What the community panel have to say about

**climate change and waste**

and the question

How can Council work with the community to increase local capacity to act urgently on climate threats, and improve community resilience to extreme weather?

and

How can Council work with the community (residents and businesses) to drastically reduce the amount of waste going to landfill?

The community panel voted on priorities and made suggestions.

Ranked opportunities

1. Offer incentives so that more people and businesses recycle more.
2. Programs to support businesses and industries to use renewable energy.
3. Find and rent roof spaces to use them for solar panels (eg. supermarkets).
4. Add environmental sustainability information and action into community services and events.
5. Support the community to reduce carbon emissions (including through using renewable energy, better insulated buildings, using environmentally friendly transport, recycling and repairing items before buying new things).
6. Support the community to adapt to more sustainable options in their lives and homes, and to be able to live with climate change and extreme weather.
7. Shops and other options to repair and recycle household items, rather than just buying new things.
8. Support and advocate for environmentally friendly ways of travelling (such as walking, bike riding, electric vehicles).
9. Work with community groups that are already working and fighting for action on climate change.
10. Work with community groups on events to promote how to fight for action on climate change, and to become more active ourselves.

Extra ideas and comments

* Share information about how options can have more benefits than just being environmentally friendly, but how some things can save money (solar power and not using a car often) or reduce noise (window insulation) etc.
* Support and encourage landlords to either install solar panels and insulation themselves, or approve such changes by renters.
* Think about different options for people with bigger and smaller budgets.
* Can Council also offer shops and businesses power purchase agreements?
* Find new ways to get the community informed and involved.
* Use different messages and options for different types of people and communities.
* Make it easy to understand and easy to do.