What are your views on the Council's current asset base and asset sales? Would you be open to an independent review of the Council's current stance?

I am against the sale of strategic CCC assets being sold. Some of our assets are under performing and this should be reviewed.

What is your view on current rate levels and increases? What would you do to attract more business and people to increase the rate base and raise capital?

I will work to keep rate increases under 5%. We need to continue to work with the ChristchurchNZ strategy for growth.

What would you do to help the Council become an enabler for business?

Establish a round table business / council group to enable and support business success in our city.

What needs to be done to ensure we are building a vibrant central city and attracting foot traffic into the CBD?

Support CNZ and the central business association in their strategies to bring people to the city – this will bring vibrance and economic benefits.

Do you believe that we need a stronger weighting given to the business voice in Council decision-making? If so, how will you do this?

A round table business / council group would help keep the business voice as key to council decision making.

Do you think there is appropriate resourcing for activation and city promotion, to positively shape perceptions of our city and increase our national and global relevance? What would you do to address this?

I do think there is adequate resourcing for this and regular reviews will ensure this keeps giving us value for money and a good return on our investment.

What do you think needs to be done to ensure key city assets are fit-for-purpose, future-focused, accessible and affordable?

We need to continue to plan and review our facilities to ensure they continue to meet community needs.
Do you agree/disagree with the Council’s current public standpoint on climate change, and what would you do to help businesses prepare for implications of this global issue?

I agree with the Council’s stand on climate change. Council and business need to work together to achieve our goals. Council can assist business on a practical level with projects like the zero waste from events strategy.

What would you do to encourage greater alignment and collaboration with local and central government agencies, and neighbouring Councils?

Investigate how we communicate as this is key to working collaboratively.

Please include any comments that you think would be relevant for businesses operating in Christchurch.

Christchurch has come a long way but there is still lots to do – we all need to work together to achieve the best for all.