

REFERENCE	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION
Chapter Three		
Funding Our Proposal	<p>That the 1.2 billion dollar shortfall required significant measures was widely agreed to by young people who responded to our survey. Although the impact of rates rises will be felt (few respondents didn't personally know someone struggling to pay the rates), people generally thought they were needed, with one respondent saying: "[the proposed changes] <i>need to happen because we need to build a beautiful city for many generations to come.</i>" One of the major fears at the Youth Connect meeting was higher rates, so based on our information; young people are prepared to support some asset sales to finance the rebuilding of the city. In particular, City Care and Red Bus should be considered first for sale or partial sale, as both compete with other businesses and have the weakest economic case for Council ownership.</p>	<p>Support: The proposed "base case" –the balance of funding levers and prudent debt management, including partial sales of some assets and proposed rates rises.</p> <p>Recommend: That estimates of savings from operational expenditure be publicised and considered in financial calculations.</p> <p>Recommend: That the Council extends its rates rebates scheme in order to minimise the burden of rates rises for those who are least able to afford them.</p>
Chapter Four		
Prioritising Road Repairs	<p>SCIRT's repairs are perceived to be replacing what was there before the earthquakes, and not 'building back better.' This is an unacceptable missed opportunity.</p>	<p>Recommend: That opportunities to save money and 'build back better' are immediately considered in SCIRT's work plan.</p>

	<p>The criteria for roads that are to be fixed first should include those that are dangerous, especially to those with limited mobility, and those that are commonly used by cyclists. Christchurch prides itself on being cycle-friendly city, and less bumpy roads will make cycling both safer and more popular.</p>	<p>Recommend: That Option Two (ie. a slightly slower programme of road repairs) be adopted.</p> <p>Recommend: That roads difficult or dangerous for people with mobility impairments be prioritised for repair.</p> <p>Recommend: That roads heavily used by cyclists be prioritised for repair.</p>
<p>Improving Public Transport</p>	<p>Public transport is well-used by young people in Christchurch, but is often stigmatised and looked down upon as being less 'cool' than driving. Working with ECAN, there are many ways that the Council can change this attitude, which will benefit the city in terms of congestion, social contact and greenhouse gas emissions.</p>	<p>Recommend: That the Council prioritises passenger lounges, especially at Riccarton, where it is long overdue.</p> <p>Support: The funding set aside for more bus lanes.</p>
<p>Progressing Our Major Cycleways</p>	<p>Despite criticism in <i>The Press</i>, the Youth Council firmly believes in the importance of the Major Cycleways Project. As pointed out in our submission to the 2014-2015 Annual Plan, the Cycleways will enhance our city's reputation; the safety and health of our people, especially school children; and our environmental impact. The Project cannot</p>	<p>Support: The Mayor Cycleways Project, and its inclusion as one of the three top priority projects.</p>

	be assessed in financial terms alone, and we urge that this Project be considered one of the city's greatest priorities.	
Chapter Five		
Strengthening Our Communities –Facilities Rebuild	The Consultation Document notes that many Council facilities are underused, but the Youth Council would like to emphasise how important libraries, swimming pools and recreation centres are to young people. Providing this services is core Council business, and cuts should not be made lightly.	<p>Support: co-locating community facilities and supporting community management of Council-owned facilities.</p> <p>Support: the proposed closures of community facilities, although we urge that there are no more closures.</p> <p>Recommend: Prioritise the rebuild and opening of the Sign of the Kiwi, especially ahead of the Sign of the Takahe.</p>
Anchor Projects	Like in the wider public, there is disagreement between young people about the Anchor Projects. In our survey, respondents said that they were most likely to use the Central Library, MultiSports Facility and Transport Interchange. The Youth Council would support the Council to renegotiate the Cost Sharing Agreement with the Government, especially in light of the minimal insurance payouts. Having a world-class concert/stadium venue is a	<p>Support: The Central Library, MultiSports Facility and transport Interchange.</p> <p>Recommend: That the Convention Centre and Stadium are delayed indefinitely.</p> <p>Recommend: That the Council sticks to its budget on the Avon River Park, and looks for ways to make this a less modified less</p>

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	<p>big draw for visitors to the city, but this process needs to be carefully thought out.</p> <p>Generally, Christchurch people don't like changing things that aren't broken, and thus the Youth Council advocates caution on the Avon River Park and any changes to Cathedral Square, else a backlash (like was felt in response to unnecessary meddling with Victoria Square) will occur.</p>	commercial environment.
<i>An Accessible City</i> and other Central City Changes	From Share An Idea onwards, Christchurch citizens have expressed a desire for a 'clean, green, smart and safe' city. Transport and street environment changes that make the Central City a more 'human-scale' and liveable environment must be prioritised.	Recommend: Prioritise changes to make the Central City a more pleasant space to be in, and more easily accessible by public and active transport.
Supporting the Housing Recovery	<p>Affordable housing is a genuine issue in Christchurch, although the phrase is often abused. At the Youth Connect meeting, affordability and quality of housing was considered to be one of the main reasons that, in the next ten years, young people might choose to leave Christchurch.</p> <p>The proposals discussed here seem to make sense, but the Youth Council would prefer to endorse the submissions of NGO's with experience in this field if they</p>	<p>Support: The suggestion of a rental warrant of fitness, and recommend that this is made more of in this, or other, plans.</p> <p>Recommend: That the rental warrant of fitness be adapted for private rentals also, and standards of acceptable housing be developed.</p> <p>Support: The proposal for the creation of a new Social Housing</p>

	have also submitted to this Long Term Plan.	Management entity. Recommend: That all new social housing units be assessed with the LIFEMARK, HOMESTAR or similar scheme, and have better than normal ratings for liveability and environmental impact.
Chapter Six		
Restoring and Renewing Our Water Networks	Clean rivers have long been a priority for young people (was included in "Top Five Things Young People Want in the Rebuild" at WeSpeak 2012), and the Youth Council supports any initiative to clean these local embarrassments. The Youth Council urges the Council to work on this issue with ECAN, who have empowered young people and educated many to care about our rivers. The Youth Council pledges that it will support the many active youth environment groups, however possible, to help the Council achieve this laudable goal.	Support: The inclusion of cleaning up the Avon and Heathcote Rivers as one of the three priorities for the Council in the coming ten years. Recommend: That the Council work with ECAN and local businesses and groups to create the sort of behaviour that will get our waterways clean and keep them that way.
Additional Comments		
Community Grants	The not-for-profit sector plays a crucial part in Christchurch's rebuild, and thus cuts to funding in this area will have dire consequences. Funding groups and activities through community grants benefits the city in terms of life and	Recommend: That there are no cuts to Council funding of the NGO sector during the ten-year period that this Plan covers. A funding increase should be considered.

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	<p>colour, in terms of resilience and sustainability, and in terms of our ability to extend the reach of the city's prosperity to its least well-off members. Many groups are run 'off the smell of an oily rag' and therefore will suffer greatly from any cuts to funding. The Council has a moral responsibility to continue to support this sector, and should prioritise the relatively small amount of money given to NGOs ahead of any money to any big ticket item.</p>	
Barrington Playground	<p>Barrington Playground was popular, but has been damaged by arson, and needs to be replaced quickly.</p>	<p>Recommend: That the repair of the Barrington Playground be brought forward to 2015.</p>
Sustainability and the Council's Climate Smart Strategy	<p>Resilience and Strong Sustainability are crucial aspects to consider in all planning, especially when decisions can tend to be made on a purely financial basis. The Youth Council supports the Council's Climate Smart Policy, and would like to see the continuation of initiatives like the Food Resilience Network.</p>	<p>Recommend: That the Council prioritises that setting of targets and strategies to meet them, in order for our city to significantly reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and be more resilient.</p>