

Notes from discussion with Peter Wakeman, Mayoral candidate

- Council can improve its interactions with citizens, by joining matters up across groups and improving engagement with residents
- Perception Council is reactive not proactive
- Residents sometimes don't understand who to deal with in order to get an outcome
- Roading budgets need review – with inflation the overall costs are increasing and some projects appear unnecessary: reprioritisation is required
- There is a need for greater visibility for accessibility needs both in terms of staff, design requirements and audits
- The service delivery areas are functioning well
- The resource consenting function appears to be too complicated and could be simplified
- Community groups should not be able to use funding to support political campaigns
- Council's treaty unit resources and scope
- The Chief Executive should organise an independent review of alleged conflicts of interest
- Council facilities should be made available to community groups for use at discounted rates
- Need to rebuild trust in Council
- Seeking confirmation that all Mayoral candidates have been offered meetings (they have) and that summaries would be put on the website (they are)