

## Questionnaire for Invercargill City Council Mayoral and Councillor Candidates

Chambers of Commerce Southland believe the calibre of the local government candidates is an important issue in the coming local elections. We set to identify candidates who support and acknowledge various key actions and policies which will enhance Invercargill as a good city to do business in and which is run effectively and efficiently from a commercial perspective. Responses to the following questions will be used by the Chamber to represent our members' interests.

1. Please outline your vision for Invercargill city in 2011?  
The LTCCP ( Long Term Council Community plan) can be found on the ICC Website, this is the council's vision for the city. Therefore as a councillor , I Believe its important to support the current vision in place, rather than create My own.
2. Name three key issues that you support and will campaign on?  
Youth  
Young families  
Safer city
3. Please outline the specific initiatives you will support to ensure that Invercargill has a business friendly environment.  
Clear building code, and clear plans & policies. Efficient consent processing  
Fair charges
4. Name five key priorities you see for infrastructural investment in the city over the next five-years.  
Waste water  
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5. Do you support the use of public private partnerships when council is looking at building, operating or maintaining infrastructure?  
No.
6. What are your views on the council's use of debt to fund projects? Do you think the council has an appropriate level of debt?  
Debt needs to be manageable. Debt can be useful to fund long term projects that way the cost of the asset can be spread over the life of the asset.  
This I believe is a favourable option, rather than rate increases.
7. What is your position on whether Council should free up more land for residential housing?  
I think this is a commercial issue.

8. What is your position on climate change and carbon neutrality?  
Climate change is a reality. As a community we need to learn to adapt to cope. I recommend we await clarity from the government, in regard to carbon.
9. Do you think Councillors should be paid in proportion to the number of meetings they attend, or a through a fixed annual fee, or in some other way?  
Annual salary - supports young people's contributions to council. It gives the Financial freedom to attend meetings. Attendance doesn't equate to value of Contributions. There is more to a councillors role than meetings
10. What are your views on Council ownership of non-core assets including trading enterprises of Council i.e. those assets that are not essential to run local government? What do you define as core or strategic assets and why?  
Council should stay out of non commercial enterprise.
11. Do you agree that trading enterprises should be governed by a commercial board of directors and such businesses should be run on a commercial business basis?  
  
Comment: Yes
12. Do you consider there is a further need for local government reform? If so, what are your reasons?  
I think its up to the community to decide, not for local government to dictate
13. What are your views on combining local authority service delivery, and amalgamations with neighbouring authorities?  
See above
14. Name three actions that you will take to ensure Invercargill city delivers better service and value to rate payers and residents.  
More interaction with young people in the city  
More support for families  
Financial accountability
15. Would you support a rates target so that council's rates income does not exceed the combined rate of inflation and population growth per year?  
No Comment
16. Do you support the use of differential rates whereby business rate payers pay more than residential rate payers per dollar of rateable land? If you do, how would you justify this?  
I support a rating system that is equitable and recognizes the benefits that a rate payer receives and the cost rate payers impose on others
17. What are your views on council use of fees and charges?  
Users that receive private benefits should pay
18. Do you think the community should pay for its own water on a user pays basis?

Comment  
No.

19. Please identify three courses of action you would want to promote to ensure and vibrant C.B.D  
Safety  
Graffiti problems
20. List five keys issues that you consider need addressing by the Council in the next three-years  
No Comment

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