OUR ROLE

Under the Local Government Act, we have two key roles. 1. To promote the well-being of Wellington and its people. 2. To facilitate democratic local decision-making.

The Wellington City Council is made up of 15 elected representatives – the mayor and 14 councillors. It’s their job to make decisions, set the city’s overall strategic direction, and approve budgets, policies and plans aimed at achieving that direction. A key part of their role is to listen and take the pulse of the community before making decisions. The mayor and councillors are supported in their work by the Tawa and Makara/Ohariu Community Boards.

The elected representatives are supported by the Council’s chief executive and 1,450+ staff, who provide advice, implement Council decisions, and look after the city’s day to day operations.

We aim to manage the city in line with community aspirations.

After public consultation during 2005 and 2006, we set 13 long-term goals (or “outcomes”) for Wellington – that the city will become more liveable, develop a stronger sense of place, and become more compact, eventful, inclusive, actively engaged, sustainable, safer, healthier, better connected, prosperous, competitive, entrepreneurial and innovative.

The projects we fund – both the new projects explained over the next few pages and our ongoing work programme explained in the Our activities section of this report – aim to fulfil these community expectations.

Our job is to look after Wellington, now and into the future.