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Page 1: Your Details (Optional)

**Q1 Full Name**

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Page 3: Overview of Local Government

**Q6 What do you think councils will be responsible for in the future?**

Planning, competent management of city services: waste, restaurant hygiene, parking, sewerage, water, fire services

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**Q7 What council activities should be driven or determined by communities?**

waste, water, sewerage, amenities for city,

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**Q8 Given the varying sizes of councils, what consideration should be given to costs of services and the councils' capacity to deliver these?**

Rates pay for much of it, and to smaller councils there is argument for amalgamation

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Page 4: Council Governance and Powers

**Q9 What is vital to good governance in local government?**

educated people who look beyond their personal views in considering issues for local govt

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**Q10 What aspects of good governance should be prescribed in a legislative framework?**

religion is kept out of the framework unless they start paying taxes. Accountability mechanisms, reports available to public and written quarterly, clear guidelines on expenditures and any privileges

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**Q11 What statutory powers do councils need to deliver the services that communities require, or expect to receive, from councils now and into the future?**

protection from overreach by state govt

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**Q12** How are the strategic decisions of councils best made?

discussion, research, discussion paper for community to comment on

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**Q13** What mechanisms best support strategic, operational and technical decisions and actions?

clearly defined roles in govt to support the above ie councilors need a more definite description of their duties and obligations

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## Page 5: Democracy and Engagement

**Q14** What is the best way to engage Tasmanians in voting for local government?

compulsory

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**Q15** Who should be allowed to participate in local government elections?

the electorate of an area, people only not corporations or businesses

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**Q16** How can local government attract skilled, diverse and representative electoral candidates?

don't know

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**Q17** What should be required of candidates in local government elections before, during and after elections?

good manners, a bio, and their thoughts on local issues and their ideas on how to achieve them

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**Q18** What decisions should councils continue to be able to make during an election period?

Only matters that do not change or limit the way an incoming govt would work so only issues on dog collectors, etc

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**Q19** In what ways should councillors engage with, and represent, communities in the digital age?

Guess they have to be across social media, but even now not all people use social media or are on all sites, suggest links in Council web pages

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**Q20** On what matters should councils engage with communities?

anything that is a major change, ie building some ugly building on a foreshore or allowing building to block views of ocean or interfere with the clean sweep of a beach like adding a pier when one is not needed or desired, they should engage in all things recreational

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**Q21** How can community engagement be strengthened and measured?

don't know

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Page 6: Council Revenue and Expenditure

**Q22** How can councils ensure transparency in funding decisions; both how it is raised and spent?

issue reports and make sure that bidding on tenders has several bidders not just the same one all the time

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**Q23** How can councils determine how best to raise revenue for specific purposes?

telling the community what is needed, what it is for and their thoughts on how to raise

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**Q24** How should councils engage communities when raising revenue?

communicate the issue, newspaper, business council

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**Q25** How should councils determine the services they deliver to their communities in exchange for rates and charges?

ask community

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**Q26** How should councils decide where to make trade-offs (more or less rates vs more or less services)?

if value is seen for council use of money, services should remain and extra funding ie festivals will have to part raise to be matched by council

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Page 7: Performance Transparency and Accountability

**Q27** How can the right balance between autonomy and accountability be delivered?

don't know

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**Q28** Who should have oversight and regulation of councils' performance and how should it occur?

a state ICAC? board of ethics etc state commissioner of LGAT

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**Q29** What mechanisms should there be to respond or intervene when a council is not performing as required?

a state ICAC LGAT have ethics board

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**Q30** What information should councils make available to the public and how should they be able to access it?

voting records, development plans Council web site

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**Q31** What information would be useful to councils to drive performance improvements?

don't know

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Page 8: Other Matters

**Q32** What is one thing you would change about the current local government legislative framework, and why?

don't know

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