# New Zealand Local Body Elections 2019 Questions to ask candidates



HERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY WISH TO ASK YOUR LOCAL CANDIDATE FOR COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMUNITY BOARD, DHB OR TRUST

### **Personal Motivation**

- o Why are you standing for election?
- o What does integrity in local government mean to you?
- o Tell me about conflict of interest and how you manage it.

### Access to information

- o Do you think that the Council (or Board or Trust) gives the public the right amount of information and access to meetings?
- o Tell me what you know about the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act and the Official Information Act.

# **Public participation**

- o What are your ideas for getting more public participation in local decisions?
- o Who do you think is missing out?
- o What are your ideas for helping people who don't have good internet access, to be involved and have their say?
- o What are your plans for engaging with young people?

# Tangata whenua

• What do you think are the main issues that are important to local tangata whenua?

# Fair Representation/Diversity

- o Does your Council (or Board or Trust) have fair representation of women as councillors and employees, including leaders?
- What is your opinion about diversity on and in the Council (eg gender, ethnic, disability)?

# **Accountability**

- o How will you balance economic, social and environmental issues?
- o When it comes to a decision, what will you prioritise?
- o How can I trust you will follow through on your promises?