Presentation (via Teams meetings)

PNCC to support submission re: Budget 20/21 11/5/2020 Stewart

With ENM’s Submission before you, you will see that since council prepared its proposal and response form, we have had the benefit of knowing that the City will be needing to reprioritize and adjust its pathways in terms of recovery.

For the Environment Sector , we see that adjustment as an opportunity to demonstrate and support a regenerative economy that will increase the resilience and wellbeing of our communities – social business and natural.

To that end we prepared a Draft Post Covid Discussion Paper and some of you already have that..

We see immediate opportunity for actions in Waste Minimisation and Biodiversity Enhancement.

To support those there are opportunities for co-funding in the Wast Minimisation Fund and Predator Free 2050Fund.

Much of what is needed is already simmering away in the community. For our sector to gain more traction and energy for the necessary work then amplification of that we need a Central City Environment Hub. We are working with Enviro Hubs Aotearoa in this regard.

The City needs a register of business already working on resource recovery and repurposing. We are in discussions with Chamber of Commerce about this.

ENM’s Food Action Group is working on a register for local food, growing and distribution initiatives.

We see opportunities for citywide planting and maintenance, weed control, work on waterways and wetlands. Building on the existing work on predator control and of RECAP in Ashhurst.

However first we need a plan and overview which includes community sector input.

Then we need excellent communication of that plan out into the community so that the whole city feels that something is happening and where they fit in.

We know that a community needs – A Roof, Food, a Purpose, a Means, Time to care for family.

Our suggested initiatives actively address Food, Purpose and potentially Means.

We have had Resilience and Sustainability in our reposts and vocabulary for decades, this is our opportunity to demonstrate and in so doing re-imagine our city. Where we put our resources now will define us in the future.