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Submission: I wish to object to the CHCC request for a 16.5% rate rise over the coming two years, 2015/16, that is on top of the already approved rate rise of 7.9% for this financial year. This Council has long history of mismanaged funds and bad investments. There seems to be no real accountability for their actions or policies. They just keep sucking rates out of the people to prop up their poorly run council. If they were a private business they would be long bankrupt. The Council repeatedly ignores public opinion from their surveys about rate hikes but just pushes ahead regardless. What choice do the people have but to accept these outrageous charges. This is a low economic and employment area and it is becoming unaffordable to live here. Pensioners must be suffering the most, I am not yet of retirement age but I worry if I can afford these rates in the future. What is most galling is the basic services that the council offers is of a very basic nature and I must wonder how they can spend the already high income they make, anecdotally I don't see much change in the last 8 years to services or so called 'assets'. High profile sporting events seem to be the council's favorite thing to spend money on but without return to the people who have paid for it. "Let them eat cake" would seem to be the catch cry. Yours sincerely Andrew Stuart