the loud voices of the few
- Reduce debt = good Stadium = lost cause, too late, will lose \$ forever, and Beverly was right all along. Worst example of Dunedin cronyism ever. A monument to civic failure and hubris Infrastructure water works = good Rate increases = just stop inventing new projects
- In theory it seems great. Not taking on more debt, reducing current debt, putting responsibility back onto Forsyth Barr Stadium by creating stronger governance, replacing costly water and wastewater infrastructure, limiting rate increase - although for people on lower incomes 3% is a very significant increase
- Yes, agree with that entirely
- I think the priorities listed are appropriate. Debt reduction is paramount as is upgrading the water infrastructure. Good progress has been made on utilisation of the stadium and if this momentum continues hopefully it will help to alleviate some of the deficit in operational costs, making this less of a burden. Not so concerned about rates increases if the council is acting in our best interests and the money spent is spent wisely for the benefit of the city.
- Yet another rates rise much greater than inflation is harmful to the City and unacceptable.
- I think these sound like wise steps to make. Unfortunately the stadium is a large burden at a time when key infrastructure is past its use by date. If we had high inflation, large growth or some significant financial change then there needs to be some provision built in, as this approach seems to be a tight line to follow.
- Good
- OK however raising the rates by any more than CPI is unacceptable in times when salary increases are not moving any more than that
- Reducing debt is paramount as the city has an ageing population. The FB Stadium continues to suck massive rates input and funding from other sources which need to go into essential infrastructure . Making the FB stadium financially sustainable needs to come under a more simple management scheme without layers of committees and management systems so that a closer watch can be kept on what is actually happening without paying exorbitant salaries to manage the place. The city needs properly functioning drains and a water system to protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens. This needs to be done progressively so that rates increases are kept at or below the rate of inflation remembering the ageing population and the many of the students in the city enjoy its benefits without paying rates.
- Good so long as we don't lose funding from core cultural services like the library, gallery and museums as well as parks and gardens. Council needs to completely take over the management of the Stadium and staff with council people.
- It is a good idea to take some of the Stadium debt back into the City responsibility, particularly since some of the cost overruns are the responsibility of the city, due to DVML committing expenditure (additional) of little moment in the running of the stadium, when Council were really not aware what was going on. The recent response from Promoters of Concert events, after the Rod Stewart concert is very encouraging, and does highlight the opportunity for a new hotel that was lost by the city. Replacing storm and waste water systems is a no brainer, has to be done, no other decision could have been made!

- Debt is a big issue so needs a high probity.
- Need to ensure service levels don't decrease
- The first three goals are very important - we must leave the city in a far stronger position than we inherited it. The concern with option 4 is that efficiencies often means cut that target areas like libraries, art galleries etc.
- Seem perfectly sound.
- As someone now retired, where there is no scope for increasing our income, I am concerned if the rate burden becomes too much. With most of Dunedin ratepayers, we were opposed to the stadium, especially the way in which the "spin doctors" painted such a rosy outlook. This venue, while nice to have (now that we have the thing) it will be a millstone around the necks of ratepayers for a number of generations. We would be loathe to see any greater load put on ratepayers just to support this stadium.
- Councils proposed approach is fair enough. Please take closer look at your roading department as they spend money in some wrong places. See below.
- Sound
- I think it is a good way to go. Rate increases will hit me with my 2 houses but it is necessary. Unsure how else to fix the debt.
- Sensible issues to focus on. Don't take on any big projects we can't afford! Important to clear debt first.
- Sounds very reasonable, but might be easier said than done!
- I think all of the above points are very important to try and achieve
- Very sensible
- They sound good in principle but I see no sign of anything being done to do this. The Council is still spending money as though it were going out of fashion (some of this on yet more professional sport - cricket, rugby etc etc as if we hadn't spent enough on professional sport), there is no way the Stadium will ever be financially viable and the Council's smoke and mirrors policy of hiding how much it is actually costing by transferring costs to other Council entities is scandalous.
- If you are going to pay off more debt you'll need to find a better source of longer term income. The Forsyth Barr Stadium is a fait-a-compli so ALL you can do is make it financially sustainable. Maybe the university should be helping to fund it more since they get so much use from the facility. If you are going to improve the water and waste infrastructure you will need to prioritise and change budgets for other services. If you reduce the council managements salary budget it would help reduce the need for rates increases.
- They seem ok. As long as we as ratepayers are not going to have to dish out more money on the stadium
- good provided council fees do not increase at a greater rate than rates .
- I think the priority should be - 1. Replacing aging water and waste-water infrastructure 2. Reducing debt 3. Reducing rates increases - if possible 4. Forsyth Barr Stadium - bulldoze it.
- I have grave concerns that there are hidden costs behind the so-called efficiencies, in terms of service level cuts, impacts on staff and budgets being cut too far. The LTD documents don't show where the savings are being made so people can't possibly make informed decisions on future spending.
- Don't limit rate increases, if it means you can't start reducing debt or maintaining infrastructure. Concerning the white elephant, I don't know what needs to be done.
- Sensible, although I think that it will be highly unlikely that rates increases can be kept under 3% a year! I personally don't mind paying more rates but i am shocked and dismayed by how much we are having to prop up the Stadium and I will be very annoyed if other worthy projects miss out on funding because the money has to be channelled into propping up the Stadium!
- Good
- Find efficiencies and savings to limit rates increases to 3% a year unless there are exceptional circumstances (3.8% in the 2015/16 year): It seems to me that the Council will always be able to claim 'exceptional circumstances' in order to raise rates over the 3% mark. I don't understand exactly what the exceptional circumstances are for the 2015/16

year that could not have been foreseen. Let's be honest, it all revolves around the stadium. We need the Council to be honest to themselves and the ratepayers about this and face up to it, rather than continually trying to hide behind smoking mirrors. Looking at the graph provided re rates, in the 10 year rates period shown, there are only 3 occasions when the rates fall below the magical 3%.

- Generally agree but believe that the state of infrastructure is probably pessimistic and thus spending might be able to be spread over a longer period.
- First we must reduce debt, however we must not let infrastructure deteriorate that it becomes more expensive to upgrade.. Limiting rates would be ideal, however if we wish to retain restructure this is the challenge. Forsyth Barr is a great asset to the city, but it must stand on its own feet, something I appreciate is hard to do
- Prudent but, if I just read the key challenges, lacking vision. The Council should be the entity that has the vision and courage to make plans that go beyond our annual budget thinking. I don't see growth?
- Reducing debt is paramount! A budget won't work unless it is realistic and achievable. Continuing to maintain or replace our water and wastewater systems is sensible. Limiting rate increases is important for the people. I am concerned that the council will continue to build/make cycleways that are for a small percentage of people. Better to concentrate on what is important - ie the above items.
- Agree.
- sensible ideas, would like to see them become reality. Rate increases should be minimal
- I am not qualified to comment. I'm sure the experts involved in creating the approach have considered all the options to come up with this as their preferred option.
- The proposed approach sounds good, however maintaining current service levels is a key point and it may not be possible to keep rates increases low at times.
- seems OK to me
- Sounds hopeful -good luck with it
- A lot of words that sound good but do not appear to have any substance. And we are already seeing poor decision making in some areas such as restructuring the library services and then not funding one of the key drivers for the restructuring. The stadium is so heavily subsidised by the ratepayer that it is becoming more difficult to separate the fact from the fiction regarding it's funding problems. Once again we are seeing DVML management and promoters cosying up and issuing bold statements about future concerts. Let's hope this stands the test of time. Meanwhile the council should demand a minimum \$10 'stadium development levy' on every ticket. You only have to look at the extra charges the ticketing companies apply to ticket purchases to know this is a lucrative money making opportunity. With the council agreeing to subsidise the stadium to the tune of another \$1.8 million p.a., attendances at rugby matches (internationals, Super15 and ITM cup ) and concerts exceeding 120,000 p.a. on average then a minimum \$10 levy per ticket will provide a very healthy boost to operating/depreciation costs while reducing the ratepayer burden. And the Stadium Review was of such poor quality that it should not be considered as a basis for decision making on the stadium. The DVML internal shakeup got rid of some dross and on the ground staff but increased the number of managers with little improvement in financial or operational ability. In fact, in one provable instance revenue was lost because DVML could not staff an event at the Dunedin Centre. Aging waste and water infrastructure has been signalled for many years. It is basic and important infrastructure that needs to be maintained and developed. Councillors are fooling themselves, or are being fooled by DCC managers if they truly believe they can limit rates increases while trying to build a "Great Little City" and providing resilience for the future.
- Sounds good. The first saving you can find is paying everyone employed by the Council a reasonable wage - i.e. cut the salaries of the fat cats.
- OK I suppose, you also need to focus on not paying top salary to folk that are not needed. Creating a company to run another company which looks after another company is a waste of resources, and my money.
- Good
- I think limiting rates increases is a good aim, as lower income people are often disproportionately hit by increases. However, while limiting rates increases is good, such

limits should not prevent increases that are used to fund initiatives which give a return of greater financial value to \*all\* of the community (eg making bus fares free would give households thousands of dollars of access to currently unused bus seats for a couple of dollars a week rates increase). I also think trying to make the Stadium financially sustainable is a good idea (especially if these involve new ways of making the facility earn money itself). However, I absolutely do not want to loose or have cut-backs to necessary or important DCC services/facilities in order to fund the Stadium. I also don't want it to negatively effect the decisions to to do new initiatives (eg funding the Physio Pool if that's what's needed to keep it - at the end of the day we need to help the sick and needy, who can't much help themselves, before we help sports etc fans). Reducing debt is also a great idea. Increases in debt should only be used for genuine emergencies emergency or for services/facilities that demonstrably return a greater financial value to \*all\* of the community. However, I absolutely do not want to loose or have cut-backs to necessary or important DCC services/facilities in order to reduce debt.

- One of the key challenges is trying to cover the costs of a stadium that has put our city in debt. The Council wouldn't listen to the public about the long-term financial viability of the stadium, and now our city can't invest money into other things this city desperately needs.
- I think that the challenges are laudable but the Council though it asks for opinions often does not take notice of what ratepayers think-- the Forsyth Barr Stadium is a good (or bad) example of this. Having gone against the wishes of the majority and foisted this white elephant around the ratepayers necks we are now being asked to help them solve it. Sell the thing! Inspect the workers' work more often. How about creating some waste water and water infrastructure for those it hasn't reached yet?? Make managers more responsible for how money is spent. I know some areas within the council where the manager gives birthday presents to the staff. That is not his job!
- Too much focus on debt (although their should be a focus). Debt associated with income and profit producing purposes should not be discounted Definitely too much focus on the stadium. It should be run well and budgets should always be realistic. It's value however is more than financial. There are numerous intangible benefits provided by the stadium and some residents will never accept or understand this. Don't "pander" to them. Investment in infrastructure to ensure it is of acceptable quality should be a priority. I consider our rates are fair compared to other districts. Increases should be considered where appropriate. It is hard to swallow rates expenditure when there are instances of significant financial losses thru poor governance (vehicle fleet) and conflict (stadium traffic lights, Saddle Hill etc)
- OK. Reduction of debt is obviously the priority - whatever the means.
- Can't argue with these.
- Very good but employment especially for the youth at risk not mentioned.
- Can't argue against any of those. Sometimes though it's easier to say than do, so I hope they can be done.
- The water and waste water infrastructure should have been updated before the council even entertained the idea of a stadium. The thinking people of Dn didn't want the stadium in the first place. We wanted to update our third world effluent system.
- I support the reduction of the City's debt.Should be done over much shorter time frame even at the expense of new expenditure. The Stadium ought to be put to the principal user rugby for a full users pay basis or close it. It is not the ratepayer's position to be subsidising rugby, nor to fund entertainment activities with concerts etc. That is for the respective businesses to do. Replacing aging infrastructure is a priority endeavour. Limiting rate increases is contingent upon prudent spending.
- I don't see debt in itself as a problem, in fact, to me it is a sign that a business is active and I would not invest in a business that had no debt at all. However, the debt has to be serviceable and needs to be paid off. I therefore support the approach the Council is taking. It seems entirely reasonable to me. The story with the stadium was only too predictable - it is a common issue with large investments of this type. Best of a bad job approach hence seems fine. Having been the victim of aging Council wastewater structure at my previous and my current residence, I would love to see this prioritized even over drinking water. If necessary I can boil water or install filters or even purchase bottled water, but there is little I can do when Council sewerage systems keep breaking and flood

my house. I never want to have this experience again. I am actually OK with increasing rates - as long as there is transparency on what it is spent on and all corruption and nepotism in the Council is eradicated. I feel there is still a way to go with this latter issue, at least someone has started to tackle it.

- Sounds ideal but once again it will mean increases in rates which will be more than inflation levels.
- Overall good. However what 'realistic' means as far as Forsyth Barr Stadium is concerned is yet to be seen. I definitely do not want to pay more rates for something that was always going to be an albatross around our necks and was the one of the last council's follies. I am also not sure that the cycleway is not going to be this council's folly, too. Great idea. Wrong time to spend money on it when we need water upgrades.
- On the whole I agree with these principles. I would like to see a reduction to the levels of bureaucracy which surround Forsyth Barr stadium and see it brought 'in-house' to reduce costs and increase council control.
- I'm all for it as long as it does not put rates up!
- very good if carried out as on questionnaire
- Sounds ok at a glance.
- I think it is practical and necessary
- I think it is unlikely that further efficiencies will be found, so I don't think that is realistic. I think the current semi-autonomous stadium structure costs too much, and is one clear efficiency that could be made.
- Extend the airport runway. This will encourage more top flight acts to Dunedin.
- •Reducing debt - VERY important •Making the Forsyth Barr Stadium operation financially sustainable - the "we told you so" stadium... a bottomless pit, inappropriate for Dunedin because of our limited accommodation, limited population catchment within a day's drive, and limited transport options. Stop throwing more money into it every time the management ask for funding. Just have to cut its budget, reduce its facilities, reduce the managers' salaries. Make the ORFU pay a realistic amount. •Replacing ageing water and wastewater infrastructure - VERY important •Limiting rates increases - not a realistic option, unfortunately. We have to 'pay as we go' and also pay off the debts we have been saddled with. Try and avoid rates increases unfairly affecting the worst-off of the community.
- I fully support those four priorities. Debt reduction is wise but unless the DCC credit rating is under threat, I wouldn't panic about that. Momentum, renewal, and sound infrastructure are all higher priorities than debt reduction for its own sake.
- sound goals to try to achieve.
- I agree totally with the first and third: reducing debt and replacing water and wastewater infrastructure. I admire the intention to limit rate increases, particularly as they affect people who have trouble paying all their bills. I am still angry about the outrageous decision to build the stadium in spite of the many warnings from experts that it would be unlikely ever to be 'financially sustainable' on its own. I know it's unrealistic, but I'd like to see it scrapped or at least mothballed unless it becomes totally 'user pays' and doesn't depend on the ratepayers.
- They were dumb and stupid and negligent in even funding the investigations about building another stadium and I would say with some serious investigation there's enough dirt for some people to be doing jail time for corruption. SELL THE DAMN STADIUM! Take it apart, sell it for scrap and get out from underneath the debt! Prosecute those responsible. We are in this mess purely because of a few greedy and self-service individuals in this City and the corruption HAS to stop.
- It will cost less now to face reality than putting it off for a time or ignoring it, so face reality now and get the job done without the delusions of grandeur, which have placed a heavy burden on rate payers.
- I agree with all of the points of the proposed approach except for the limited rates increases. I'm willing to pay a percent or two more for our city to be one of the great small cities - particularly if that improves our sustainability and our attractiveness (including lifestyle appeal) to sustainable, innovative enterprises.
- Sounds ok but we could live with a more than 3%Rate rise if the money is used to make Dunedin an even better place to live

- Sensible and business like.
- The Council sowed the wind in building the FB Stadium and will continue to reap the whirlwind of debt repayment and operational subsidies. Give us a break and acknowledge that the FB Stadium will never in any realistic way be financially sustainable until professional sport steps up to pay its fair share - i.e. never. Much as it pains in light of the above we ratepayers will probably have to swallow larger rate increases for the foreseeable future in order to reduce debt and carry out needed and worthwhile projects like the infrastructure replacement with the Tuismad Whelephant on our backs.
- Quite wishy-washy with a determination to not face up to the realities of the debt burned already incurred. In my view, most present Councillors and the Mayor have no concept of how to properly govern Dunedin, have isolated themselves from control of Dunedin City Holdings, and are not prepared to take control back to where it belongs, in the Council itself. I also believe present day councillors and mayor are in the thrall of the Council's managers and have no control over them or their activities or spending. I believe the council's proposed approach is based on whim and is in denial of facts.
- I think that the Council's approach is not inclusive of all the surrounding communities and therefore not offering a piece of the pie to all. The only constancy in the proposal for all is the limit on rate increases.
- As well as replacing ageing water, and waste-water, infrastructure, the inadequate, terrible, street-lighting should be replaced with modern, energy efficient, lighting, which will greatly improve road safety at night, and reduce energy consumption.
- Yes, the right areas/points. But is this realistic and sustainable.
- fiscally responsible
- Challenging times YES but we must be prepared and accept the need to move ahead. To invest heavenly now to invest in Dunedin's future. Which will have far reaching benefits in securing our future as a bench mark city for NZ. To delay much needed investment will cost us 10 fold in \$ costs to build infrastructure in 15 years time.
- do not know much about how they are going to go about meeting the challenges
- Excellent
- Great focus on improving facilities and services. We shouldn't limit rate increases if it is needed to improve these resources and having a manageable debt is fine. Most people need a mortgage to get a home, most innovative projects need some debt to get started. As long as the debt is being managed (decreasing slowly not just paying interest) then there needs to be less focus on it. Reassure the public that it is on target to be paid off and try not to be pressured by panic caused by a minority anti stadium group. In saying that, it would be nice to see the stadium financially sustainable as although it brings in fantastic revenue into Dunedin, the tax from the revenue does not end up in Council bank account.
- Whilst decreasing debt is admiral - there is only so much fat in the system to make efficiencies with before you are degrading services. I think looking after our water infrastructure is vital and important not to burden future generations with.
- i think the selected key challenges are not necessarily the most critical ones. i would place traffic flow as one of the main challenges - and how to get cars out of the central city.
- Speed of debt reduction is too fast, more should be spent on public services (no cuts to public services)
- Good as long as the efficiencies and savings designed to keep the rates increase to 3% don't affect services detrimentally. I think a small increase in rates is better than losing important services to people.
- They sound like reasonable plans for the challenges
- Great intentions, provided it also means using as much local based work and consultants.
- I think this is a prudent way forward.
- I think these 4 items are very important and should be the councils focus.
- A goodly number of Dunedin citizens are on fixed incomes, especially those of us who are retired. The percentage by which rates increase is greater than any income gains we make, so. in fact DCC rates are gradually making us poorer and poorer, while those who make the most noise get the proposed pool for Mosgiel, library for Sth Dn and the likes. Rates should not be greater than the average cost-of-living percentage gain.



- Setting a rates increase limit is pointless if it will only be adhered to three times in the next ten years. Lift the limit or remove the limit; don't continually exceed the limit. Seven out of ten is not an 'exceptional circumstance'; it's a norm. I think these are realistic and good goals. I feel anger and resentment that the level of debt the city has to deal with as a direct result of the stadium has probably put paid to our ability to be a world class small city with a fully integrated central city area/ warehousing precinct. I feel hopeful that this may still come gradually as a result of private investment. I get that the Stadium is a great facility and I have been to a few football matches.
- Looks good if it is possible to achieve but could not see anything on that list that includes Mosgiel or the Taieri. Why are you often leaving these areas out of the equation? This is not good enough and not sustainable especially with the rapid growth of the area that is going on now.
- While I support the key challenges being funded I don't believe it will be carried out. I have lost faith in the local body rates increases should be inflation level or lower if good management is practised
- Providing water and wastewater infrastructure is the most important function of a city council, so an increase in spending on these services would be difficult to argue against.
- Timing is very thing. We don't want to lose the momentum that is making us "one of the world's great small cities" but we cannot afford everything. It may not be the best option to pay off our debt faster unless interest rates increase considerably. Actually our rates are not that high compared to some smaller towns around NZ, it like most people I do not want to have to pay more, about 3 to 3 1/2% is about right..
- Yes go with it, limiting rates and reducing debt must be good
- I think the council's approach is measured and reasonable.
- I think this is the right approach. This is a time to attend to the essentials and reduce debt.
- All councils are employed to reduce debt and making things profitable. This is your job, why are you asking what you should be employed to do. Maybe council needs to have a change of staff if you don't understand what your job is.
- Sounds good. I like the idea of reducing debt. Something really needs to be done about getting good acts that appeal to all ages at the stadium.
- I'm not keen on us making more efficiencies. I think many of the council's services have already been trimmed and personally I would be very happy to pay higher rates if it meant getting more and better services from council. I think we should increase the rates increase barrier to 5% with targeted rates relief for those who genuinely can't afford the difference.
- I agree with the overall approach to these challenges. The stadium needs to be supported to become a settled and established asset in the city. Within the next ~5-10yrs I'd like to see the stadium mature into a valuable, 'expected-to-have' feature of our city. We need to support the stadium until this level is achieved. Water infrastructure is critical for our city's future. I do get very irritated by overflowing street gutters when we have the usual short heavy downpours of rain. This makes moving about on foot, my usual way of getting to and from work, disagreeable. Then with the gutters pouring water across the roadway, driving becomes hazardous. The intersection where this particularly impacts on me is the Stuart St intersections at Moana Pools and London/Arthur sts. I'd also like to see a forward requirement for future councils to include infrastructure issues in all planning - it may well be there but seems at the moment to have been overlooked so that we are doing the current catch-up. The plans of the council to complete all infrastructure work at one time while a road/path is dug up MUST be applauded and continued. I'd like to see an increasing focus put on including other service providers (electricity, telecomms etc) at the same time so that there is a minimisation of frequency for holes in the ground in a single place.
- I think this sounds like a reasonable approach. I particularly like the concentration on paying off debt and focusing on the water and wastewater infrastructure. I see no solution for Forsyth Barr Stadium.
- The approach is ok - if Council sticks to it. Where is the provision for the unexpected / a contingency fund? Why do you propose a limit of 3% to rates increases and then plan to exceed it several times? Your 'limit' is meaningless - looks like an attempt at deceiving

ratepayers.

- I support the Council's proposed approach to pay off more debt, to set realistic budgets for the Stadium, to spend more on our underground infrastructure and to try to limit rates increases. Good luck with all of that!
- I support points one to three. I support a higher limit to rates increases if it prevents cutting social and cultural services. I also support the alternative suggestion of raising rates by 4% pa to allow faster paydown of debt.
- Correct
- They are realistic and sound reasonable proposals going forward.
- The Council is faced with a city with limited growth ( unlike Hamilton, Tauranga and Auckland where I have adult family). These adults, born and bred in Dunedin found that to advance in their professional careers they had to leave our city---if one is employed by the University, Hospital or education sector, there are positions here. but other professionals ( legal/ senior govt departments/ head office. etc) must leave. We urgently need wise, prudent financial management of a small provincial city such as Dunedin--- thus, NO spending on CYCLEWAYS!!! Nor more follies such as the (empty) Stadium!!! A few attractive planters in my suburban shopping center ( Mornington ) would be great! A drop in the bucket compared with the spending on cycleways and the debt for the Stadium.
- Generally speaking I believe the Council is on the correct path. We have made some decent progress in the last few years. The exception is of course the stadium. What I fail to understand is why the people who were behind the stadium in the first place don't step up to the plate, so to speak, and take responsibility for its cost of operation. Where is Forsyth Barr in all this? I think we should cut our losses and not spend any more money on it. A new roof after only ten years? That is criminal! Sink or swim. If it can be made into a viable business, great. But I don't think we should keep pouring money into it. We are being hoodwinked. The people behind it have been lying for years about how it is going to make a lot of money. Now is the time to show us.
- Sounds good, if they can stick to them

**APPENDIX B: Verbatim Comments to the question “what do you think about the Council’s proposals to fund these new investments?”**

- Stimulating the uptake of low carbon transport is a very sensible priority through several actions (and should include managing public transport as well). There is value in improving central city, but it must be done with future proofing in mind and logic suggests that pedestrianisation is likely. While I acknowledge the situation of South Dunedin, I wonder about the logic of investing in an area that will have to be progressively abandoned as the century progresses. I do support the Therapeutic Pool, simply because this contributes significantly and simply to increasing wellbeing in our community and while I don't know how, I do think we need to make the most of the Gigatown thing.
- PLEASE finish the cycle routes, especially the ones that will eventually form the around-the-harbour ride as this will be a massive help to locals and a great tourist attraction. I can't help but think the South Dunedin centre is a waste of time and money, both because of the demographic involved and the basically doomed nature of a lot of the land in that area. Investment should be focussed on more viable parts of Dunedin.
- Portobello road is terrible, yes to funding. Cycle network is getting ridiculous, just make some shared pathways - see people in central city riding on them anyway because it is safer. Therapeutic Pool - yes to funding, a lot of disabled people rely on it. Gigatown prize included money so don't pump too much into it from council. City of Literature = waste of time and money. Museum seems fine to me.
- I think these are great priorities to have.
- in order no, yes, no, cycle lanes no this needs to be stopped until we have the money to do it as it's not essential to the city, yes to the pool, no, no and no, the museum needs to be charging. museums are not free in other countries and why should they be here- charge for those outside of Dunedin but less for those who live in Dunedin, the city needs to get back any money it can and stop giving our services for free.
- Community complex in South Dunedin looks a good idea in an area that is relatively deprived. A library on its own? No. I'm unsure about the value of the strategic cycle network but I think positively about all the other suggestions. I think it is particularly important at the moment to support the museum. Ian Griffin has brought a breath of fresh air to the museum. It has by far the largest attendance of similar organisations in Dunedin, it provides a far greater proportion of its own income and yet it has received little support from the Council compared with the others. Without doubt it is one of the best museums in the southern hemisphere and needs support.
- South Dunedin community complex not needed, Cycle network over spent. Merge the Early Settlers with Otago museum for 1 management structure
- Re the above cycle comments covered in earlier comments. Central City is scruffy - paving is dirty and dangerous. Empty flower container outside Alibi is an example of a potential improvement where flowers to be added I regularly comment on how I 'stumble' across city events which are not adequately promoted and have made suggestions in this area. City of literature could be developed in conjunction with the University. You need to decide what your objectives are for Sth Dunedin - at present it appears you are not sure Gigatown is in danger of being a non-event as you are correct to focus on it. While they are government responsibilities, the Council needs to focus on Police, Health and Education
- I think the Mosgiel Pool is equally worthy as the Therapeutic Pool. Not too sure about the Otago Museum. The others all seem worthy.
- Great stuff. Dunedin seems to be getting a good bit of positive PR lately other than the incident of that man that stole money and then killed himself. Possibly a need to have stricter guidelines overseeing these investments. The investments themselves are absolutely great ideas!! Looking forward to seeing the city improve from it :)
- I think the cost of the cycle network needs further investigation, and perhaps the scope reduced. Other items on the list look good.
- SPEED UP PORTOBELLO RD IMPROVEMENTS. IMPROVE CENTRAL CITY. DROP SOUTH DUNEDIN COMPLEX PROPOSAL. MAINTAIN CURRENT SPENDING ON CYCLE NETWORK. PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE POOL. MAINTAIN CURRENT SPENDING FOR GIGATOWN. DO NOT PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CITY OF LITERATURE. NO EXTRA FUNDING FOR MUSEUM
- Portobello Road OK, the rest to be scrapped or put on hold

- All very good - if implemented well.
- I think you need to do wider consultation to get the most out of these opportunities. You can build the infrastructure, but will the people come? often the answer is 'no' Dunedin has a small population, which depletes when students are not around - have KISS in mind (Keep it Simple Stupid!) Developing the inner city for no cars and pedestrian hang out zone is a no brainer, as are the cycle ways. I'd still like to see transport options other than giant largely empty buses that run too much. Otago museum is good enough and earn a bit - I wouldn't pump much into there. I think Moana pool needs an overhaul.
- Definitely getting portobello road safety done is important and getting most out of gigatown. Like all ideas tho.
- These kinds of things are essential in my view. I was in Christchurch recently and was struck by how much of the city, particularly the part newly built, doesn't seem to have an overall plan and to have only one function. Dunedin needs to avoid that kind of development and the kinds of things noted above seem to be more creative and are likely to have better long term benefits than just building things.
- The Portobello Road, Therapeutic Pool and Central City improvements are especially important. Portobello Road is much used and is unsafe. The Therapeutic Pool is invaluable for some of our most vulnerable citizens. If we do not maintain the vitality, quality and ambience of the central city, then we lose our heart - we cease to be a cohesive community.
- Things like road safety, including safe cycling; maintenance, upkeep, and upgrading of public spaces; and libraries are recognized as core services that governments are responsible and accountable for. The therapeutic pool, if needed primarily for physical rehabilitation associated with hospitalizations, would also fall under that remit (though really the therapeutic pool should be the responsibility of the DHB). Museums are also generally seen as a service for the common good. But let's be clear about gigatown: This is a venture by a private firm that ratepayers are paying for. The amount of ratepayer money wasted on winning the gigatown competition already far exceeds the "prize" money (especially if you include the amount we were paying CEO Sue Bidrose to sit around tweeting all day - doesn't she have real work to do? You could have hired an army of tweeters in India for dollars per day.) And now the council wants to spend more money "helping businesses maximize the gigaspeed opportunity?" Any business with business sense already provides support for their customers. Is Dunedin really so dumb that Chorus has basically outsourced its customer support to us, at our own cost? If the businesses of Dunedin are honest and not just looking for more handouts then the chamber of commerce should be leading, and paying for, this adventure. The fact is that Gigabit internet is already available (e.g. with the isp Vetta Technologies) in Dunedin. If people want to sign up for it that is their business, but the Dunedin (and NZ!) ratepayers have already paid enough of Chorus' clever advertising and marketing campaign. No more! As for the "city of literature," I'm bewildered how Dunedin was given this title. Regardless, there is nothing of substance in the city of literature plan. Essentially all of the earmarked money is to pay someone to do a desk job. Can we have even one example of a "literary activity with a local, national, and international scope?" I'm all for supporting the arts, but this money doesn't even go to any artists or writers to actually do art or write. I'd rather see the money spent on a grant funded project basis. Let's see a proposal of something they actually want to do before allocating all this money. I wouldn't provide any additional funding.
- seems ok. Something needs to be done to get trucks out of the central city, though. A very very very long term plan, but the multi-lane state highway cuts the central city off from the harbour. And too many cyclists get squished.
- I don't support any of these. They are all non-essential, and the focus should be solely on reducing debt.
- I think we need to definitely keep within our means, even if this means some groups or organisations do not get what they want, either immediately or over a long term. New investment must be for the greater good, not for those with the loudest voice.
- none of these should come ahead of reducing the debt
- Portobello Road: Yes, but not where it increase city debt reduction beyond the annual forecast. Central City: good idea, but how? Revolutionary? Does it have to be all in one place? Maybe allowing the exchange area to develop into residential/retail/small business would remove the current clutter so that the 'central' city area can expand beyond its

current focus on the Octagon. South Dunedin: yes, but with thought and not in isolation; the whole area needs to be considered. Does it have to be in the main street? Why not pedestrian access to one of the nearby streets? Cycle network: again how? At the moment it seems to be being crammed in with everything else and no one appears happy with it all. Widening cycle lanes to accommodate the cyclist has led to strictures on the rest of the traffic and not removed the danger; lowering the accident rate (if that is the case) my just be down to publicity and education. Pool: yes, but efforts should be made to bring the University on board. It is a teaching hospital and they should have a stake in this too. Gigatown: Haven't the faintest idea what this does! It appears to be a commercial project and therefore the company running should be paying for it. City of Literature: fine, but surely private enterprise and the University should be involved in this. Museum: How much more do they need? They will always find ongoing projects if there's money to be had.

- What about the Mosgiel pool? What investment is happening in Mosgiel in this plan? The fastest growing part of Dunedin is being neglected.
- support the physio pool, need pop up shops along George Street, to stop a decline in the shopping area, get most out go Gigatown win, whatever that is, it means nothing to many Dunedin ratepayers. Library complex in South Dunedin will not be the best use of funds- unless private investors consider the area worthy of improvement it will always be what it always was, a rather run down working class area. tourism operations need a fresher outlook, get the Elsie Evans up and running during the summer, cruise boat passengers could hope on the boat, visit Quarantine Island, get the history of the area and then onto penguins and albatross
- the south dunedin library and complex will only dilute the existing library. It would be better to help sponser a free shopper bus between the city and south dunedin as other cities do. This would be funded by business. Dont over spend on cycle network as dunedin is very hilly and with the windy whether thay are not that well used
- I support all of the above but as well as funding for the Otago Museum would like to see more funding for the Gas Works Museum.
- We desperately need a library and community complex in South Dunedin.
- Forget cycle network until central city cycle network is shifted from state highway. The only thing you need to do about central city is get rid of alternate left right turning for motorists and make George St left turn and straight through ONLY, NO right turning and perhaps even consider doing the same for the side streets (no right turning) I am sure this would be safer for both motorists and pedestrians alike.
- It makes perfect sense to me
- good
- Mainly supported, I don't agree with the therapeutic pool support as this should be for the DHB, it is not good enough for one organisation to wash its hands of its obligations and another to have to pick these up.
- Dunedin has to move forward and attract more people to the city, whether to live permanently or tourists. Therefore we need to push ahead and provide amenities that will attract people to the city. We need to let people know that Dunedin is the place to be. I am happy with the proposals for funding these new investments.
- With the exception of the South Dunedin library, I think these new investment ideas are good. I would prefer to see the cycle network on the Peninsula take priority over the central city but in general I believe these proposals are sensible. I live in South Dunedin and a library "would be nice" but not at the expense of more important works.
- Forget about Portobello road. It is fine - unless you want to insist on cyclists ruling the roost. In that case, let them front up with the money with a PledgeMe campaign themselves. Like the Therapeutic Pool has to do! Why not? What will you do with the central city? Add more storeys so landlords can get richer? Or give consent for owners to turn some areas into useful apartments. The days of the old industries are gone Dunedin. The notice was sent some time ago. We have a library, get the bus system to work with one ticket a day for multiple stops so people can get from a to b. It is really only a political issue, not a need. Honestly, go check for yourselves. There is NOTHING strategic about the cycle network. How is it strategic at all? What are the strategic drivers for it, what are the pains we need to alleviate by having it - for most people in town? It is a myth that it is strategic. The therapeutic pool is part of the SDHB. Front up, call the board to explain why they can

afford salary increases for the top team while the DHB is failing. They must pay. My tax is invested there already. Again, who are we protecting, what seats are hot because of support for or by that board? Gigatown is great - now pull through and support the effort. Sick of halfback stuff - starting things and wanting it to continue for FREE. Only the rich can afford free and by the gods, you will not see them giving it away. So pay the poor bastards working to make gigatown work properly. Speak to Richard Blakey -and do what he thinks is good City of Literature. The museum is ok as it is. It is not a profit centre. It is doing fine. Settler's is a great attraction, invest there.

- Once again where does the money come from...how can one pay back debt and invest into big ticket items. Let's have the rate payers..rate their choices. How about making the cycle track number one on the list...it is good for our own people and a good draw card for visitors.
- I think all of the above proposals are good. However, from a priority standpoint taking advantage of our City of Literature status and supporting new museum developments are not at the same level as the other six proposals. The Otago Museum is fantastic and we need to keep it to a high standard BUT it is already at a high standard for the size of our city and I don't think additional funding from the city and ratepayers is needed. If the museum needs and wants to continue to 'enhance' it's offerings then I think it needs to look at strategic partnerships rather than handouts from the city and residents.
- Throwing out the cycle network would be a saving as it is a total waste. All other proposals are great.
- Agree with them all
- odd to look at a new library in sth dunedin when they are cutting services to city library 3rd floor - which does nothing to "maximise the opportunities of the city of literature status"
- They make sense. All moves to support safer cycling will mean more locals WILL cycle - the safety improvements are vital. Improving the central city - I feel very strongly that the CBD - George St from about Frederick to Octagon ought to be completely pedestrianised. If large European cities can do it, so can the world's great small cities. Maybe buses could remain, but private vehicles have no place in such a precinct. The research shows that people love walking & shopping in traffic-free areas. I think Council needs to lead many car-reliant people towards more efficient, healthy behaviours.
- Good for people but none of them seem to be specifically focusing on encouraging growth in business and employment and without that Dunedin wont grow its population. I know Sth Dunedin has wanted a library for a long time but libraries are changing with new technology & e-literature it seems superfluous to invest in another building --why not combine the new tech to increase access to the existing library? -special links for schools & community groups - e-book groups & discussion groups for housebound? We have gigatown lets use it to get the town reading!
- #1 Centrral City #2 portobello Road #3 strategic cycle network #4 theraputic pool #5 Community complex The rest are 'nice to haves. I think the Museumgetting a planetarium is a vanity project, there are other planetarium experiences in NZ
- The general principles should be to focus on things that will improve the physical health of the community as a first priority, and funding other things only on the basis of whether there's either (a) a benefit to large proportion of ratepayers; or (b) will bring the council more revenue. Two examples: Improving the central city is waste of money. It's fine as it is, and improving it will not generate any revenue. On the other hand, road safety and encouraging active transport and recreational cycling brings great health benefits (and avoid later health care) and hence should be funded. I really wish the council would concentrate on benefiting those that are less able to help themselves, like people in South Dunedin who need community resources because their own homes are under-resourced, and not those who already well-off, like Gigatown, the museum and the "City of Literature". These would make the city a nicer place to live, but if it would be at the cost of not helping those who really need it, that cost would be too great to bear. Unless, of course, the council only really want to help their rich mates.
- excellent
- Portobello road not an urgent mater there plenty of roads in Dunedin that need up grading . Concentrate on the inner city to attract more business and employment. More business more rates then concentrate on the outer reaches. Library's are already rated , operate

then more like a business , charge a minimal fee to help fund the new project , we are in a user pay society. we are 4 months into Gigatown and have heard nothing about what Dunedin is doing to promote this. The city got behind the council to win this but seems have died a natural death. this shouldn't be a question we should already be chasing ever chance don't waste it. we moved back from Auckland 4 years ago . My friends say it must be cheaper living in Dunedin than Auckland. I have to tell them its cheaper to live in Auckland. I have the same rateable value house in Dunedin as we did in Auckland but our rates are \$700 a year more expensive , Food , petrol , eating out , taxis etc are all more expensive. the council need to get more population in Dunedin , More people brings more rate and more business. More Business brings more competition , More competition cheaper prices.

- all good
- Do not need library in South Dunedin.Cycle network huge waste of money.
- it seems to me that most of these are for all people Portobello Road safety improvements and cycle network are for some people, these are like toys for some, not absolutely necessary concentrate on providing facilities for all people to enhance the day to day of the majority of people if a windfall then play around for the select few
- Portobello road improvements = good central city improvements = the central city gets too much attention compared to neighbourhoods already. Stop spending there Community complex in South D = good cycle network = not very important Therapeutic pool = redundant. focus on maintaining Moana pool. Hospital pool is a waste for too few patrons. Gigatown, Literature, Museum projects: extraneous to core missions for the city; fluff
- Think they are pretty good, they will improve the lives of Dunediners. I tend to think there are more important things than the cycle network however acknowledge that this has been put off for a long time
- Portobello road, Yes Central city, Yes Community complex, Don't agree just yet Cycle ways, A big NO!, or at least keep off main highways Therapeutic pool, A MUST for the city Gigatown, Don't no enough about it City of Literature, Don't get carried away, as it fuels a few Otago Museum, must be kept up to date with developments
- I strongly support following (listed in order of priority):- Leveraging Gigatown- Improving central city- Cycle network completion- Portobello rood improvements- South Dunedin community complex- City of literature- Otago Muesum developments- Therapeutic pool These all seem reasonable projects and worth investing in, especially the first 3 listed.
- It is dishonest to call these investments : they are costs. Investments should be made by private-sector interests who believe that they will get a return. There is already a library not far from South Dunedin, with a good bus service which is free for many people. Let businesses take advantage of Gigatown, no more Council money should be spent.
- They are not particularly things i would write about to my family ( ex Dunedin ), but they seems to be things that need to be done. I doubt they will change the city into a world's great small cities.
- Improving the central city should be a low priority.
- Some of the new initiatives are luxuries. The Otago Museum is fine as is. The therapeutic pool is of no interest to me at all and i resent taxpayer money going in to this. We have a fantastic and very flexible facility at Moana and have no need for this facility. The cycle network can be put on hold
- The emphasis should be on a "limited level of new investment" The Portobello Road safety improvements would be a lot cheaper if a cycle way was not put on a narrow winding tourist route. The central city needs toilets in the Octagon. The area around Rattray Street is a disgrace . It is dirty with disgusting buildings which are unkempt and these are what tourists and visitors see and they take away the negative impression of a city in decline. The community complex in south Dunedin needs to happen sooner rather than later as does the support for the theraputic pool which is a huge asset to the city for the health and wellbeing of everyone. The Gigatown win will not make internet access easier or quicker for many in the city who are unable to access it and it is being treated as a non event surrounded by hype and hollow promises. The City of literature will happen due to the enthusiasm of those closely associated with it and it may require some funding
- Sounds good
- 1. With the numbers of cyclists on Dunedin roads, there is no justification of accelerating

the completion of the network. Stay with the status quo expenditure. A library and community facilities in South Dunedin isn't required. In a town of only 120,000, one library is sufficient, particularly when we have such a good library in the Central City. Gigatown. The speed and efficiency of joining up with fibre broadband is pathetic. We have been involved with Downer / Chorus for now 10 weeks +, and still they can not complete the installation. Gigatown in name only!!

- The South Dunedin library should not be at the expense of maintaining the main library. The cycle network has been badly planned and implemented. I see little real value of what has been done so far ie south Dunedin, and the lanes on the one way. I see few people using the network so is it safe and the right areas targeted?
- I support the community complex in South dunedin
- Over the next couple of decades we must future proof Dunedin against climate change e.g. If Portobello road is to be a focus we must have a programme of lifting low-lying areas. This was not done with the upgrade recently carried out through Macandrew Bay. An extra library in S Dunedin means duplication, at a time when the main library is experiencing cuts. Central City developments must focus upon traffic free pedestrian areas for the city's population - traffic through the main street between Octagon/Knox is disruptive of the experience
- Not sure how they're proposing to fund these, but they are important.
- Prudent and wise management will be required for the future. Is our present Council skilled enough to do this?
- The strategic cycle network is over the top. We do not need it . I barely see cyclists using the inner city. The N1 should never be for cyclists. And a lot of money is completely wasted on ridiculous 'so-called-improvements' that no one wants or values. Take RUGBY Street in St Kilda, which was working perfectly well without any of those oversized huge grass verges that serve no purpose, but people find them tricky to drive around. I know this as we have a house there. This money would be better spent maintaining all pavements for example.
- All are ok except the community complex/library in South Dunedin. It's not a big city - we don't need to have the same facilities in each main area. Lets hold back on this and invest in getting business into town & then the rest will flow.
- I would like to see more put into bringing more business to Dunedin. A community complex, Portobello Road/ cycle way improvements are nice to have and do need doing but maybe not at the moment.
- I think Museum developments are wants, not needs. Should be at the bottom of your list as the museum is great as is and 'any improvements' are simply someone's pipe dreams. Likewise "improving the Central city" is not a necessity until debt is paid off. If safety improvements to Portobello Rd includes completing the cycle way from city to Portobello then I'm all for that.
- I do think some careful investment is vital things like tidying the exchange area and the stunning street art as well as supporting development of inner city living turns dunedin into a very special place. Most of the above mentioned projects need support as they make every day life more pleasant.
- would be interested in how the council is going to make the most of Gigatown and feel that the cycle ways are not as important as as the therapeutic pool and improving the central city as bthese things bebfif a wider range of people of all ages
- Excellent
- It is totally ridiculous to fund a new library in South Dunedin. The central library is adequate to serve the city's needs, especially as libraries are becoming redundant. Given the City's level of debt, the cycle network should be put on hold until we can afford it. The Physio pool is a really valuable asset to Dunedin and helps many less able people and the amount it requires is a fraction of what is spent on rugby etc. I believe the Council should help fund it. Other than this very minor amount and the pitiful amount that the Council also spends on heritage, (90K pa) which is the thing that really brings the tourists and new residents in, I don't think that the Council should be spending much at all until it can sort out the basics, such as litter in the street, slum like student area ghettos and closed shops in the main street. You can have as many festivals as you like but while the city is so dirty and businesses are going belly up because of the crippling rates, Dunedin will never be classed as a great small city.



- Portobello road improvements don't need to be sped up. There is nothing in the central city which NEEDS improving at present. The only people who are intent on having the "strategic" cycle network are the sports cyclists; tell them to pay for it. The DPH therapeutic pool needs the council to take it over not just support it. The only people to get anything out of the gigatown win are some businesses and the university. The city of literature opportunities can surely be facilitated by the Library service and the university from existing budgets. The Otago Museum should be finding ways to develop from within; it seems to be run as a charity not as a business.
- Ok but not in that order Sth Dunedin complex should be top and the cycle network last
- not happy mosgiel is the fastest growing part of Dunedin but no new investment in mosgiel
- I think the priorities should be - 1. Cycle network 2. Gigatown win advantages 3. City of Literature 4. Therapeutic Pool 5. Otago Museum 6. Portobello local and tourist development 7. South Dunedin Library 8. Central City re-enhancements 4. 5. 6. 7. 8.
- We should definitely be supporting the hard won Giga town and City of Literature. I also support Portobello Rd safety improvements, South Dunedin complex and central city improvements. The therapeutic pool is a DHB concern and Council solution can't afford to put money into it. We also spend way too , uh money on the very small cycling sector of our community compared with the huge numbers that use our cultural facilities whose budgets are being squeezed.
- Don't know, it's only 2nd level priority anyway.
- Sensible and I am pleased to see the investment in projects that improve our sustainability. I would rather that we chose option 2 and funded as much as possible from rates. I would be happy to pay more rates over the next few years if that meant that we could reduce debt. It's a bit like increasing your mortgage payments so that you can pay off your mortgage faster the reducing the amount paid to service the debt.
- We already spend enough on Libraries and should be looking towards an online option.
- These are generally fine. The Portobello Road project supposedly saves money if done quicker so is a good decision. While I support improved cycle safety, I do think the proposals are a bit grandiose for the present and projected use they will get. Projects that support economic growth are important as we cannot solely rely on the Tertiary sector to be our biggest industry. Making use of the Gigatown opportunity and City of Literature status should be maximised. Council does not necessarily have to do it but needs to show leadership and ensure it is easy to develop these opportunities.
- The Pool, Gigatown is a must. To much money spent on cycle ways for a minority in the city. Unfortunately Portobello Road must be upgraded as is the Central City
- Incredibly important and worth havnig rates increases for.
- As I said above, focus on what's important. eg Library in South Dunedin, Supporting the Therapeutic Pool, Gigatown and things that benefit the people. The Central City is fine as it is.
- Agree.
- All good ideas, not sure what is meant by improving central city - that doesn't seem necessary to me. DUnedin hospital should also be supported that is a major asset and employs many people. Not so sure about the Museum developments - while it is a great asset, surely that should be supported by the government?
- I think these are great investments for the future.
- Support all those options - however I have concerns about the impact and cost of the strategic cycle network. I disagree with the changes that have been made in the Marlow Street/South dunedin area. People's household coming and goings and traffic flow should not be compromised to achieve cycleways. I am also concerned about further loss of parking given how hard it is to find parking currently.
- perhaps some of these could wait (or slow down) such as spending so much on central city, cycle network etc
- I support all of these.
- Improving the central city ? How ? Take a look at Adelaide and the pedestrian centre of their city The "community complex" part is just as important as the library Improve the cycle network, yes, but teach some cyclists and motorists more about sharing, less

arrogance How can ordinary people help with the Gigatown being a city focus City of literature status -great ! But the prices for the Writers' and readers' Festival are prohibitive. How about a special ticket for (say) five events ? Or pensioner/student or proven faithful library users' concessions ?

- I agree that we need to look to making the city more flexible and safer in regards to transport options but the strategic cycleways network is a rushed and poorly implemented concept. "We don't want to lose funding so doing something is better than nothing" no matter how poor the result. Sadly we will still see the same number of cyclist injury and deaths on average as we always have. South Dunedin has been the poor cousin to the city for far too long. A community service centre incorporating a library is a must. The council pats itself on the back for achieving the City of Literature status but is continually cutting library funding through 'savings' and other means like reducing access to the Reed Collection and stalls on a library in South Dunedin. Portobello Road will need continuing attention as the safety improvements increase traffic density. Gigatown is over hyped. Yes, it will create small business opportunities but for the average household it only means better content streaming and downloading. I can achieve adequate service with copper. Go figure. The Otago Museum is a great asset to the city and must be supported to at least it's current levels with inflationary adjustments. Who are the improvements for?
- Yes to the Portobello Road, cycle network, community complex, therapeutic pool, Gigatown. No to the Otago Museum, City of Literature.
- Go for it
- Good
- I greatly support making the city as cyclable as possible. Not only will it help prepare Dunedin for increasing oil prices, but I've become notably fitter by occasionally cycling instead of driving. Carrying cycles on most buses is great and has made cycling viable for me (I live on a hill) over summer, now having a safe cycle network is the right thing to do (or allow cycles on some footpaths - with some rules this seems to me like it would work - and certainly a cycle-pedestrian accident is going to be less fatal than a truck-cycle collision). I also think the Physio Pool is a great asset - while such a facility may not normally be core business of most councils, because of Dunedin's cold climate this is something the Council should do it's best to protect - swimming in a cold pool like Moana just isn't an option for recovering people who can't do lap after lap like an athlete and need to wait around in the pool while catching breath / lowering blood pressure / etc. I'd be very upset if this facility was lost to the city.
- I do not support any more money being wasted on cycle-ways. The Council has already wasted too much money on these for a small number of residents. Community projects are vital and fully support building a library in South Dunedin as this rundown part of town is an embarrassment. It is also vital that the Council fund the redevelopment of the Physio Pool.
- I agree with the above suggestions although I think that the museum should be fund-raising more to support it's proposed developments
- Investment in infrastructure should be our focus as it benefits all. Cycleways, central city, road safety, Gigatown, Museum etc should all be invested in We don't need another library if the infrastructure (transport --> buses network) is good). Another library duplicates overheads and it is a short and easy travel from Sth Dunedin to CBD library. We don't need another large swimming pool on the outskirts of our district (Mosgiel). Again it is a short and easy trip to Moana Pool. Invest in & future proof our airport runway (lengthen), port, and roading to ensure we can accomodate transport needs now & in the future. Lastly, sports grounds, recreational areas, need greater investment. They have been poorly maintained over a number of years to the detriment of the large % of our community who do or could use them.
- Not at all sure. When we need to reduce debt we should not be spending anything extra at all et cycle network, City of Literature, P'bello Road widening - all should be considered wants and not needs. Only spend money when it is there to spend.
- if speeding up Portobello Rd improvements saves us \$4.7 million in the long run, is this even up for debate - considering the improvements in the road to A) safety of road users & locals & B) lessens the impact on Peninsula locals to just a couple of years instead of extended 10 years, do it! The central city plan - happy but personally not bold enough. This is our chance to be right up there with the very best in the world with cycle ways, limiting cars etc etc. There are numerous studies that show improved cycleways increases retail

spending, contrary to what 'concerned of Roslyn' would have you believe. Personally there should be at best no cars on George St between Hanover st & Dowling St, with the whole Octagon car free. At worst it should be one lane only with the emphasis on pedestrians & cyclists. The whole Octagon during business hours should be car free with only service vehicle access. I support any and all developments in South Dunedin Yes to Cycleways Yes to the Therapeutic pools actually yes to all & above - the new director of the Museum is doing wonderful things & finding a way to see both the Museum & Settlers to co-exist perfectly, this is no small feat.

- All good, museum and City of Literature would be lower down on my list. Have you thought of improving safety in the city streets with more wardens and cameras? I also think the south Dunedin Library idea is good in theory but the economics of it don't stack up when the main library is only ten minutes away by bus and free to Gold card holders.
- again these are all worthy. spending should be aimed at what will encourage more people and business to move here. While I think the community complex in South Dunedin would be nice to have, maybe a focus on the good transport links into the city would help people be able to get there to use central facilities. Any fragmentation of services and 'life' in the city as a whole we be the death knell of one of the best things about Dunedin, which is its cohesion and livability
- No to Portobello Rd improvements - make the Port Chalmers road safe instead. This is the road with the really heavy traffic. Central City improvements are O.K. We all benefit Why only in South Dunedin? How about a community complex in all suburbs of Dn? If this isn't possible, then why single out S. Dn? Why not make it N. Dn? Or even Middlemarch? Complete the round the harbour walkway first. Therapeutic Pool - no! We, as individuals, brought it up to what it is today. Let the generation who use it pay for it. There are alternate pools in Dn. Gigatown doesn't effect many ratepayers unless you teach us how to use it. City of Literature status - who cares? Otago Museum, go ahead, but put a cap on salaries and staff benefits.
- Portobello Rd should be shelved as well as the Cycleways projects till the city can first get its debt into a more manageable state. Bear in mind that it was in 2001 around (\$35million) now \$260million and counting. The consolidated debt at the \$600million mark is just not fair for around 53-54,000 ratepayers. For the above reasons the Central City upgrade should be shelved as no essential. South Dunedin Community Complex/Library is again non essential till affordable. Strategic cycle network as above. Therapeutic pool is SDHB's domain and should remain so. By the DCC intruding simply lets the SDHB off the hook. It's central government's function to fund. Giga town? Who benefits apart from certain businesses and the ISP? Not the ordinary ratepayer who by and large neither understands it no needs it. No sure how you maximise City of Literature status in the ratepayers interest. Just hype I suspect. I do support the Otago Museum now that the management seems on track. But not given an open cheque book.
- There is a very long list of things the Council could do, but there are limited funds and it is hard to choose which to prioritise. I have no strong views on any of these, although I am a bit puzzled by the turn the museum is taking and I am uncertain that amazing opportunities will arise from the City of literature status. Moreover, I am not sure what real benefit the Gigatown status will bring -for Dunedin when all comms that go beyond NZ are routed through just three cables off the islands. Perhaps there will be faster comms within Dunedin? To me Gigatown is just marketing hype.
- I think they are dreaming!
- Portobello Road is a must as its falling into the sea in many places. The cycle way should be slowed down and re-prioritized for when we have essentials paid for. Give Sth Dun a library at last. They deserve it for all their waiting. Save the pool for sure. We need to maintain what we have. Maximise City of Literature. That was handed to us on a plate. We should use it. Refurbishments?? They can wait until we can afford it. Except for the water supply.
- I agree with the need to speed up the Portobello rd safety; it is a very busy road used by a wide variety of user types. I would particularly like to see pedestrians protected from cyclists by creating separate lanes for both cyclists and pedestrians. Importantly this should be retro-fitted in Macandrew Bay where there are large numbers of users. I agree with improving the central city but this should be over time and not at the cost of increasing rates or borrowing. The central city (Frederick st to Octagon) should be made pedestrian only, possibly with the inclusion of bus and cycle lanes. Cycle ways should not be

introduced at the cost of smooth traffic flow or parking in critical areas (eg around the hospital!). I do not agree with the need for a library at South Dunedin; it is so close to the central city. The physio pool should be refurbished and strengthened. It should have better change rooms (especially showers and it should be promoted so that it can be self funded after improvements. I agree with getting the most out of gigatown (most people I talk to don't understand how it helps!), and the city of literature status e.g there should be more promotion of the writers and readers festival. Otago museum is a great asset and should be supported.

- Yes, but where is the money coming from to do this?
- maybe more important things before some of the above
- All good things in my view. I'm particularly keen on the cycle network and pool ones.
- I agree. The only one I question is the Portobello road safety improvements. It seems that we do a lot to support the wealthy end of town - there are many unsafe areas in South Dunedin that the Council should be focusing on. We need to build a city that looks after its poor and disadvantaged as well as those that live down the Bay and over the hill in Mosgiel.
- Generally supportive of these investments. HOWEVER, I think we need to reconsider our paver obsession. Every town beautification seems to require paving, but they are now exceedingly unoriginal, and look tatty fast. I think there are better ways to enhance the central city with good street furniture, but without any more terracotta coloured paving.
- You've failed to consider extending the airport runway.
- •Speeding up Portobello Road safety improvements - yes; the harbourside cycleway resulting from this work is a prime example of 'build it and they will come'. A fantastic recreational and tourist resource. •Improving the central city - feel this could be delayed. The fancy landscaping/paving/artwork which has been done south of Queens Gardens doesn't make any significant difference - landowners were improving their properties before that happened. I would prefer to have the central city kept simple but kept clean and tidy. Tarsealed pavements, no artwork. Seats, yes definitely, but nothing fancy. •Providing a community complex / library in South Dunedin - needs to be planned for - a library is needed. •Completing the strategic cycle network sooner - I have found the bits completed so far are useful - appreciate the easier ways to get across intersections - would support option 4. But would be better to get the link through to Mosgiel through the tunnels going as soon as possible - important for local recreation and the wider region tourism too. Just open the Caversham tunnel gate and let it be used for walking through as it has been before. Plus, it's sad that the DCC staff involved clearly have an agenda to keep the tunnels locked up. For example, a friend who lives near Surrey St tells me the sewage overflow problem which the street used to have was solved by upgrading the pipes, there isn't a problem any longer, so the DCC staff member who told the ODT that the Caversham Tunnel was dangerous because of sewer overflows was lying. •Supporting the Dunedin Hospital Therapeutic Pool - it would be a great loss, especially to disadvantaged sections of the community. Much better in the long run to keep it running. •Getting the most out of the Gigatown win - NO. waste of money. Those organisations which need faster internet are getting it, but most people only use faster internet for downloading films and facebook. •Maximising the opportunities from Dunedin's City of Literature status - not really convinced by this. Don't need another person subsidised by the ratepayer- there are plenty of DCC events management staff who seem to do much the same promotional stuff. Could the University academics get involved instead? •Supporting new Otago Museum developments. - the amount of funding suggested seems okay. Exhibitions are a drawcard for residents and others. The museum certainly needs to get its conservation and research areas upgraded.
- I fully support the moves for the central city improvements and taking advantage (urgently, I hope) of the Gigatown opportunities. I do not oppose the other investments, but I would favour incentives towards a more vibrant inner city more readily than investment in the cycle network.
- all good aims that I support
- I agree with all of them except the Gigatown proposal. At least at present, to me this looks like a 'gold plated' version of something we already have and don't really need.
- Fix what has to be fixed using local COMPETENT contractors and STOP SPENDING MONEY until there is some to spend! What is wrong with you people!!

- When I drive around this city, I see such a few cyclists using the network, I have really to wonder if it is not a complete waste of funds? Does South Dunedin need a library, when our city library is only a short bus ride away? This city has developed over the last 20yrs the belief that it is much larger than it actually is, be realistic and face the facts, the population we have cannot fund the ambitions of our city planners!
- Good
- Very positive Looks good
- All good... Perhaps initially concentrate on developments that attract visitors and revenue... eg being able to safely cycle the peninsula will attract tourists ... Central City improvements and the Museum improvements will also attract visitors.
- All worthy objectives, although some devil in the details for some of them. Am ambivalent about further financial involvement in the Museum given the nature of the current arrangement.
- I agree with the proposals to speed up Portobello Road improvements, the support of Dunedin Hospital's therapeutic pool, and Otago Museum developments. I believe 'getting the most out of the Gigatown win' and maximising the 'City of Literature' status are little more than puffs to councillor's and mayoral individual and collective vanity They can puff and preen as much as they like, but the Council's proposal should be to spend no ratepayer's money on them. South Dunedin does not need a library and it already has a community complex in place. That the proposal has life is a good example of the irresponsibility and whimsical thinking by the mayor and most councillors. At the present time Dunedin must curtail its spending and not increase rates; none of the present council understand this. The expansion of the cycle network is a sop to those who know that most councillors and especially the mayor are entirely susceptible to minority pressure and illustrative of the lack of reality exhibited by them.
- I think it is unfair to commit funding to areas only a few will benefit from. None of these investments outline how they would return funding or profit to the communities that are being rewarded with their newly invested projects.
- Pedestrianising the retail area of George Street should be considered when improving the central city, or, at the very least, installing Barnes Dance pedestrian crossings at all intersections.
- Would prioritise some of these ahead of others (personal view). Portobello Rd, central city and South Dunedin library most important. South Dunedin cycle network is a waste of time. City of Literature status not relevant to people's day to day lives. Museum development is positive.
- well balanced
- Any funds the Council has needs to be spent on reducing rates increases. Those of us who "enjoy" a minimal income do not need rates increases.
- I understand that Dunedin was the 2nd city in the world to have a network of trams. We must reinstate the trams through a programme of rebuilding a key element of Dunedin's DNA. Build The Tram network and the \$ visitors will come let alone the benefit to our community - really this an essential element of any future plans for Dunedin. Surely do not other citizens of Dunedin share my vision ?
- hope they can keep on top of the costs
- The best way to reduce debt is to make the city more vibrant and there is a very easy way to do this - increase expenditure on tourism marketing. Dunedin is an unknown jewel in the tourism market. By increasing tourism marketing expenditure it will become easy to channel funds to the above projects.
- Any money spent on development is a great investment. Do we need another library in South Dunedin or should we look long term at whether the our current library is really working and could it be better placed elsewhere in the city where parking is less congested. I LOVE libraries but don't take my kids to the Dunedin Public library because access is difficult and there is no natural light so it is unappealing. The resources and services offered by the library are superb so it is sad to see that so many of us do not use it. It would make a fantastic office block and could fund a modern, well lit library situated closer to South Dunedin that the rest of us would be happy to travel to. Gigatown was a great success but not if Chorus do not roll out fibre to EVERY part of Dunedin before the end of the "no extra cost" period. Council should be seen to be putting pressure on Chorus to deliver.

- The cycle network is vital, as is investing in our culture. If we want an awesome city to live in this is vital. A community complex in South Dunedin would be great as well.
- I like these new investments - although I am not convinced that the Dunedin Hospital Therapeutic pool should be given this priority. I think the DHB needs to step up and take responsibility for the pool, ahead of ratepayers. It's a key health service, rather than a civic service. The DHB needs to manage its finances better. The other new investment areas I enthusiastically endorse.
- Portobello Road - Get all the NZTA funding you can, if this means speeding up improvements so be it Central city - improvements benefit both residents and tourists (e.g. cruise ship passengers) Community complex - a good idea, possibly slightly lower priority than Portobello/cycleways Strategic cycle network - ignore the haters, it is fundamentally a good idea (even if I'm unlikely to use it!) Therapeutic pool - this is a central Govt responsibility to fund, shame on them for pressuring local govt to fund, hopefully the City will try and push back hard on this Gigatown - I am in Kenmore and I bet I won't see any fibre in my street in the first 3 years of Gigatown so don't throw money into Gigatown elsewhere, we have the Chorus \$750k prize and the Council are already allowing \$250k to get the Gig going. Please don't over-commit any further on this. City of Literature - no issues with this but please "maximise" on a case by case basis on merit Otago Museum - hmmm Ian Griffin has a lot of ideas since he started, many of which should be prioritised much lower than they seem to be, don't forget the Council is cash-strapped and many other projects (e.g. Sth Dn library) have been delayed for years, why should Mr Griffin jump the queue?
- We all will have differing opinions on which investments are more important - I would give priority to the Gigatown initiatives and City of Literature status as these sorts of things will hopefully attract people to live here esp if jobs are created as a result. The other things are nice to have and should be pursued as funding allows.
- I think these are great areas to invest in and make Dunedin a better place to live and get around in.
- I have yet to see the cycle ways being used enough to warrant the expense!
- agree with the new investment choices, only for me the central city pavements and seating improvements do not have high priority, therefore I would choose the alternative funding option 2.
- I generally support these projects, I do however think that George Street is already accessible for pedestrians and the speed limit of 30kph is sufficient for cars in this area. I do not see this being enforced very often when cars are flying round the Octagon! If you are going to upgrade paved areas please don't re-use the pavers in the Octagon - they are dangerous and slippery it would be better if the area was asphalt or concrete especially in the winter. To make it safer for pedestrians perhaps we should adopt Christchurch's barns dance lights where the pedestrians all cross at once - then you don't risk the cars and people being on the road at the same time.
- Defer some of these projects. Eg: we have free buses for pensioners and a great library-bus service so this is not a necessity. Some things are nice to have, but what about the fund-raising that the enthusiasts could be doing to raise money towards some of these things. All these cycleways are unnecessary - we have observed in large cities overseas (eg Warsaw, Budapest, Maestre alongside Venice, and cities in Croatia) less than a year ago where cyclists share the footpaths, and traffic seems to work on the principal of everyone being considerate of every other person's need to get to their destination safely. One seldom sees a pedestrian on a pavement on the one-way systems north and south, south of the Octagon. Such a waste of money to create cycleways there. And as for gigatown - who is it currently benefitting? Mainly the businesses and tertiary institutions in the middle of the city. Most of us in the outer suburbs are totally unaffected by it.
- Yes, this is all great stuff. Good on the Council for supporting the Therapeutic pool and for doing stuff in South Dunedin. Projects that provide opportunities for 18-25 year olds seem lacking, unless they are arty or like cycling. Improving the central city should be staggered to allow development in Mosgiel (as below) with some projects (such as enhancing Queens Gardens as a memorial space) being let go. I get that we are at a time when we want to take stock and recognise all the conflict we are embroiled in in a changing world by looking to the sacrifices made in the past, but this is a temporary social condition, not an objective reality. Improving conditions for the living - especially elderly residents - is far more

meaningful than having a nicer place to hang out once a year on ANZAC Day.

- Again Mosgiel and surrounding areas are not in this plan. Why not? I agree Portobello, the therapeutic pool and perhaps the Museum developments are needed but why is the council not reducing new developments when we just do not have the money for them
- a good wish list but as above will cost much more than the estimates
- I think that improving cycling infrastructure in Dunedin is really important and a sensible way to invest in making Dunedin a more livable city. HOWEVER, the 'strategic cycle network' doesn't seem very strategic at all. As a cyclist that commutes by bicycle to work from Tomahawk to the city centre, the council has somehow managed to make my daily commute MORE difficult and dangerous with their modifications (particularly on Shore Street). What would make the biggest improvement to cycling safety would be the removal of on-street parking from busy roads as it makes the roads wider, reduces the risk of being 'doored' by parked cars, and gives motorists a clear view of pedestrians and cyclists. More specifically: - A pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Portsmouth Drive and Portobello Road is sorely needed. - A pedestrian crossing on Wharf street underneath the overbridge would also be useful as it is difficult to get from the end of the cycle way to the other side of the road during commuter traffic. - A cycle lane or some way of getting across the overbridge from Wharf Street to Jetty Street on a bicycle is needed. Currently trying to reintegrate from the Portsmouth drive traffic from the cycle way and then biking up the overbridge feels very unsafe and motorists are often impatient. - Some way of reintegrating into traffic from the cycle way onto St. Andrews Street at the railway crossing as the cycle way ends very abruptly. Why the council has bothered to put cycling lanes and infrastructure into quiet streets is beyond me...these streets were already safe and didn't need improvements to make them safer. Moreover they are quiet for a reason - commuters don't want to add an extra 15 minutes onto their commute to take a tangled web of backstreets with many intersections. I also can't understand why the council has modified the stretch of Portobello Road between Andersons Bay Road and Portsmouth Drive. This was previously a quiet road and had two lanes, so that cars could quite easily change into the second lane and give cyclists plenty of space while passing. The money spent modifying this would have been better spent improving cycling safety on Andersons Bay Road which is quite stressful and dangerous to cycle along, particularly at peak traffic hours.
- We need a new city library as a priority. The current one is very shabby and depressing. I use the library every week or two but seldom visit the museum. We need money to be spent on great facilities for the people of Dunedin not for tourism. I'm in favour of a community complex for South Dunedin which includes a library. Have a look at the great suburban libraries in Christchurch which include cafes, wifi and lots of great resources for kids. They are real community centres people can walk to.
- The south Dunedin new library should be put aside for 2 or 3 years. Put some of the required funds aside each year until then. We already have a very good library & community facilities. We just can't afford everything. The same with the cycle network. Just build it as roads are upgraded. How many cyclists are in Dunedin anyway? Build it if you have to, but slowly. The therapy pool is essential, but just support it not totally fund it. Maybe 1/3 of it. The other items probably need money spent on them but I do not know how much benefit there is to the city from the city of literature and gigatown, as well as the museum.
- Anything to increase the standard of living for our residents in the city but also bring increased tourists to enjoy and spend in our great city
- All great ideas
- Safety is important, the cycle network and Portobello Rd do need to be completed. The Therapeutic pool needs to be a priority - there are no other options for the people who most need this facility. Getting the most out of the Gigatown win is essential. We have an obligation here. All the other suggestions are desirable but not essential and should wait until we have reduced debt. The central city has been improved so often it's due for a rest, give it a breather and focus on something else. Limited funding for Dunedin's 'City of Literature' status may be a possibility but I have no idea what you need funding for?
- Invest in the inner city area and attracting business to this area, it needs growth here then the outlying areas will benefit from it. I hardly see people using the cycle lanes, so perhaps concentrate on more important things. Having big events has been great at the stadium lately, so don't you think we need that 4 star hotel and a bigger runway to cater for this.

- Good. Especially like the idea of giving the central city a facelift
- I support the investments but not the limiting of rates increases (see answer to the previous question).
- All of these initiatives are valuable to our city and should help enhance our environment. I'm less interested in supporting the hospital pool but that is simply because it is not a facility that I currently engage with. I'm aware of a range of users who derive huge benefit from the facility so am not anti-supporting the pool. Promoting the recent accolades of Gigatown and City of Literature both deserve support and visibility to locals, visitors and potential visitors. Happy to support. Central city improvements. The key words I'm reading in this proposal are co-ordinated and integrated. Co-ordinating the work proposed among the various agencies involved and increasing the integration of the wider central city, without losing the unique character of the various sectors are critically important concepts. Keep going on Portobello road improvements. The peninsula is a crucial part of what make Dunedin special. Making access to this area safer and therefore easier is important to me.
- All of these projects are valid, I particularly support the Otago Museum developments and the City of Literature - this is an amazing honour for Dunedin and one that should be promoted highly. The Physio Pool and the South Dunedin complex are also vital.
- Too ambitious. Perhaps Council should use suitably skilled staff to coordinate community / voluntary action to achieve some of its list rather than planning to pay 'professionals' for it. Volunteer skills and willingness come to the fore in Dunedin when there is a perceived good cause. Maintenance of what we've now got is the top priority, not adding to it until the debt is greatly reduced. Water and drainage systems are top priority. Highest on the list are the features that make life here so attractive and are ranked so highly by citizens - espec Bot Gardens, Central library, Otago Museum. Maintain current levels of support for those.
- I believe there should be new investment that will maximise any opportunities from Dunedin's new status as a City of Literature. We must also be prepared to make funding available for making the most out of our Gigatown win. I believe that we should NOT be spending money on pedestrianising the lower Octagon. If that happens, the businesses in Lower Stuart St will suffer. A community complex in South Dunedin? Is there a need for this? Really? Yes, speed up the Portobello Rd improvements.
- Yes to all of those
- They are in direct conflict with reducing debt. The various proposals must have public support before proceeding. NOT like the rehashing of Portobello cycleway several times. Recent barrier at Harington Point is deemed a waste by all residents I have spoken to and will make the 50 odd pedestrians who walk up there be in more danger. No local was consulted before this barrier was put there... The council must really consult and ask before wasting money even if it takes time
- I like these, anything which will grow our city and encourage more people to live, work and visit Dunedin.
- Absolutely NO to more or continued cycleways. Absolutely YES to enhanced cultural facilities---Museum/ Library/City of Literature/ YES to the Therapeutic pool and ALL enhancement of the city's parks, gardens and more SEATING please!!! Have you inspected the CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS lately? What a disgrace! Poor, limited play equipment for children of all ages, with the exception of the Market Reserve play area-----have you examined the embarrassment that is passed off as the Mornington playground?
- Again I think the Council is doing a good job. I do think we need to be doing more to promote investment in green technologies.
- Hospital needs some urgent upgrades, even for equipment. I had a recent stay for 4 days and was horrified there was only one blood pressure machine working over three floors. Anything to help encourage tourism, thats is where a lot of money is, maybe large craft center in unused section of Railway Station. From experience, tourists love local quality crafts. More income for the city means more money to spend on the city.



**APPENDIX C: Verbatim Comments to the question “*what do you think about the Council’s proposals not to fund these projects?*”**

- Mostly correct decision - although Transport Safety upgrades around the tertiary precinct area would seem to make sense in terms of an effective action to stimulate low carbon transport.
- Cricket lights are a joke when you can't afford cycle routes or water infrastructure upgrades. We're tired of paying for other peoples' hobbies while basic stuff is neglected.
- Oval lights should hopefully mean more income if we can host bigger matches, should be funded.
- I agree these projects do not need to be funded.
- no we cant afford it or any part of it. no more money for professional sport not necessary at the moment.
- I agree with the Council that these should not be funded at present
- congratulations
- The money must be found to add lights to the Oval or much financial input to Dunedin will be lost. I don't have any feel for Mosgiel's needs.
- Cricket lights for the Uni Oval - fair enough that these are not funded. The Mosgiel projects absolutely should be funded. The council is getting huge increase in rates from developers and new owners of developed property in this part of town and these MUST be rewarded by spending in this part of town. In addition, the pressure on Moana Pool can be alleviated with some investment in Mosgiel.
- certainly reasonable
- I think these are good decisions.
- SHOULD BUILD 3 NEW POOLS - LAP, LEISURE, HYDRO IN MOSGIEL. NO FUNDING FOR CRICKET LIGHTS. NO EXTRA FUNDING FOR SAFETY UPGRADES
- Good idea
- I agree with them all.
- First two - thank god they are not being funded!! transport around uni is pretty dangerous and bad - people and heavy traffic don't mix.
- Fine
- I hope these are deferred rather than simply declined. However, it is normal to be able to fund only some of the projects considered to be important, and provided there is a means for priorities to be reevaluated on a regular basis, this is reasonable.
- Transport safety around the tertiary precinct and in Mosgiel share priority with the cycleway network.
- Mosgiel already has a pool, there are also the Moana pool, the therapeutic pool, the salt water pool, the Portobello pool, and the Port Chalmers pool. It makes no sense to build a huge new pool complex out in Mosgiel. Like the stadium and every other construction project, the cost is surely underestimated, and spending \$20 million for an amenity like that in Mosgiel is crazy. The cricket lights should remain unfunded for now. If the primary users - the Cricket Association and the Highlanders - want to pay for it, then sure. I'm tired of paying for expensive sports grounds that I'm not even allowed to use myself - aside from passively watching other people use it. At least with the cycle lanes I can go out and cycle on them any time of any day. The transport safety upgrades are a core council service and are worthwhile. I work at the University, and the number of people crossing Cumberland Street with giant 50 tonne trucks roaring past is terrifying. Those trucks weigh more than most buildings, and almost all of them are speeding.
- definitely need transport safety upgrades.
- I completely support not funding these.
- As my previous answer indicates, investments must be for the greater good. However a new pool for Mosgiel is fast becoming a greater need because of the burgeoning population and the assistance such a pool would be for the ongoing benefit of Moana Pool.
- finally a decision that makes sense
- Aquatic facility: if there isn't the money, then definitely not. Cricket lights: only if New Zealand Cricket and/or Otago Cricket or other commercial enterprises who will benefit from increased usage come on board and can shew that there will be ongoing financial return to

the town. Mosgiel transport: something has to be done about the main street; it's only a matter of time before someone is killed. At present, there is little or no incentive to visit the main street. Ideally, a Mosgiel town centre by-pass is needed for heavy vehicles.

- Short sighted particularly with regards to the Mosgiel pool. As I said Mosgiel is being neglected yet it is providing new revenue thorough growth and new housing.
- I think the DCC is correct in not funding these projects
- agree
- The aquatic facility for Mosgiel would be great for that growing area as well as lessen the strain on the Moana Pool facilities, I think it should be part funded with the Mosgiel community for the four pool option. The transport upgrades are needed and need to be funded, maybe later on if there is not sufficient funding but within 10 years.
- Not sure.
- I am sure more people would use a pool in Mosgiel and be paying to use it than cyclists using cycleways and of course that would be for free paid totally by ratepayers with no return. Cricket lights will have to happen if we want more games and visitors.
- I can understand that it is hard to include everything but think that particularly transport safety should be a priority. I would also prefer to see funding allowed for the aquatic facility in Mosgiel
- no lights
- These should be left unfunded unless additional funds find their way into the council's books. The cricket lights can be funded through fundraising in much the same way as the Regent Theatre upgrades or the therapeutic pool proposals, and if Otago Cricket managed to raise the majority of the funds then it might be fair to approach the DCC for the balance.
- These projects are unfunded in the plan however there are other ways for the community to get involved and make these their projects in conjunction with the Council. A community fundraiser, sponsorship by local businesses who have an interest in the area and who get naming rights for the funding provided.
- Again, I agree with the Council - the Therapeutic pool is more important than the Mosgiel aquatic facility.
- We have Moana pool. It is enough. Get the bus system sorted so Mosgiel can use it. We need lights if we want evening games that bring people to small business in the city. As long as the transport upgrades are not for the elitist cyclists - all good.
- People live in a community it is not unreasonable for them to expect a library, a pool, parks and a safe enviroment. if you can't afford to do that you have gone outside your brief somewhere surely.
- I agree with not funding these projects; although it depends on what the safety issues involve around the tertiary precinct. If they are determined to be important for the safety of students and residents, considering the proximity of the state highway then I think it needs further review before eliminating it from the funding considerations.
- Very good as they are not essentials.
- Agree
- if there were a way to include transport safety upgrades, that would be next on my list
- transport safety wont wait 10 years it needs addressed now --think of it more as "infrastructure" rather than an added extra. Support the Mosgiel community by subsidising an aquatic center if they start the fundraising them selves perhaps dollar for dollar
- Agree, although safety is important if citizens lives/ injury are in danger
- Isn't traffic safety important? Isn't it more important that airy-fairy culturally elitist rubbish like the "City of Literature"? What more evidence does one need that the council do not have the real well-being of it's citizens at heart?
- fair enough
- Ask Mosgiel rates payers to contribute toward there community . They won't as its a retirement town , welfare town , the rest travel to town anyway. its the university oval and nz cricket to pay for this , its there grounds. How many years is the council going to talk about this is an easy fix. open church street onto Hagart which was planned from day one until a council member built in the street and 10 people objected . then can use Church street and Hagart as a bypass as well as Riccarton road. Stop talking and get on with it . People don't like change but will adapt .

- 1. I agree with putting a new swimming pool for Mosgiel on hold. For a fraction of the cost, the existing facility could be modified (extension of the paddling pool to a learners, new changing rooms, etc). Also as it's a roofed pool, extension of its season should be considered.
- 2. Instead of Carisbrook with plenty of lights we now have Forsyth Barr - well-illuminated. No such thing as a "free lunch" - city can't afford more lights.
- 3. I don't have knowledge of transport safety issues in the tertiary precinct. I am aware of bottleneck traffic problems in Mosgiel town centre at peak times, and these are likely to get worse with further housing development and the proposed new Countdown supermarket. Traffic safety upgrades may therefore be necessary in Mosgiel sooner rather than later.
- Should have grabbed the lights from Carisbrook when it was pulled down IDIOTS
- children need to be able to swim, exercise is necessary for health for disabled and the fit a basic pool is necessary Cricket lights are necessary to bring people to Dunedin the spend and contribute to our economy, also encourages children to play a sport within reason safety measures, but surely we are responsible for our actions and therefore basic upgrades are necessary
- let them go: none are core missions
- I think you have left Mosgiel out in the cold - not supporting the new aquatic facility and the transport safety upgrades. Mosgiel is part of Dunedin and does need to benefit from some of the council's funded projects. Mosgiel is its own little suburb and a lot of people who live out there do not access the main city unless absolutely necessary. Therefore a number of the projects council has targeted for new investment will have no benefit whatsoever to Mosgiel residents.
- Council should stay away from these 3 things, especially the first 2, as they are rate affected and not a necessity for many years yet
- Fair enough re the aquatic facility and cricket lights, I am happy to see these left out. However I strongly support the transport safety upgrades and would happily pay additional rates to see these projects successfully completed. I would be interested to know the rationale for excluding these, if not purely related to funding concerns.
- All these are unnecessary and unaffordable.
- the Transport safety upgrades in the tertiary precinct should be a very low priority and receive no taxpayer funding. The University has been underpaying rates for decades yet has plenty of money for buying property and pricing anybody else out of the market. It is near on impossible for private investors to purchase in the university precinct. Any improvements should be funded by the university. They already have almost exclusive access to land that belongs to the people of Dunedin. ( Union st west and east, castle street, montgomery ave leith street, hyde street etc. ) these streets are still maintained by DCC.
- OK
- I am fine about these proposals being put on hold
- The DCC 's lack of support and enthusiasm for a new Aquatic facility in Mosgiel is unbelievable considering every ratepayer on the Taieri has helped to fund the FB Stadium. Those on the Council do not understand that Mosgiel is the fastest growing part of the city along with Taieri farms contributing millions of dollars to the economy of the city and in rates. The present pool in Mosgiel is a disgrace when compared to what is available in Gore, Alexandra , Cromwell and the proposal for Wanaka. The Mosgiel pool is unattractive, unsuitable for the teaching of swimming and holding major aquatic events. Moana pool is nearing maximum use on a daily basis and another new pool in the city is essential. Cricket light while nice to have need to be funded by those who are involved with the sport as it is not core business the same as it is not core business to run a sports stadium which continues to make a loss and is a burden on ratepayers Transport safety upgrades for Mosgiel are essential and have been put off year after year. The removal of all heavy trucks from the main street of Mosgiel which is a State Highway need to happen sooner rather than later. It has been done in Gore, Balclutha, Oamaru, Ashburton, Temuka , Timaru but not yet in Mosgiel where people have to suffer the noise , speeding trucks and the stink of stock trucks . The use of Haggart Alexander Drive as the heavy traffic bypass as it was originally designed needs to happen with a bridge over the Silverstream to access Dukes Road and the industrial area along with better access from Five Roads Corner onto Dukes Road North. Riccarton Road widening also needs to happen sooner rather than later to provide better access from the south and from Outram onto Dukes Road . The debacle at the Gordon Road

Burns Street intersection needs a complete reconstruction with two lanes each way going to and from the motorway rather than the present half hearted attempt at channelling one lane into two for a few metres. The red arrow stopping traffic turning onto Wingatui Road stops traffic flow and causes traffic at that intersection to be held up. Traffic wanting to turn onto Gladstone Road South from Haggart Alexander drive also contributes to confusion and delays to flow as does traffic wanting to turn right onto Gordon Road and onto Wingatui Road. The whole design is an absolute mess and needs sorted by people with commonsense.

- Ok
- Clearly the proposed spend on the lights for the cricket ground are an important addition to the City's attractions. It is very clear that the attraction of International cricket is an important component of attracting visitors to Dunedin. The development of the ground at the University Oval has been one of several stutters. First the ground was too small, and no notice was taken of local advice to this effect. This resulted in two bights at the old art gallery, which was unnecessarily expensive. Second, the embankments are too small to accommodate many people and therefore the ground has limited number capability. This should be remedied in the future? Thirdly the lights were not accounted for in the establishment of the ground, and even when Carisbrook was to be demolished, the lights there were sold to Christchurch? Doesn't seem forward thinking. If the Otago Cricket fund some of the new lights, then the Council should come to the party, as there will be many more visitors attracted to Dunedin. Without new lights, we will not get the games, this is for certain!
- I feel the Mosgiel Pool should have a high priority ie over the South Dunedin library
- I do not support the cricket lights, the pool in Mosgiel should be fit for purpose and not the four pool option.
- We are a small city with limited resources - we can only undertake what we can afford - Stadium was not an example of judicious spending. The first two items are nice to have but can the city currently afford to fund them.
- The pool is a necessity
- Fair enough.
- As above - until we make some headway with sorting out the identified priorities we need to hold back, in the short term. Something has to go on the B list.
- It doesn't bother me. I agree with the decision
- I agree these should not be funded until debt is cleared. They would be nice but not essential.
- Aquatic facilities for Mosgiel sound a bit too much like the stadium project: would be great, but we can't afford it! Similar thoughts about the cricket lights. Could be financed by businesses that profit from visitor influx? I would put transport safety especially around the student area high up on the to-do list, but involving the university in some funding sounds a good plan.
- I agree that these projects not be funded at the moment
- Given financial constraints, these proposals are ok. However if the constraints can be eased I would like to see transport safety upgrades prioritised.
- Correct decision. Hooray!
- I think the new aquatic centre for Mosgiel is one of the better ideas circulating the town at present. There was a perfectly good set of lights at Carisbrook when it was destroyed, which could have been transferred to the university oval. If it is to carry their name maybe they could provide the lights. The so called transport safety upgrades which have been perpetrated on the town to date have largely been a waste of money and road space. Stop giving the "roading engineers" a free hand.
- As they don't affect me I'm ok with it
- shortsighted Mosgiel aquatic facility is well past its use by date and with Mosgiel's increasing population urgent action is required.
- I agree with the decision not to fund these three projects - I don't believe Mosgiel has the population to support an aquatic facility Cricket practice can be organised seasonally, as it has been for decades Transport facilities in the tertiary precinct and Mosgiel are already signed and managed well.
- Let's give Otago cricket a break and help fund their lights -we spend so much on rugby it's

time cricket had a small slice of the sports funding pie. Mosgiel has waited a one time for an upgraded aquatic facility but not nearly as long as South Dunedin has been waiting for a library so I think prioritizing South Dunedin is the right choice.

- Don't know. We went with the stadium, that's our leisure infrastructure investment for the 21st C. No room for much else now.
- The Council has to prioritise in order to be fiscally responsible. Perhaps we could do some fundraising as a city to support these initiatives? I really like what they did at the Orokanui Sanctuary and the Railway Station. Fundraising by selling the bricks for the paving and the fence posts. We could hold fundraising cricket matches and aquatic events to raise funds? Just a thought..... Also, shouldn't the University be paying rates? I work there and I can't understand why my organisation doesn't pay rates and contribute to the upkeep of our part of the city. That's not fair. All of the other commercial ventures in this area have to pay rates.
- Good
- The Council (aka Ratepayer) should not be funding cricket lighting, in the same way they should not have funded the rugby fraternity. Unfortunately, as foreseen by all the 'Nay-Sayers/Luddites' every sporting man and his dog will be holding out their hands for funding, given the extraordinary largesse re the stadium. (I really would like the Council to tell the ratepayers, in clear-speak, exactly why, for instance, the much promised \$40 million was never pursued from Farry et al.
- Not funding the Mosgiel Pool this year is the correct decision but inclusion of funding in future years should be included. Mosgiel is the growth area of Dunedin and upgrading of the pool is needed - and soon. I am not aware of the detail of the transport safety improvements. There are however, a number of already completed safety improvements in Mosgiel, many of which, to me, are not necessary. There needs to be a real improvement in safety for these projects to be considered. The lights for Cricket may be able to be funded in a different way so deferring funding for consideration in a year is a good decision.
- All three are worthy projects, however our rates can only go so far, so I guess the city is prioritising these the best they can
- I think we should be funding the aquatic facility for Mosgiel - all Dunedin ratepayers
- Mosgiel has been waiting a long time for a new Pool. This would then take the pressure of Moana Pool. They shouldn't have to wait much longer! The other two on the list can wait.
- Even as a non-swimmer I am very strongly in support of there being a new aquatic centre for Mosgiel as a full age spectrum, year round community facility for this, fast developing area of the city. A collaborative approach as promoted by the Taieri Community Facilities Trust speaks sense of commitment and urgent need into this project. Agreed cricket lighting is in the 'nice to have' only category. Resolution of the heavy traffic bypass issue for Gordon Rd could require a rethink for this project so agree meantime.
- There are always some things that cannot be funded at present time, and those seem to be things that can wait, or not be funded. Mosgiel residents aren't really that far away from Moana pool, there are several other suburbs in which the travelling time would be similar, so I agree with that
- I think the aquatic facility for Mosgiel should be a priority - potentially over the Dunedin Therapeutic pool. Moana pool is currently at maximum capacity so new facilities are required to ease this burden.
- Agree - while Moana Pool does need extra space, I am not convinced something at Mosgiel is a priority. Cricket should pay for the Cricket lights. Further information is required about proposed safety upgrades. I tend to think the curb protrusions are not the right way to go. But then I tend to hit them all the time!
- Cricket lights??? A bit late, the world cup's over!!! Mosgiel needs a new pool (open all year) and as such a growth area transport in the Mosgiel area also needs to be looked at - get those big trucks out of the main street!!!
- Fine by me not to fund them.
- Fine. I'd also like higher charges (means tested) for the Physio Pool The Museum with very competent management has seemed able to do OK so far
- Yes, Mosgiel should have a new pool. Mosgiel has seen substantial growth with little thought to long term infrastructure needs. The pool is one of them. Erring on the side of caution, any statements by any lobby group purporting to represent the entire community should be very

heavily scrutinised. The stadium debacle clearly proves why.

- Sounds ok to me.
- If one does not take a step forward, it is like taking a step back in the grand scheme of things.
- Very unfortunate decision on the cricket lighting. Dunedin's University Oval gained a great fillip from its performance as a venue at the Cricket World Cup - that should be followed up as soon as it possibly can to ensure Dunedin retains high-level cricket games. It cannot do that without floodlighting for day-nighters, and city council funding - even in the form of a loan - should be a priority
- They sound like worthy projects, but as I'm unaware of the need for them so I can't make a fully informed comment. I think sports facilities (as opposed to recreation facilities that most everyone can use), ie the cricket lights, should indeed be towards the bottom of the priorities (mind you I thought having a stadium that couldn't include cricket was a bad plan, so what would I know eh :lol: )
- I don't think upgrading the Mosgiel pool is a priority - Mosgiel residents have Moana Pool a short drive from their doors. The Council most definitely should be funding the cricket lights at the University Oval. The Council gifted the rugby the stadium, so it is about time other sports codes got the same treatment. Otago Cricket did us proud with their hosting of the recent Black Cap games, attracting viewers from all over the world = valuable promotion of our city! SKY's coverage is diminishing due to the fact we do not have lights for night games - this must be addressed before NZ Cricket take more important games away from our city.
- I also agree with these.-I think though that the rates gathered from an area should be spent in that area after the basic costs have been used. It is hard to think that Waikouaiti people would feel keen to help Mosgiel with their aquatic centre and vice versa. I also think that for areas such as these the community should decide where they want any excess to be spent
- Agree. We don't need another large pool, particularly in an area that is based on the outskirts of our population boundary. This location benefits a small % of our population and is a considerable distance to travel for most of our residents relative to Moana Pool. A new or upgraded smaller "community" pool should suffice. If a new large pool is needed then it should be built in a more suitable location where it is more easily accessible to our residents than Mosgiel. Definitely should not invest in cricket lights. Large expenditure for something that will only be used a limited # of times each year and only for the benefit of a small % of our population. I consider traffic safety to form part of our infrastructure and is something that investment in should always be considered. Better to spend money on this than a 2nd large community library or a 2nd large aquatic facility.
- Absolutely correct - especially the cricket lights that will 'improve' the facility for so few.
- Yes to new facility in Mosgiel, while recognising the custom that will be taken from Moana Pool - or will it? No to fully funding lights at University Oval - find a way to provide some funding & work with the National body. If lights are to be put anywhere, put basic training lights at several of the cities sports grounds - as we all know it's dark very early in Dunedin in Winter & sports trainings are limited by lack of lights at these facilities. Forrester Park for instance is a wonderful facility that could easily be utilised more with even basic training only type lights. yes to improving public safety through better transport safety projects in & around the tertiary precinct. However IMMEDIATE and easy solutions can be found, such as reducing the proximity of car parks to exits to buildings, exits & paths. There is a massive difference between being able to see past a small Honda Civic to see if roads are safe to cross/leave a university driveway, than it is over say a Hilux etc - cars simply are parked too close to these things.
- Cricket Lights should be seriously consider when you think of the other benefits this can bring to the city, we are beginning to appreciate this now after the Stadium Shows, world cup rugby and cricket. If we can't get the economy going ( and I have been concerned about this for at least 20 years) then as well a tourism Dunedin could become an even and conference centre of national significance . If the Mosgiel Pool has to take a back seat then so too should the South Dunedin Library. Really keen on he cycle network, we need to encourage less cars it's better for our health and pollution effects.
- See above
- Good idea not to fund these!
- Mosgiel aquatic facility is unfunded as I understand it and so it should stay. Cricket Lights for

the University Oval is just another public subsidy for a minority like the Stadium. Just not ratepayer's business. Let the cricket folk fund it, just they would have in other times. Transport is the Otago Regional Council's domain and long may it remain so. It's poisoned chalice which the city is well shot of. The ORC has a cash cow in the form of Port Otago which the city does not.

- I feel transport safety is very important, particularly given that Dunedin has for years been the worst city for traffic accidents in New Zealand. I would happily swap investment into traffic safety for the city of literature or the museum. Cricket lights would be at the very bottom of my list - they are definitely a nice-to-have.
- Kaiapoi which was Mosgiel's equivalent, both being former woollen mills towns, has a brilliant swimming pool structure. Having a similar one in Mosgiel would take the burden off Moana. I would prefer a Mosgiel swimming pool to go ahead.
- Yep. Forget the lot until next century.
- I do not support a new pool for mosgiel, but I do support additional pools being built on the spare land at Moana Pool; the lane swimming is ridiculously overcrowded. More use should be made of school pools to help fund them and reduce pressure on Moana. I don't support cricket lights. I am furious that our heritage building (the old art gallery) and beautiful trees have been gutted to support cricket. I also don't support any further removal of trees from Logan Park.
- need to go back an find out what is really important from the rate payers?,and then fund in some way towards these that are unfunded.
- ok
- Pity about the transport safety on campus. It can be pretty crazy out there.
- Totally agree. It is time we were prepared to make these hard decisions.
- The new aquatic facility for Mosgiel is too expensive and in the wrong place. Either a minimal upgrade for the existing pool, or consider something more centrally located (Green Island/Abbotsford). Cricket lights — Why were the Carisbrook lights not relocated???? instead of being sold at a bargain basement price Transport safety upgrades:- good
- Have you thought about extending the airport runway?
- Agree.
- It seems odd to have dropped the cricket lights when that sport is on such a roll, here and nationally.
- there is a limit to what can be funded - these are not my priorities, so good decision.
- I would rather see money spent on these items (except maybe the cricket lights) than on either the stadium or Gigatown initiative.
- Safety is always important as is infrastructure for quality of living. We do NOT need lights for cricket or any other sport for that matter. Play cricket in the summer when lights aren't needed! STOP SPENDING MONEY ON TOYS AND TRINKETS!
- This is facing reality, we don't have enough funding for it all, so something has to give. Refurbish the existing pool for a small percentage of the cost of a new one and request volunteer helpers from the group who insist that Mosgiel needs a new facility, to aid with the work to keep the costs down. I would like a new house, new car and to travel around the world, but I cannot do it on the pension, that is facing reality and Dunedin must do the same.
- I agree with delaying the aquatic facilities for Mosgiel. The Council should contribute a percentage (say a third) of the cost of the Oval Cricket lights but as the whole town and its businesses benefit from first class matches there, the costs should be spread around. The Mosgiel town centre upgrades need to be addressed for the sake of the elderly and young living there. The tertiary precinct can wait - installation of the separated cycle ways may have an impact on traffic volumes there.
- The Mosgiel pool and the Transport safety upgrade are important. but I am confident that the city council prioritise works wisely.
- Agree ... Mosgiel still growing... it can wait... Uni can pay for their traffic issues... they have more money than Dunedin Sky TV can pay for the Cricket lights...
- The Council has provided massive subsidy to professional rugby so it is no wonder other sports are holding up their hands. No extra ratepayer money for "professional" sport please. Would support further efforts by the Council to install more modern speed limits for streets with high local community interest i.e. 30kph - build on the good work started with the

George St/Princes St 30kph zone. Would be a start for improving safety in the tertiary precinct for example.

- If "cricket" wants lights at the University of Otago Oval, let "cricket" and not ratepayers pay for them. Mosgiel does not need a NEW aquatic facility. it already has one. What is needed is the upgrade of that facility. The council's seeming acceptance of the idea that Mosgiel residents will raise \$7.5m to part pay for a new facility also illustrates the whimsical and unrealistic thinking and actions of most present day councillors and mayor. The council has abandoned past plans to upgrade Mosgiel traffic. Diversion of State Highway 87 and completion of the Hagart-Alexandra Drive through to Dukes Road are such initiatives. Councillors have proven all too susceptible to minority pressure to not proceed with these projects. Succumbing to this pressure, and the wrong decision not to require logs from Mt Alan forest to be transported by rail, show this council and mayor are unable to undertake or implement real initiatives to resolve Mosgiel's traffic problems.
- In not undertaking the investment of a new aquatic facility in Mosgiel would be the second most mistake a Council could make, the first being the Council's decision to build a new stadium that would only benefit rugby and the University.
- With the exception of Cricket Lights for the University of Otago Oval, these items should be included in the LTP.
- These are more important in my view than three or four of the funded projects above (cycle, literature, gigatown, hospital pool). Will attract better and larger events (cricket) and revitalise Mosgiel.
- Of the three I think the transport safety upgrade around the tertiary precinct the most important. A serious plan needs to be considered as this is a major issue in itself. Once a good plan is designed a strategy for financing it can be considered. Surely the cricket lights can be business sponsored.
- Agree with the Council decision. However I would preferably see funds spent on the Physio Pool which is a much needed facility and less on cycleways.
- The Mosgiel Pool proposal was to be part funded by The DCC. My perception is the "The Old School" are determined to hold Mosgiel Back. This is yet just another example of poor vision to invest in the Jewel of Dunedin's future.
- little help would be good for safety upgrades
- Agree
- Part of our city responsibility is to provide good sporting facilities for our community. A new aquatic facility in Mosgiel would relieve pressure on Moana Pool so Dunedin rate payers should contribute as they will benefit from a new pool even if it is not their main pool they are funding. But at the same time, upgrading Moana Pool should also be on the agenda including repair and improving the family changing rooms and a cafe. Cricket lights at the University Oval depends on whether the wider community benefit from this, if not then the cricketers need to do a bake sale and make cheese rolls like the rest of us trying to fundraise for projects for our smaller community groups. Transport safety is also part of the ratepayers responsibility so providing it is essential work, then it should be funded as soon as possible.
- I am happy not to spend any more money on sports - we have done so for rugby and it has cost us so much already.
- I agree with the first 2. I would rather see investments in traffic safety upgrades than DCC \$\$ going into the physio pool. Our roads are very unsafe for pedestrians and need widespread attention.
- Aquatic facility - Agree it should be unfunded for now and wait its turn for when more funds are available (as other projects have had to do). Eventually a simple 2(?) pool facility should be built. Eventually. Cricket lights - I am a massive cricket fan but this idea falls into a similar category as the physio pool, i.e. someone else (in this case NZ Cricket) is trying to pass the costs onto our poor cash-strapped City. Please push NZC hard, as they will be quite happy to take the profits from the games that are played there. Transport safety upgrades - this sounds a little generic and "business as usual" to me. Should either be done from existing operational budgets or left unfunded.
- I think the cricket lights should be a priority when funding is available. The other projects just have to wait till the financial situation improves.
- Compromise is needed due to funding, but I would like to see more multi-modal transport



projects happen sooner rather than later, such as the transport improvements for the tertiary area. This area is like many areas of Dunedin is dominated by cars, which creates many negative outcomes when using this area.

- Mosgiel's traffic bypass needs to be given high priority
- I view this as a prudent decision. Funding needs to be prioritised and I agree with the proposals.
- Mosgiel has a pool - why does it need another one? Perhaps a compromise with an upgrade of the existing pool I have no interest in cricket but realise that others do - however the costs seem excessive, I don't think the council should solely have to fund these types of projects - perhaps the University could come to the party with some funding - or others that are to use the facilities? Why don't you reduce the speed limit in the main street of Mosgiel from the intersection of Ayr St to the intersection where you turn off to New World to 30kph - you can't drive much faster than this in this area anyway. And the same through the varsity area.
- 1. Let those who want this, and who will benefit most from it, fund-raise for it instead of expecting others to pay for it at this time when constraints are patently necessary. 2. I'm sure the cricketing fraternity could be fund-raising for the lights they think will benefit their sport. 3. I'm sick of traffic-calming protrusions, humps in the roads, etc. It is an emphasis on consideration for others that is needed. We have got it all the wrong way round - all this mollycoddling when the emphasis should be on encouraging people to think of others, use their brains, and not concentrate on this "me" and "me first" attitude.
- Given the recent tragedy, the Mosgiel town centre traffic upgrade should be reconsidered for funding. Given the number of older people, and the growing population base in general, I suggest this become a funding priority, and that plans for central Dunedin are cut back accordingly.
- Great . The first time we see Mosgiel mentioned and both projects are needed but I must admit, the roading safety upgrades are really URGENT, but it is in the unfunded projects. Cannot the new cycle way be left for a year and the improvements for roading bought forward.
- support the council decision; while they are all worthy the DCC CANNOT AFFORD THEM
- There should be a pool in Mosgeil. Good community facilities make good strong communities that people enjoy living in.
- The mosgiel aquatic facility should be on hold to see if the local supporters can partly fund it. Put it on hold for at least 12 months The oval cricket lights will definitely bring benefits to the city with large numbers of visitors to the city for international games. Again only partly funded, put could be underwritten initially to get the lights installed before we lose the chance to be a location for these international matches. City funding, probably 1/2.
- Aquatic facility, will it draw income and patronage away from Moana Pool? Are there any schools in Mosgiel that could assist with swim lessons availability, maybe with input from DCC. How often would the cricket lights be used, to generate profitability(cricket test). I would rather put the money towards more city amenities for the citizens of Dn. Mosgiel town centre needs better transport options, not sure re tertiary area apart from the oneways, quite dangerous , take all cycling lanes off oneways I say, I support cycling but not on these busy streets, there are other roads they could cycle
- A new aquatic facility for Mosgiel - target the rates - only Mosgiel people will use, where as everyone uses Moana Pool Cricket lights for the University of Otago Oval - ABSOLUTELY NOT Transport safety upgrades in the tertiary precinct area and Mosgiel town centre - FIX up Downtown Dunedin first then worry about the outposts. Dunedin CBD looks terrible!
- The Mosgiel pool is desirable but not essential and can wait. Cricket lights for the oval are a really low priority. I really question whether the DCC should be asked to fund them at all. It is important to provide cricket grounds but this is wish list stuff for adults. Would you really consider requests like this from all the clubs and groups in Dunedin? Transport safety upgrades need to be monitored and done when really essential.
- The Mosgiel community can look after their own fundraising for their pool, the people of Dunedin City aren't going to use it, so why should we pay for them. They want to be separated from Dunedin City, so be it. Its up to Cricket Assn, to pay for cricket lights. Road funding, just get on with it, and stop talking about it
- Transport safety should not be excluded
- I think safety in the tertiary precinct is a pressing need and should be funded. I would also

be in favour of making some contribution to the cricket lights (Dunedin has benefitted greatly from recent games in the city).

- Of these, my interest area is the cricket lights. Part of me likes the idea of not having lights at the Oval - means we only have daytime games which means, in part, we don't have another venue for late night drinkers tipping on to the streets. Part of me would love to have lights. Day-night games would mean being able to go to cricket (esp T20) after work / school which would potentially increase the participation in cricket and is heaps of fun. International exposure of the ground and the city could also be increased and enhanced. Is there a plan with Otago Cricket to find out more about the proposed future for international games in Dunedin, specifically if we went ahead with lights what surety would we have of getting international games? Equally, if we don't go ahead with lights what surety do we have of getting or not getting international games? Could the council and Otago Cricket develop a 'point-of-difference' venue in Dunedin that capitalises on a "day" at the cricket rather than a late night at the cricket? Is this a conversation that needs to be had in conjunction with Queenstown and their cricket ground. My thought is that there is only a need for one ground with day/night capacity in the lower Sth Island. Dunedin would probably be a safer option given the proximity of the airport to the ground in Q'town but I don't know this. Do we have an indication of the impact on Dunedin from the cricket crowds for the recent world cup? What might be the timeline for recouping an investment of \$2mill over 3 yrs from cricket lights? Sorry more questions than answers and solidly sitting on the fence. But at the moment I don't have sufficient information across a range of issues to decide.
- Again, it would be great to fund everything but that's not realistic. Are there alternative funding avenues for these projects?
- They can wait.
- I support any decision not to fund these projects at this time. The city has an excellent aquatic facility already in the Moana Pool; the St Clair saltwater pool is well used. The children of Mosgiel have a pool at Taieri College which can be accessed for learn-to-swim classes. Cricket lights at the Otago University Oval should be funded by NZ Cricket and the private sector; this should not be a rate-payer funded project.
- I would like a rethink of transport safety upgrades in the tertiary precinct, considering that Dunedin has the highest rate of pedestrian injuries nationwide. It may be possible to identify lower cost options involving less engineering that result in some improved safety.
- The choice we took to build the stadium has been taken. Many people said at the time it would take most of the cities discretionary income for many years and it will. We have to live with the choice that was taken
- Decisions have to be made and things need to be prioritised, I would take it if funding becomes available these things would be put on the spending list.
- NO to the Mosgiel pool-----people choose to live on the Taieri!! They can raise community funding if they don't wish to use Moana Pool YES to cricket lights.
- I very very strongly that we should not be paying for cricket lights! Why don't they go play at the expensive stadium across the road - they have lots of lights!

**APPENDIX D: Verbatim Comments to the question "If you have any other comments about Dunedin's Long Term Plan please feel free to comment below or fill out the feedback form on our website"**

- I believe the DCC must take a much longer view when developing the Long Term Plan, as we no longer live in a stable climate with stable coastlines. Sea-level rise as a result of human induced climate change has begun and while it will play out over several centuries at least, we don't know where it will end, but know that at least 1 metre sea-level rise by century's end is now extremely likely. This type of risk to infrastructure has to be planned for now - it will be too late to do anything if we wait another 35 years.
- Cycleways. The lack of them throughout NZ is a huge stumbling block to tourism and an insult to the people who live here and would like to give up their cars and improve their health. Everyone wins, nobody loses, it's all good. Should be a no-brainer.
- we need to stop spending on any thing but essential infrastructure, no to professional sport, be honest about debt-the total debt, rates must not be allowed to go up more then the level of inflation-that should be your aim. apologies for the stadium debacle of a decision that was made by some of the present and in large by the past councils, by apologizing as this may bring on some of those who "told you so" before it was built to maybe now try to support it. this needs to happen as you got it wrong. make building houses cheaper, make business easier to conduct, less red tape and less fees will result in more building and business looking to open. has Eion edger paid the 1 million he promised to the build of it?
- No further comment
- If you start with the premise that rates must always increase then at some point it will be just too expensive to live in Dunedin. This city has an aged and static population left to fund these increases unless you start now on a strategy of rate reductions.
- Agree about lots of it - trying to reduce debt is obviously good - but we can't lose sight of our great town. I have heard that more people have come to Dunedin, and we need to keep encouraging that - grow the base of ratepayers!! To do this we need to make the best of Gigatown, keep the ball rolling with attracting great events to FB Stadium, and neglect Mosgiel, where a lot of the growth is happening. Sad you/we have been saddled with so much debt... BUT, don't shut us all down!
- Keep it up! You seem pretty well on to it
- I am concerned that there seems to be a disconnect between the LTP and the Economic Development plan. What happened to 10,000 jobs over 10 years for example? Why is there much less support from the EDU for existing business clusters?
- THNAK YOU FOR THE OPPERTUNITY TO COMMENT
- Keep engaging the public. Meetings might not be the best way of doing this, but there are many interest groups that can contribute very useful information and ideas. Engage them and consider helping them thrive as this may be the most effective way of getting public feedback.
- The city needs more accommodation facilities - a "great little city" will be a Mecca for visitors and, already, it is hard to accommodate and cater for those who wish to come.
- What about the bus service? I thought citibus was privatised so the DCC could move buses beyond the old tram template?
- CUT SPENDING AND REDUCE DEBT TO ZERO.
- Keep people informed and feel that they have been properly and adequately listened to. Check priorities out again from time to time. Keep basic infrastructures to the fore before the "feel good" ones - but justify them.
- less extravagance more transparency
- If there isn't the money then it shouldn't be considered unless something else can be postponed. There should be a fixed reduction in debt aimed for annually and nothing should be allowed to get in the way of that.
- I would like to see allowances made for road safety improvements in Green Island. I.e. Roundabouts at the Brighton Road / Main Road junction and at the Main road Sh1 off /on ramp (north) Main Road intersections
- ok
- I remain unsure how the various projects achieve the objective of a Great Small City. How is

such a term defined, and how does a city enter such a 'club'?

- Why not sell a selection of Council's flats to the tenants, therefore increasing funds and reducing provision for maintenance of those properties.
- We need to get some of the current projects finished. I would prefer to put new projects on hold and concentrate on finishing what we have already started. I also agree that the rate increases should be kept to 3% as much as possible. Households have to budget their spending on their income they receive and the Council needs to do the same.
- I am very tired of the general tone of the plan. Stay in the seats by sticking to 3% etc. No, that is not realistic. Tell us what we need to do to grow, really grow. Not just how to grow the deep pockets of the short arm rich, but the new economy. The stadium will turn around soon. Like the museums and the art gallery they cannot be expected to be profit centres. They enable other profit engines. The mind boggles when people are in the council that do not get this simple fact. There is almost no pull-through on projects of significance to the modern city, like Gigatown, the street art murals, the Startup Space for digital business, etc. Everything must run on volunteers or the goodwill of ordinary people. This thinking is outdated. We all know that. Our plan seems clumsy, because it assumes this outdated model can work in 2020. Please be bold.
- You have a difficult job I appreciate that. It is just sad in this modern environment how a council operates having to make money and not living within your means.
- Start working together as a council and not so much bickering..... it's getting very tiresome and embarrassing for everyone in Dunedin. Behave like responsible citizens without a personal agenda or axe to grind. And leave your egos at home!
- All in all the LTP is good and as long as it's managed well it will lead the city forward.
- If council is serious about the "city of literature" meme, then it needs to support the existing cultural sector, such as the city library
- Thanks you for the efficient, strategic measures being taken. Kia kaha, our city can only be a great small city if we're smart locally about the global issues of the day - resilience, air and water quality e.g landfill emissions to water & air, support for ecological restoration & food production, reduction in energy use especially fossil fuels and support for 'green' small business and innovations. Better practice by citizens means there will always be a need for strong education & promotion roles in Council.
- Get a small group together to work out what the DCC could do to encourage small business in the best little city of the South - look always to build on what we are good at -
- How can we actually trust anything that the council says about the stadium? It has been lie and obfuscation from day 1. Prime example of obfuscation: transferring debt. It doesn't matter which organisation holds the debt, the ratepayer will still have to pay it. Who do you expect to fool with this malarkey? So how can you expect anyone to give meaningful feedback, if they can't trust what they're being told in the first place?
- Stop listening to the minority get on with the job that you were elected to do. Invite business and people to the city not push them away. Too many people treat a job at the council as a job for life. You need to change this culture. I leave in west Auckland when Tim was mayor. He got on with the job, put his neck on the line and put west Auckland on the map. Maybe ask him for advice as he's doing it again in Invercargill. A forward thinking Mayor.
- Taxi drivers, motel owners and pubs make a killing from any event at stadium, make them pay more and stop bleeding the ratepayer
- Please stop trying to run our lives and look after what you were set up original to provide
- social services contracts: too many small grants to tiny outmoded providers. Consolidate.
- Acknowledge that Council cannot fund everything. There is a limited amount of money and this needs to be spent wisely. My only concern is you have left out a lot of the suburbs - Mosgiel, Port Chalmers etc.
- Thank you all, once again I am satisfied with your approach to good thinking Keep up the good work.
- Please continue to seek input from the community via this type of medium. Thanks for your efforts so far.
- We seriously need to clean up our backyard. Burnside, western Green Island is disgusting, polluted and the air smells. Abandoned buildings, fields turned into dumping grounds and the

Kaikorai stream should be an assets to the city as should be the Waters of the Leith, Also instead of acres of gorse on the northern hills we should have native bush. Improvements in these areas needn't be a burden on the city. The council needs to look at targeting significant rates increases on abandoned and utilised land. There should be fines for noxious weeds, increasing each time if there is historical problems, eg gorse sprayed and burnt off then nothing done until the land turns to gorse. For decades the DCC has been too weak in this area. Carisbrook is another example. either develop it, sell it or be heavily fined. Even if they put the topsoil back and sowed grass. Taking too long, what's the hold up; the council?

- The DCC need to stop neglecting Mosgiel and the ratepayers of the Taieri and they need to listen to the reasonable requests of the Taieri Community Board. The traffic issues have been neglected for too long and require action. The DCC also need to be seen to be actively promoting jobs , lifestyle and reasonable priced housing on a weekly basis nation wide . We cannot expect to continue to survive on the income from the University but need to actively push the fact that Dunedin is the best and greatest small city in the country. Every politician in the country also needs to be made aware of what is happening so that the city stops losing jobs and the young people who we need to keep here or bring in from elsewhere stay here to work and live .
- Continue to support community projects
- Planning for future Climate change needs a great deal more emphasis.eg. Vertical sea walls at St Clair need us to look at the expertise and design adopted by the Dutch over centuries
- When times are tough you have to trim the fat and only spend on necessary items and invest in things which will increase the city's income. I am no business leader but I know it takes money to make the world go round. We need to maximize development, capitalize on the steep house prices up north to bring more population south. More population = more business = more money! I am worried about our city's leaders and feel they do not qualify as appropriate for the job.
- Will fill out the website form.
- Encourage little projects that make dunedin a better place to live
- I would like to see the council do something to help do something about the number of empty shops in the main street as this is not a good look for visitors to our lovely city
- Overall I'm ok with the plan.
- It is high time that the bars,hotels and motels in Dunedin who are the only ones who benefit from events at the Stadium had a targeted rate to help reduce stadium debt. Why should ma and pa ratepayer have to subsidise their profits every time?
- I believe I have given you enough to be going on with above.
- It has been good to have the opportunity to offer my opinions - I hope other citizens will join in too.
- The essential problem is the missing 50000-100000 ratepayers that would help pay for the above. Tga and Hamilton are the new big towns, they'll get pools and stadiums they can pay for. We just need wheelchair/zimmer frame facilities for our near future demographic. I don't have a solution to this problem
- Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I don't envy the council trying to find the funds to cover everything now that we have the White Elephant (Stadium) to support in addition to everything else.
- A key issue, perceived or real, is that the Council is difficult to deal with - I have had experience which suggests the perception is at least partly true - and this needs addressed. There is the same perception about Dunedin being a business friendly place. While I see nothing specific in the Annual Plan, there needs to be a concerted effort to improve the perception of Dunedin being an easy place to get things done. The recent idea of allocating a staff member to be a single point of contact for anyone looking to establish a business is a good one - albeit a resuscitation of a concept in place 20 years ago but discontinued.
- For reasons that we all know, the debt is or has been out of control for a city our size. I think council is doing its best, however there must be other ways to save money and the burden of monies from rates
- Forsyth Barr stadium is a major issue that needs to be sorted. While it's a great venue, it has cost the city dearly, and it should be self sustaining. It does not need daily staff, when it's not been used, it should be shut up. We need more quality acts there to support it.
- More details and consultation is required about traffic and "safety" and the reasoning behind

current designs that do not seem to make sense. Why are there pictures of cycles in the road down George Street? What does this mean? I can't seem to find the answer to them.

- Please fund replacement of the ageing bookbuses.
- For some of them -may I so long !
- The LTP documents look great but lack detail. Another PR exercise to limit transparency while giving the impression of greater transparency. Shame.
- Pay everyone working for the council at least the living wage and no one more than \$100k.
- Do a better job.
- Cost of services - while increasing rates is fine and dandy, where this is met with increases in service costs then the supposed rates increase limit is really just an artificial limit, as rates have in effect been increased by stealth. Plus increasing service costs above inflation can create access issues (try and use Mona Pool if you're stuck on a benefit). I think as tertiary education goes increasingly digital, Dunedin will suffer in terms of losing population (as students no longer need to live here for many courses). A smart city would make this a significant issue to address, and determine what options are there to minimize this or to prepare for it. I think more needs to be done increase the city's vibrancy. This doesn't even necessarily need to cost a lot (indeed the DCC's role in facilitating events and projects is probably just as important as funding), but it needs to keep happening, and I'd be happy to pop more cash in that direction. Accessibility - Dunedin is catching up with the rest of the world in that the gap between wealthy and poor is opening. While usually the role of central government to address, this has largely not been the case for the last one (or arguably three) decades. If Dunedin wants to keep the good old Kiwi fair-suck-of-the-sav mentality then we need to address the opening of this gap - and do what we can as a progressive and innovative city to reverse or ameliorate it. And why should low income residents pay rates (often via rent) for facilities they can't actually afford to use.
- I have absolutely no faith in the Council to make Dunedin one of the world's great small cities. Our city is dying a very slow and sad death - something I hold our backwards Council responsible for.
- I intend ti feedback more when I have the time.
- Be good budgeters and don't spend when it isn't there!
- I'll make comments on the LTP site thanks - btw, my boys are very excited to be on the cover of the LFP booklet ;-)
- Maybe you could sell bonds to the public at an interest rate less than your current debt repayments.
- What about a city tag line 'smart and sexy'
- Kill the stadium. Let Farry buy it. He obviously knows how to make it work!
- I am completely demoralised about the planning process. First we have a Stadium that was never in any plan and that hijacked the planning process, other projects and the available money. The South Dunedin Library was a casualty of that. Then we get a cycle network that was foisted on us causing great inconvenience and danger to all road users. Put in on an ad hoc basis. Again not part of any plan. What is the point of a planning process. It is a load of words and waffle
- A. centre city bus terminal makes a lot of sense. Continue in the right direction with this one too
- Generally speaking I feel caring for what we have not expanding ant the moment should be the emphasis.
- Transport would be the one,an opratioanl system that works,for all,at a price that is afffordable for all,not just for some!.
- I think the new Council CEO is doing a great job and my feedback is thank you and keep it up. I understand that the Council has a thankless job sometimes but we really need you to do a great job for us and for our city.
- Yes. Ypu should include extending the airport runway.
- We need public toilets at tourist spots, walking track carparks, in every large shop, playgrounds and sports fields. With sports fields- it's only a public toilet if it's open all the time, not just when particular sports games are scheduled. Please stop alcohol sales by 10 pm weekdays, midnight at the latest weekends. We want Dunedin to be a lively, sophisticated, fun place to live and visit. Remember how much fun it used to be going out for

the evening and walking back along George St amongst cheerful groups of people? Not any more- people go out to get drunk, not to have fun. The Octagon is a creepy slum at night-time now. Liquor ban in North Dunedin please. Stop making excuses. Had enough. We have a right to NOT have our tyres punctured with broken glass on our way to work.

- I'm in strong support of what DCC is setting out to achieve, with the reservations expressed above.
- i would like to see increase effectiveness of the councils planning and building departments to speed up and make the process of new building, business development much simpler so that it encourages business to grow.
- Nothing right now, but if I think of something else I'll fill in the form on your website.
- Dunedin is a dying city. Embrace that fact. It's not even listed as a major city any longer. It's a town and it could be a nice town if a bunch of wealthy morons weren't taking so much money out of the city. Dunedin has been eclipsed by Queenstown and even Hamilton. Get over the idea that Dunedin will ever be anything more than Balclutha with a port and a University.
- We need to get tougher on those who think it is exceptable to leave rubbish and broken bottles all around our city.
- Railway station is under exploited... Steal a track or two off Kiwi Rail and tastefully build in the platform then the Saturday Markets are weather proof and can expand , businesses can set up and the catwalk models don't die of exposure...
- It is a demanding job, good luck.
- There are many examples of the Council's acceptance or endorsement of schemes that have led to abandonment and oversight and governance of spending that should never have occurred. Instances of council-owned organisations borrowing money to finance surpluses, subvention payments, voyages into real-estate development, accepting payments for preferred patronage (e.g taxi parking at Dunedin Airport and Stadium), and the all-too-frequent false claims of commercial sensitivity (read councillor sensitivity) have become legion, show that this council's acceptance of its responsibilities have long disipated. It is doubtful if any have sufficient will or nouse to bring its supposed governance back under control
- I think that the Council should think more about how far a project would last without having to keep pouring more fund into it later. Think more about the future of all of Dunedin and it's surrounding area not just the centre city and south Dunedin.
- The cost and disruption on account of cycle ways is shocking!!
- giddy up on safety for cyclists
- Tourism marketing at an increased level to put Dunedin on the map will reap very large benefits for the city and needs to be priority one.
- Overall, a great job and good to see each item has been well discussed and debated (constructively) within the council team.
- No other comments - just keep picking the right horses to back with funding from the list above.
- Overall it seems very good and focussed on improving Dunedin and making it a great place to live.
- I would like to see Dunedin's heritage retained and our quality of life that depends on our outstanding natural environment. If Dunedin grows too quickly, we might lose the very qualities that make it special. Get rid of the oil drilling in NZ and concentrate on smart technology and helping people with sustainable ideas to develop and thrive.
- Trial the cheaper, simpler options first - if they don't work then perhaps spend some more money
- I love this city, and it has a lot going for it. I left as a young person, drawn by the glass towers and fast-pace of the north, almost scathing of the old buildings here, and "fustiness". Having returned as a much older person, I appreciate it for what it is now; a city of character with a lovely pace of life. A city that was great for raising a family, and with all the educational facilities required. My kids' achievements at the university sadly meant there was nothing offering here for one of them at conclusion of studies. Can we entice people back, or to come in the first place without spending money we as a city don't have? Great thought needs to be given to what city rates are spent on. Will pools, light and cycleways do the

trick? As usual, it is the vocal few who agitate for what they want.

- I think a statue of a long haired flea-bitten James K Baxter toward the entrance of the Civic Centre would be a little bit awesome...
- Why too iare Mosgiel and Taieri constituents only able to vote for two city council members but Dunedin can vote for 10 or so? Our town is increasing rapidly but the City Council seems to be ignoring the. By having so view votes our voices will never be heard. Are you only there for the Dunedin City? I cannot even see Waikauiti mentioned any where either.
- John Wison drive at St Kilda should be open all day, and certainly open at weekends. Closing at 3pm is pure stupidity. It would not cost the council any more to have the road open at say 8am and closed at say 6pm (8pm in summer) .far more use to people who want to park or drive along it view the coast. I used to do this with my dying Aunty and dying mother, but as we only left there rest home/hospital about 2pm that would not now be practical. The last 3 timesI was there , there was over 65 cars parked out side the barrier, and 2 dogs inside the barrier. this was at a weekend after 3 pm! The stadium does cost us money, but the benifits to the town with sports and concerts and other events is well worthwhile. We would have never had most of these events without this facility. Look at the visitor numbers!
- You are right on track with your named key challenges but do stay on track. No monuments this decade please.
- To make Dunedin a great little city, I think consideration needs to be made by council to ensure credit providers are not taking advantage of vulnerable citizens. This issue is starting to affect the whole city with residents being put into financially unsustainable situations leading to crime, addictions, ill health, disadvantaged children...
- Once the peninsula cycleway is in place and the cycle/walk path on the Port Chalmers side has reached Port Chalmers - what about a "Round the Harbour" fun run / cycle event? Using a ferry service between the end of hatchery road and Port Chalmers (or Quarantine Island). Could be fun ... As part of general community improvements. What are the thoughts around smart rubbish collection. I've seen the Bigbelly rubbish bins in several places around NZ. Compacts the rubbish, sends a text when it needs emptying, uses solar power to run the compactor etc. See: <http://bigbelly.com/>
- Dunedin is a fantastic place to live - I love the range of options of things to do here and I think the Long Term Plan reflects investment in continuing this vitality. I am worried about our levels of debt, but at the same time, I'd like there not to be rate increases every year but this seems like almost a given.
- The 'accounting' figures are difficult to understand - no doubt that's why Letters to the Editor in ODT take issue so often with what appears to be juggling of figures to suit P.R.
- I wish to comment on the proposal for a Waikouaiti Refuse Tranfer Station but shall do that in a separate submission
- The City should be spending and prioritising projects and events which will encourage people to live, work and visit Dunedin. Things like the stadium are a no brainer and is a great asset, a five star hotel should be encouraged rapidly, not discouraged as with the waterfront hotel. Tourism, promoting Dunedin on the New Zealand and World stage should be a very important thing. Also getting the right cycleway in place has to be encouraged, as this will encourage people to visit work and live in Dunedin.
- Our small city is a a wonderful place to live, with proximity to the sea and the hinterland However, we are a small city at the bottom of the South Pacific, and we must celebrate the heritage and culture that made Dunedin a vibrant city in earlier times. Please--prudent financial management and enhancement of the qualities that make the area unique---culture, education, heritage and family friendly community facilities.
- Not quite mentioned in the long term plan, but I think the city should be leading the way with electric vehicles being used for all city vehicles wherever possible. Most of the vehicle we have can be converted to run on electricity. Heavy vehicles which can not be easily converted should at least be running on bio-diesel until a better alternative can be found.