

# Executive Summary

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This report outlines the Council's activities and gives a consolidated financial view for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 December 2009.

It presents detailed information for each activity by strategy area. Its purpose is to inform and provide assurance that each activity is being carried out to plan, with explanations where there are variances. The report also provides assurance that the Revenue and Financing Policy targets are being monitored.

The Council aims to keep residents informed of progress in terms of services and activities outlined in the Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and whether or not we have met our performance targets. The following comprise some of the key highlights for the quarter:

## Highlights

- The Council agreed a three-year policy programme based on the strategic priorities set out in the 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).
- The Zoo's African Village and The Nest were officially opened by the Mayor.
- The Zoo won the National People's Choice Sustainability Business of the Year Award at the NZI National Sustainability Awards and received a judge's commendation in the Not for Profit category.
- The opening exhibitions at the City Gallery have proved very popular with 59,533 people visiting between 27 September and 31 December.
- Te Papa's A Day in Pompeii exhibition opened.
- We hosted a number of events in the quarter including:
  - New Zealand premiere of The Lovely Bones
  - All Whites' World Cup qualifier
  - 'Wild Wellington' Mountain Bike Relay
  - Dunlop Targa Rally
  - Asia Pacific Rim Junior Diving International
  - World Unicycle Championships.
- The new Deane Gallery for Māori and Pacific Art at the City Gallery has been acknowledged by the Race Relations Commissioner as having made "a positive contribution to race relations".
- We celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Museum of Wellington City and Sea with a Mayoral opening of Wonderland - a quirky exhibition based around an Alice in Wonderland theme.
- We distributed 5000 copies of the Fun for \$5 and Under booklet which has been well received by Wellingtonians and community groups.
- We ran a successful ZM Women's Run Swim series with about 33% of participants new to the event. We also ran the Cycle into Summer programme with 640 people taking part in the Bike the Bays event.
- Phase 1 of construction was completed at Te Ara Hou - the first of our Housing Upgrade sites - and tenants began to move back into refurbished units in November.
- We reviewed the results of the public consultation on a number of interim uses for the waterfront and the construction of a 39-berth motorhome park started on Site 10.
- The Khandallah town centre upgrade work is now complete.
- We completed consultation on re-routing of buses through Manners Mall and creation of a public shared space in lower Cuba Street. The Council approved the revocation of the pedestrian mall and supported the redevelopment of lower Cuba Street as a shared space on 11 December after considering oral and written submissions.