



Protecting the city's built heritage is not about locking it up. The continued use of a heritage building is essential to its survival but it should not be at the loss of important heritage fabric. The challenge is to protect the most valued heritage places in an evolving environment while meeting the needs of a rapidly changing community.

## RATIONALE

The Council, which itself owns and manages a number of the city's significant heritage buildings, has prepared the Built Heritage Policy 2005 to convey its renewed commitment to the city's built heritage to current owners, the community, visitors to the city and to future generations.

It also provides direction to Councillors and staff in their day-to-day role in heritage management. It will be implemented through the development and review of Council's planning tools and processes, including the District Plan and Annual Plan and Council's relationships with tangata whenua, and with the owners of heritage buildings, and the community.

The key initiatives in the Built Heritage Policy 2005 include:

- **Improving statutory protection for the built heritage** – this will involve undertaking a District Plan Change to strengthen the heritage rules in the District Plan
- **Establishing a new Heritage Incentive Fund** – The new fund will replace the current Building Safety Fund and Heritage Fund and will provide a more flexible approach to encourage the conservation of the city's significant listed heritage buildings
- **Creating more heritage areas in the city and the suburbs** – Identifying more heritage places in the District Plan, in particular, heritage places experiencing development pressure, places which reflect our ethnic and cultural diversity, and post-World War II buildings.

## STRUCTURE

The Built Heritage Policy 2005 consists of an overall vision, three high level goals, six objectives and a number of actions. These provide the direction and framework for what the Council wants to achieve in the next 10 years. The Council's vision conforms with the ideals of the Council's Long Term Community Plan, and the Resource Management Act 1991. The Policy also includes an implementation plan, which expands on the actions and outlines a timeframe.