

Chinese Community Results

Summary

Questionnaires were translated into Chinese and sent out to individuals, organisations, churches and restaurants. Eleven questionnaires were returned involving 32 participants. The questionnaires were based on the general public consultation format. Seven key issues were identified (education, local jobs, transport, protecting the environment, reduce waste, Council customer service and more facilities, parks, libraries etc) and respondents were asked to rank in priority order. Once ranked respondents were asked to spend \$1000 amongst these issues. An opportunity was then given for any general comments they might like to make. Education was clearly the issue of greatest importance to the respondents with particular emphasis on intermediate and high school education. Local jobs and transport were ranked 2nd and 3rd, with a focus on more Asian staff required at Council and a need to improve public transport respectively. Of note was the low ranking of reduce waste and protecting the environment which ranked 6th and 7th respectively.

Issue	Median spend	Median ranking	Total spend	No. of respondents to rank it 1st
Education	311	2	2800	4
Local jobs	117	3	1050	2
Transport	125	4	1000	0
Friendly Council/Council customer service*	106	4	950	3
More facilities, parks, libraries etc	122	5	1100	0
Reduce waste	64	7	580	0
Protecting the environment	41	7	370	0

Summary of comments

Education

- To have more funding for school premises and improving the school environment.
- Multi-cultural and more dimensional orientation needed.
- Targeting culturally diverse groups needed.
- A secondary school needed in Hobsonville.
- A good secondary school is needed for Hobsonville.
- Certain schools in the area have accepted "too many overseas students". Need to promote co-ordination location the parents and schools. Parents should set up good examples for the children to follow in the family.
- Be given priority.
- Education policy should be consistent, not taking any commercial profits into account.
- To promote the education standard by improving the pay for teachers and enhancing school facilities.
- Moral and civic education is needed, especially secondary and intermediate school students (especially Year 5 and above). Need to cater for aged students.
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Local Jobs

- More Asians, especially Chinese staff needed.
- West Aucklanders should be prioritised. More Asian staff, especially Chinese, needed.
- More Asian Council staff needed.
- We need more jobs.
- Need to attract tertiary educational sections to the West. Fund the enterprises with good potentials to grow and promote expertise for them.
- People love to live comfortably and peacefully. There has been too much emphasis on local experience in the job market. This is very discouraging for new comers with good job skills.

Transport

- To build more roads and widen the existing roads.
- To increase the bus service.
- A traffic light needs to be installed at the road junction between Hobsonville Rd and Luckens Rd, West Harbour.
- Too much traffic on Hobsonville Rd.
- Too many cars on Hobsonville Rd. Too overburdened with traffic, especially during rush More regular bus service. Lower the bus fares and make it clear to the public the bus schedule hours.
- To improve the public transport so as to ease traffic congestion or else this will hinder the city development.
- Need to channel the traffic congestion during rush hours.
- Quite convenient. Satisfactory. More bus service is needed and be on schedule.

Council Customer Service

- Satisfactory, overall.
- Good.

More facilities, parks, libraries etc

- More books in variety and quantity are needed, especially new books.
- We need a secondary school and more exhibition grounds.
- More parking places needed.
- More amenities and leisure for park facilities.
- To increase the number of books, especially Chinese books.
- To increase facilities for parks and library - absolutely necessary.

Reduce Waste

- Need to reduce rubbish.

Protecting the environment

- Need to balance the environment and secondary industry. This will help increase the income from exports and prevent other countries from buying the cheap primary products from New Zealand and sell the manufactured goods from such products to New Zealand at much higher prices.
- So far so good, need to further promote national education over the issues.

Others

- Review the existing expenditure of the City Council, avoiding abusing any of the ratepayers money
- : Multi-cultural.
- The land valuation and rates assessment must be fair and reasonable.
- More Police are needed. Better co-ordination between the Police and the residents
- Law and order.
- Youth activity, especially activities and workshops for educational purposes.
- The referendum last time in the country to increase penalties and punishment for crimes is still far away, where goes the effect?
- To lower the rate and water charges
- Priority be given to the need to protect the property, life, peace and work of the citizens. This is also a measure of whether a government or a political party is really good and responsive to its citizens.

➤ *Our respected Prime Minister,*

We are newly arrived Chinese immigrants. We are aged students. We greatly appreciate the concerns over education and welfare, especially for the aged and disabled by you and the Labour Party.

Yet many of us are victims of burglary, rapes and youth crimes. There are single Chinese girls who become pregnant because of rape, and are not entitled to any compensation. So many of us feel fear for life and properties.

We are faithful supporters of the Labour Party. For future prosperity and better law and order, we earnestly ask you to strengthen the Police power, toughen the law and harshen punishment for violent crimes. The crime victims are entitled to greater care and compensation from the government.

22 signatures have been included - Telephone: 820 9692.

How are the key issues allowed for in the Council's draft Strategic Plan?

The results from the Chinese community followed that of the general public, though there was a specific mention of the need for more Chinese people to be working for the Council.