EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ko te pae tawhiti, whaia kia tata; ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina.
Haumi e! Hui e! Taiki e!
E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā maunga, e ngā awaawa, e ngā pātaka o ngā taonga tuku iho, tēnā koutou katoa.
Seek out our distant horizons; cherish those we attain.
Let it be done!
All authorities, all voices, all mountains, all rivers, all treasure houses, greetings to you all.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the consultation process for this Long-Term Plan. The process connected with many people and we made changes in response to your concerns. We received a record number of submissions (over 2600) on a broad range of topics, as well as over 1600 submissions specifically on the Eco-City proposal relating to Zealandia.

We've listened closely and been able to deliver additional funding for Te Papa, Miramar and Kilbirnie town centres, a partnership with the SPCA to progress the Chest Hospital project, and other projects Wellingtonians see bringing significant benefits to the city.

What is particularly exciting is that the projects we've supported are all intrinsic to the strategic vision of Wellington Towards 2040: Smart Capital, providing for a city where talent wants to live, work and play.

They include city resilience and economic development projects, cultural grants, the development of cycle routes, improvements to public space in the central city and improved management of water networks to improve the health of our harbour and streams.

Through these, we are aligning what we do as a Council, and where we invest resources, to our four new community outcomes, which describe Wellington’s future as an Eco-City, a People-Centred City and a Connected City with a Dynamic Centre.

We cannot achieve this vision on our own. In this plan we are committing to work more in partnership with communities, businesses and other stakeholders locally, nationally and internationally. We want to involve Wellingtonians more in our decision-making, the delivery of services and the monitoring of progress towards our goals. We will maximise the opportunities to work with partners to best meet the needs of people living, working in and visiting our city, avoiding duplication and delivering good value for ratepayers’ money.

During the consultation phase of this plan, many organisations identified how their work aligns with our priorities and contributes to our community outcomes. In several cases this has reinvigorated our relationship and led to exploration of how we can work together better in the future. Please continue to let us know what you are doing to contribute to our Smart Capital vision so that we can celebrate your success and share this with others. Also, if you can see an opportunity for the Council to work with you to achieve our shared goals, please let us know.

During the time this plan was being developed, several outstanding and passionate Wellingtonians, who made significant contributions to the city, died. We gratefully acknowledge their personal commitment to making our capital better. Let’s emulate their passion for our great city and work together to, as Sir Paul Callaghan said, ‘make Wellington a place where talent wants to live’.

Noho ora mai rā, nā Celia

Nohi mai rā, nā Celia

Celie Wade-Brown
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