

Christchurch City Council Deputation agenda item #22 May 9, 2019



Thankyou

1. The Officer's report (p299 in your papers)
2. Non mal-Adaptation requires pre-Adaptation (p322 in your papers)

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Christchurch City Council, 9 May 2019

22. Regeneration Strategy for Southshore and South New Brighton: Transition of leadership and next steps

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Item 22

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Council to decide whether to take over leadership of the Regeneration Strategy for Southshore and South New Brighton, and if so, the preferred process for Council to progress the adaptation planning work.

Thank you to authors, we appreciate the difficulties you have

https://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/05/CNCL_20190509_AGN_3369_AT.PDF

Before we start: Unique Christchurch



Christchurch Earthquake Sequence (2011-2013), impact most severe in East
Capacity for communities to cope with stress over-estimated, (fear, uncertainty).
East lowest wellbeing in City...note effect of March atrocity.

Hence the process here may be different than that at other places or times: pre-Adaptation before Adaptation

Thank you for what you heard..we agree on a lot

We agree in the rejection of Option 1

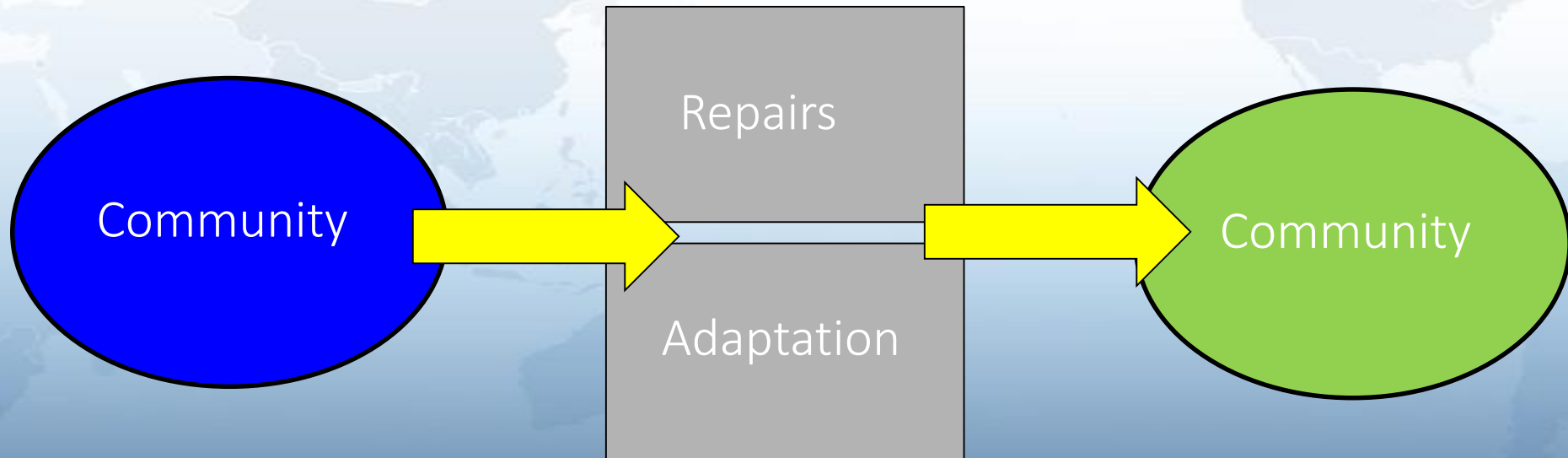
We agree that the Council should take back responsibility for the earthquake repair processes and adaptation

We agree that the two processes should be separated

We agree that HowTeam should be supported, and the engagement process they have developed should be used for adaptation

What you might not have heard..

Our view is Option 2 (officer's favoured option) is beguiling but structurally impossible



Confirms original CCC policy decision to roll repairs into adaptation was fundamentally flawed, i.e. with respect to you all, it was a mistake

Option 2 (Southshore and South Brighton)

Broken communities EIGHT YEARS LATER...massive uncertainty and fear beyond initial trauma (Note March) lowers well-being.

Issue Specific Criteria			
Criteria	Option 1 - Adaptation only	Option 2 - Interim investigations and adaptation	Option 3 - Protection, followed by adaptation
To maintain and, if possible, build community wellbeing	May further exacerbate psycho-social issues due to further delays in deliver of the project and certainty for future of the communities	Shows commitment to addressing matters raised by some members of the community, and interim options which may improve short term community wellbeing	May improve psycho-social wellbeing through delivering desired protection and delaying longer term adaptation conversations

Non action affects future adaptation, awareness of results of non-action.

pp313-4 Options Matrix

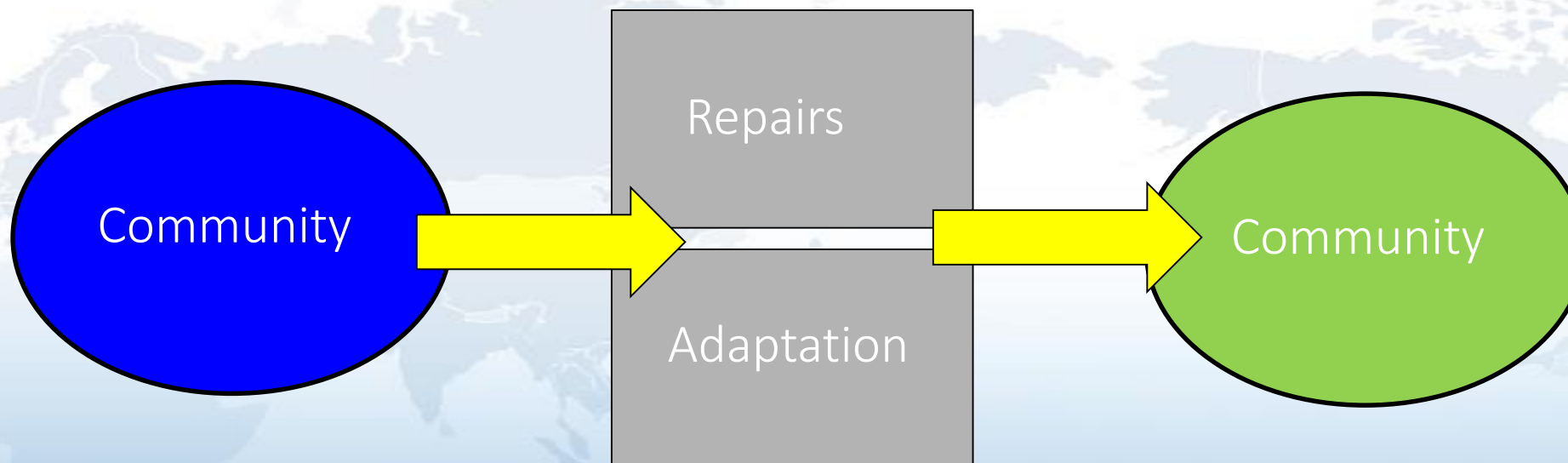
Community well-being is not an optional extra, it is a duty

We understand local government has a major role in enhancing the well-being of their communities. The decisions made by local government have an immediate impact on New Zealanders' quality of life. In fact, when we think about the role and function councils play in our everyday lives, it's far much more than roads, rates, and rubbish. Local government decisions affect the natural environment and neighbourhoods in which we live and work, and they impact on aspects of our health and safety in all sorts of ways. Local government plays a key role in supporting those quality-of-life outcomes that build a sense of belonging and well-being and happiness in our local and regional communities.

Previous policy degraded community well-being, Option 2
threatens to do the same

Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Bill

Option 2 (Southshore and South Brighton)



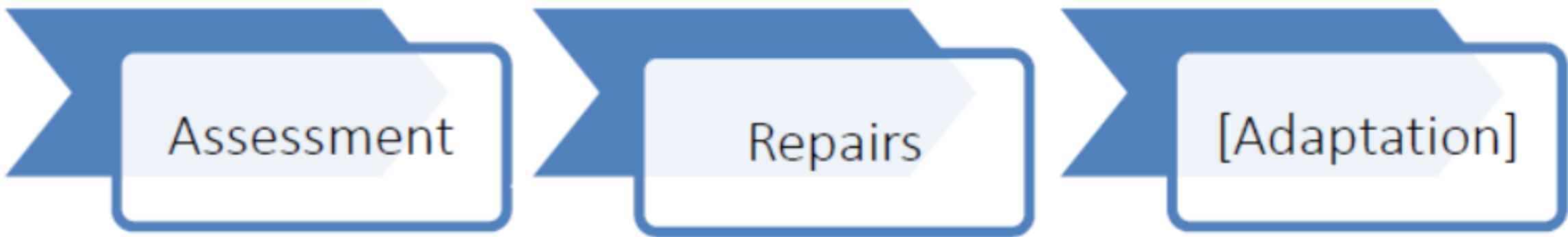
Insufficient faith, trust and well-being to proceed

This option commits to social and physical research only

Option 2 and Option 3

Time is of the essence, both options need information:

- Well-being state of the community
- Community Consultation
- Impact of post Earthquake works on estuary edge



Assessment

Repairs

[Adaptation]

Option 2 and Option 3

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- Well-being state of the community **Dr,HT,Hub,CGs**
- Community Consultation **SSRA,Hub,CCRU**
- Impact of post Earthquake works on estuary edge **CCRU data**

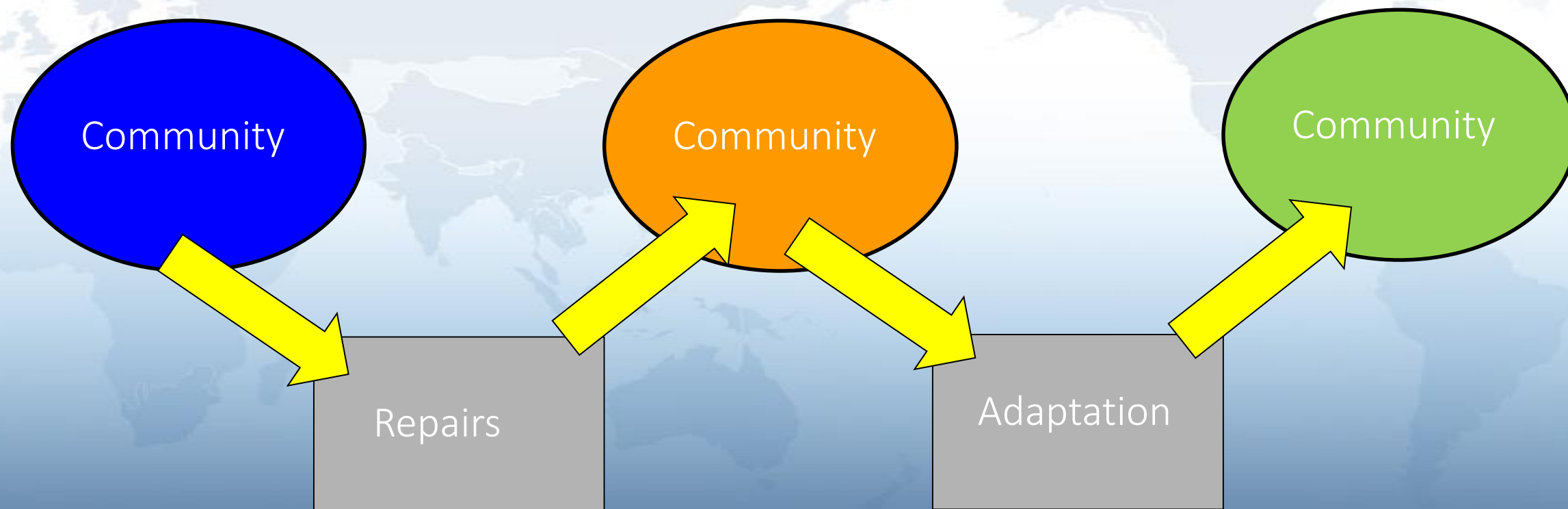
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The Way forward

Option 3 structure is necessary to improve community well-being sufficiently to do adaptation



Communities need to believe and see work on the ground at least begun and proceeding

Option 3



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#	Option	Sustainability/Resilience		
		Social	Environmental	Economic
1	adaptation only			
2	investigations and adaptation			
3	protection = restoration then adaptation			

Future proofing the Council, adaptation expertise, BAU = vulnerability

Appendix C

preadaptation strategy v12f



Proposal to Regenerate for a pre-Adaptation Strategy for Southshore and South New Brighton.

"...This is about embracing the future, not the past..."¹

Preface

CCRU is committed to supporting community engagement and consensual adaptation to the effects of climate change. We are a community partner with Regenerate Christchurch in their South New Brighton and Southshore Project, as well as a community interlocuter with Christchurch City Council (CCC).

The recent changes within Regenerate Christchurch, and now a 'pause' by Regenerate Christchurch has caused widespread concern amongst key stakeholder groups and communities. This document has been informed by informal conversations with local residents and some other stakeholders. Due process is underway for it to be formally considered by Community Boards and Residents' Associations.

This document concerns the Southshore-South New Brighton Project area and represents a community submission to Regenerate Christchurch to assist them as we all remain in this period of 'pause', and to assist the adaptation process forward after the 'pause' along the agreed *Howteam* pathway.

A draft of this document was pre-released to Regenerate Christchurch and Christchurch City Council for their comments, and CCRU wish to thank both organisations for their useful feedback.

Structure of Document

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Background
- What happens now: pre-adaptation
- Specific Recommendations
- What happens next

¹ Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester [2019] on the UK Central Government's attempts to impose Fracking for Shale Gas on UK Local Government

- Christchurch Unique
- Pre-Adaptation (response to past)
- Adaptation (response to the future)
- Summary Recommendations

Pre-Adaptation


- Repair of Community and Social Capacity
- Physical Repair where feasible
- Using strict economic criteria alone (ignoring social impacts) increases risk and leaves assets to degrade
- Repair of Earthquake damage required to allow communities to move to adaptation

Recommendations

Repairing earthquake damage and improving social wellbeing and resilience of the community

- Repair damaged estuary-edge (Southshore) and make decisions about areas of South Brighton
- Reconnect suburbs to New Brighton, City and Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor with estuary-side cycle-walking track, >0.5m hybrid ecosystem protection
- Adaptation Research and Mandate

Summary



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Questions

“...Judge a person by their questions, not their answers...”