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**POLICY ONE: DRAFT COMMUNITY OCCUPANCY POLICY**

**Do you agree with the proposed length of terms for community occupancy agreements?** No

We disagree with the one year standard one year option to renew. We submit that the standard should be a minimum of two years. Newly established groups could struggle with only one year surety. The term "newly established" needs defining. We think "newly established" should be 18months or less.

**Do you agree with the proposed administration fee?** Yes

**Any comments:**

Makes sense to have a standard fee. Some groups may struggle to find this as a "one-off" fee - quarterly payments could be an option

**Do you agree with the proposed rental amount?** Yes

**Any comments:**

**Do you think council should take responsibility for carrying out maintenance of council-owned buildings?** Yes

**Any comments:**

**Do you agree with the proposed maintenance fees?** Yes

**Any comments:**

**Do you agree with the additional rental charges for groups carrying out commercial activities from council-owned land and/or buildings?** Yes

**Any comments:**

But commercial activities should NOT include Community Economic Development or Social Enterprise activities (which trade for social benefit) and that needs to be clearly spelt out on the form & clearly defined

**Please use the space below to make any additional comments regarding the draft Community Occupancy Policy.**

## **POLICY TWO: DRAFT FACILITY PARTNERSHIP POLICY**

**How much should council maximum contribution to a facility partnership be?** 65%

**Any comments:**

We support community ownership of assets and also support the availability of council loans to community . Also resourcing for capacity building in the establishment phase so that community groups have increased ability to manage the facility.

**Should council consider other types of facilities when assessing facility partnership applications?** Yes

**If yes, what other type of facility (i.e. health centre) should be considered?**

Privately owned premises suitable for community activities, council paid lease community managed facility (e.g. Community Resource Centre)

**Should successful facility partnerships have access to council funding for operational expenses?** Yes

**Any comments:**

and that would need to be clear in the Community Funding Policy with criteria clearly laid out. Views of community need to be canvassed as well as council and Local Boards.

**Do you agree with the proposed ownership of completed facility partnerships?** Yes

**Any comments:** see comments above re; loans

**Do you agree with the proposed process for undertaking facility partnerships?** Yes

**Any comments:**

But organisations, especially in low socio-economic areas, would need support to help them through this lengthy process – the human resources will be stressed – and no outcome known for 18months – 2years. Hard to sustain business as usual.

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We would like clarification of term “seed” funding – as some perceptions are that this is a help (financially) to ‘get going’ whilst others see it as money to be paid back (e.g a grant v. a loan). \$20,000 to feasibility study is too low - \$40,000 more realistic and would need to have clear guidelines for its framework.