

The Wellington City Council is made up of 15 elected representatives – the Mayor and 14 Councillors. They are supported by two community boards and 1,500+ staff.

It's the Council's job to look after the well-being of Wellington and its people, and to enable democratic local decision-making.

GOVERNANCE

We inform and involve residents in decisions about the city's future, through elections, consultation, engagement, and publications.

2009/10 operating cost: \$13.2m (\$68 per resident, \$0.18 per resident per day)

ENVIRONMENT

We support conservation-based visitor attractions such as Wellington Zoo, the Karori Sanctuary and four botanical gardens. We also maintain the city's 40+ square kilometres of Town Belt and reserve land, parks and coastline. We supplied water to the city's homes and businesses during the year. We also safely disposed of the city's stormwater, wastewater, and solid waste, offered grants for environmental initiatives, and promoted energy efficiency and sustainability.

2009/10 operating cost: \$122.9m (\$629 per resident, \$1.72 per resident per day)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We support major events such as the NZI Sevens and the World of WearableArts and visitor attractions such as Te Papa and the Wellington Convention Centre. We fund tourism promotion and keep the city centre vibrant by providing free weekend parking, and provide grants for community projects with economic benefits.

2009/10 operating cost: \$25.0m (\$128 per resident, \$0.35 per resident per day)

CULTURAL WELL-BEING

We fund the city's art galleries and museums, operate Toi Pōneke Arts Centre, support the NZ International Arts Festival and the NZ Symphony Orchestra, operate the City Archives, provide cultural grants, and support a wide array of community events and festivals.

2009/10 operating cost: \$13.8m (\$71 per resident, \$0.19 per resident per day)

SOCIAL AND RECREATION

We provide the city's sportsfields, swimming pools, recreation centres, playgrounds, and libraries. We also provide over 2,300 homes, and protect public health and safety by monitoring the city centre, controlling liquor and food sales, regulating public health risks, providing toilets, and preparing the city to deal with emergencies such as earthquakes.

2009/10 operating cost: \$85.8m (\$439 per resident, \$1.20 per resident per day)

URBAN DEVELOPMENT

We guide and control building and land development, enhance the waterfront and other public areas, and protect the city's built heritage.

2009/10 operating cost: \$28.8m (\$147 per resident, \$0.40 per resident per day)

TRANSPORT

We look after 670km of streets and roads, as well as footpaths, cycle lanes, traffic signals, and car parks. We also support public transport through measures such as bus lanes and shelters.

2009/10 operating cost: \$47.6m (\$243 per resident, \$0.67 per resident per day)