Embedding Climate Change into Local Government decision making – and how this might apply for health

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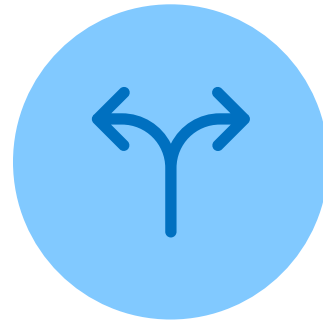Conference 2023

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# Climate Impact Assessment Platform
What is it?

A platform for **Local Government in Aotearoa** New Zealand **flags climate risks and opportunities** for projects and policies at their **earliest stages to support decision making.**

Supports **inclusion / exclusion** and **optioneering for Long Term Plans, Annual and Asset Management Plans** and other project / decision making cycles.

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How does the platform work?
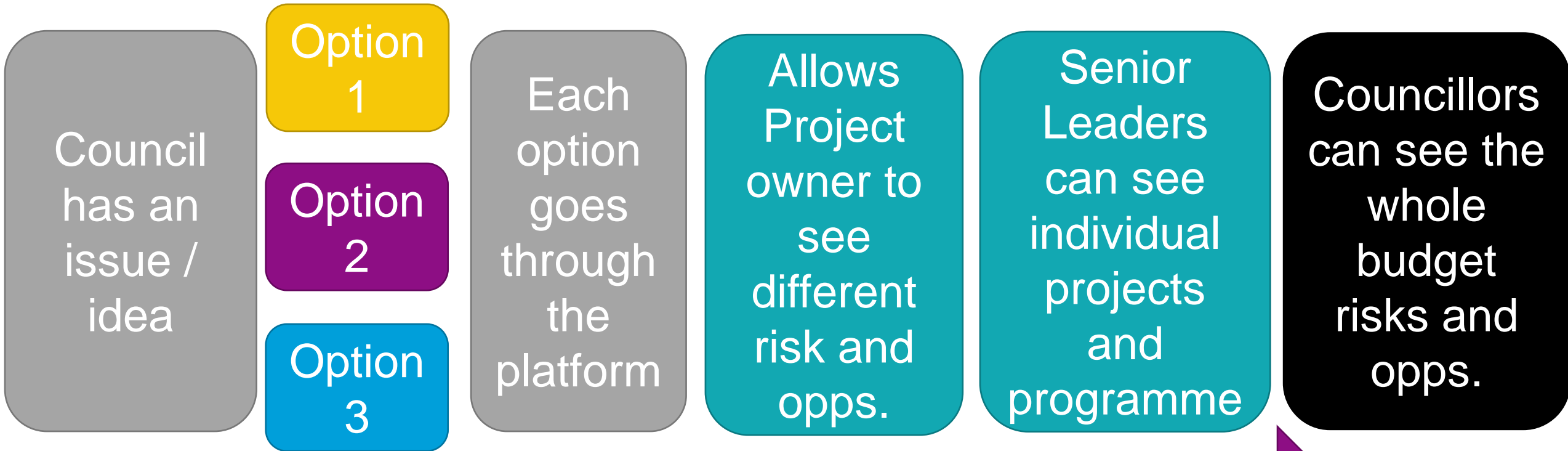
Platform – project outcomes

Adaptation

⌄ Adaptation scoring summary

	Flooding	Inundation	Instability	Wind	Drought	Heat
Exposure	5	0	0	0	5	5
Consequence	2	5	2	5	5	5
Total Score	10	0	0	0	25	25

Mitigation

⌄ Emissions Summary Table

	Capital	Operational Increase	Operational Decrease
Non-Council	High	120,000*	N/A
Council	Medium	N/A	N/A

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Key challenge is factoring in climate change risks and opportunities in decision-making, and comparing the impact of these decisions in the context of achieving organisational strategic outcomes.

Opportunity for Councils to make better decisions that align to the NAP, ERP, Auditor General's expectations and adaptation/transition reporting requirements under the ZCA.
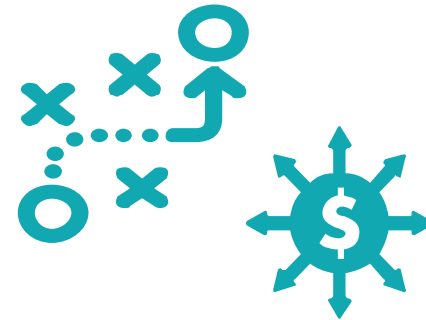
Necessity to translate national policy direction to local context and embed these into project level decision-making – and demonstrate to rate payers this is happening.

Need to develop consistent, transparent, time-effective, and user-friendly method to evaluate projects for Long Term Plan and Annual Planning processes
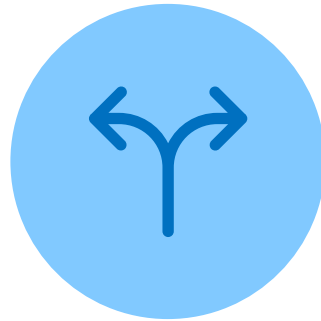
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The <u>vision</u> of how it could apply to health strategy and planning?

Infrastructure decision making; not only what asset gets built where. But will this asset respond to health needs due to Climate Change?

Healthcare pathway? MoC design : Imagine the ability to assess the climate risks and opportunities of different models of care for the same condition?

Clinical guidelines and medicine funding: Imagine the ability to differentiate consumables and pharmaceuticals within a pathway?

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