

# Tabled Information Reference 047/13P(A)

**Points from Ian Shearer - 12 March at 9.15am**

## **Public participation on the proposal for a smart energy capital**

**Ref: S&P Agenda REPORT 2** (1215/52/IM)

### ***Ref: Smart Energy Capital proposal***

I strongly support the Smart Energy Capital initiative, and its attempt to address key gaps in the City around smart, healthy and energy efficient homes, energy efficiency in the commercial sector and increased renewable generation.

The initiative is essential component in growing the City's reputation as a progressive and sustainable city.

I support the Council building partnerships to achieve these goals.

I support the proposed budget of \$250,000 per year for these projects, and the objective to leverage this funding on at least a dollar-for-dollar basis.

I suggest that WCC prioritise support for the proposed projects as follows:

- i. *Healthy Homes projects*: Essential extensions of successful projects.
- ii. *Renewable energy generation projects*: Essential to review and support renewable energy project opportunities. This includes support for *solar partnerships*, *wind energy partnerships*, the proposed *Smart energy innovation fund*, and the proposed *smart-energy financing package*.
- iii. *Energy retrofits as part of earthquake strengthening work*: It is essential that Council finds mechanisms to encourage appropriate energy efficiency work to be undertaken concurrently with earthquake strengthening.
- iv. *Commercial building energy benchmarking* scheme NABERS being introduced to New Zealand this year. Support WCC buildings being included in this project.
- v. *Smart grid pilot project*: Look for a concept report to demonstrate with the electricity industry, households and service providers, a smart-grid pilot.