

## Notes from meeting with Mayoral Candidate Mark Chirnside

- There is a great diversity of views across the Christchurch community: it's important to distinguish between "signal" and "noise"
- The political process needs to be sophisticated to distil "activism" and "grievance"
- Communication is key to ensure that more people are enfranchised
- Engagement is more important than consultation in that communities need to feel more connected with the process and decision making
- Youth are a critical audience and needs mobile engagement compared to the landline dependent. How do we digitise more? How can we enhance diversity of service provision?
- There's a perception that Council is more reactive than proactive
- Issues such as Three Waters and Intensification need a better process than government simply "dumping on the table"
- There's a misunderstanding of roles and responsibilities of Council vs other organisations such as the Police, ECan. There are opportunities to bring people together for good
- We need to build more partnerships and relationships to move forward