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SUBMISSION ON 2017 – 2018 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

I request the opportunity to speak to my submission.

1. Wellington Waterfront

I recommend the Council

- Review and revise the Annual Plan to align its objectives to preserve the existing green spaces on the waterfront.
- Re-draft future expenditures from that perspective.
- Enact an immediate moratorium on any further buildings or walled structures on the waterfront.
- Review current consultation efforts with a view to include civic groups, such as Waterfront Watch, Civic Trust, CCS Disability Action, Historic Places Wellington, children's advocates, and local iwi to ensure community perspective influences Council decisions before proceeding to a resource consent.

Rationale:

- The overwhelming majority of Wellington residents have historically and recently expressed their strong preference to retain as much open space on the Waterfront.
- Public opinion consistently support open space on the waterfront - meaning no more buildings - and if any structures are built at all they should not be buildings.
- Since the last census an additional 25,000 people now live in Wellington, and the majority of those new residents live in the CBD. They require open space, and very little flat land remains in the CBD for family outings, recreation and sports.

- Since the Framework was completed in 2001 two buildings have been placed on the waterfront with yet another under construction on Site 10. These buildings absorb considerable space of the waterfront that had not been constructed when the Framework was developed.
- Since the Framework was adopted no more open public space has been created on the waterfront; only lost.
- In order to achieve the 65% open spaces required for the waterfront traffic lanes and pedestrian crossing must be included in the calculation. These spaces do not allow on-going activities because they are interrupted by traffic flow.
- Public use of publicly owned land should not be confined to corridors, lanes and promenades but should be open tracts sufficiently flexible to allow multiple uses through the seasons and without obstruction for many years.
- City Shaper and its predecessor, Waterfront Ltd, have held Waterfront Watch at arm's length during the discussion and planning process for this and other waterfront developments although WW has had, since 1995, as its core objective to "protect the Wellington waterfront", and WW has consistently attempted to be included in the design process for all developments on the waterfront.
- The desire of people to sit on grass in the Wellington CBD is clear by the numbers who use the artificial turf now in the Civic Centre courtyard. It is a somewhat ironic admission that even Council acknowledges the public preference for green – even though fake – open space.

I recommend the Council:

- Suspend the proposed reconstruction of Frank Kitts Park and retain the amphitheatre and promenade wall.

Rationale:

- The consultation process for the proposal was minimal and cursory.
1. The public consultation conducted in 2015 was limited and cursory and produced no meaningful results. ("Consultation Process and Results,

Proposed Waterfront Development Plan 2015 - May 2015", by Resource Management Group Ltd, May 2015)

- That effort achieved only 240 responses in 30 days
 - Of that total, only 33 could be described as supporting the redevelopment, and only 16 supported the Chinese Garden being in that location.
2. The Change.org online petition (Save Frank Kitts Park) has produced much richer content and comments and both the numbers participating and the quality of the comments show the level of interest about the redevelopment proposal, but also the public outrage when given an opportunity to comment.
- Approximately 3200 online signatures for the petition
 - Weekend conversations by volunteers with Frank Kitts Park users collected over 1,100 signatures on paper petitions opposing the rebuild and location of the Chinese Garden. This result, again conducted only by volunteers, required only a couple of hours a day over several weekends.

I recommend the Council:

- Relocate the Chinese Garden to a more appropriate location.

Rationale:

- I enthusiastically support the development of a Chinese Garden in a location other than the waterfront, especially a location more appropriate to an enclosed garden, such as the originally agreed upon location beside Te Papa, the Botanic Garden, within the proposed new Chinese Embassy, or at a location directly connected with the history of Chinese and Chinese settlement in Wellington, such as on or about Haining Street.
- I oppose building the Garden on the waterfront because the 4 metre high walls of the design will further limit the already small amount of open space on the waterfront, and break up the current excellent design flowing from one section of the park to the other, creating a wide expanse of usable, open space.
- Further the proposal to lock the Garden at night would create a boxed off space similar to a building at a location which is currently freely accessible to everyone at any time of the day or night.
- The goal of tranquility in the Garden would halt the popular uses of FKP for cultural festivals, sports events, children's picnics, and music concerts. The proposal ignores those uses, and proposes no alternatives to locate

those activities; Waitangi Park is not suitable since it is soggy too often.

- I further object to the use of foreign labour to build the Garden, as proposed by Wellington City Council, since there appears to be no wage or safety protection under the proposal.
- By proposing to build yet another structure on the waterfront, Wellington City Council has again abandoned its responsibility to the public for maintaining access to the very limited open spaces on the waterfront.
- The proposal requires Wellington City ratepayers to bear the larger portion of the building costs for the Garden - \$5.5 million of the total \$6.5 million.

I recommend the Council:

- Prioritise the reconstruction of the Town Hall, and allocate all available funds toward this project.

Rationale:

- The Town Hall is the heart of the civic centre, and is a link to the history of Wellington City, as well as functioning as a modern convention and events centre.
- The acoustics in the building are known for the brilliant acoustics and sound quality.
- The various spaces of the building, including the auditorium, Council Chamber, Ilot Theatre performance and meeting areas are unique to Wellington, and provide a range of space for public use.
- I support the proposal for the joint programme for renovation and strengthening announced in May 20016 with Council, the New Zealand Symphony, and Victoria University's School of Music. A brilliant idea.

I recommend the Council:

- All projects undertaken by Council will be guaranteed to be in compliance with the 2004 Building Act and respective Compliance Documents.

Rationale:

- Council bears the legal responsibility to determine if a proposed design meets the requirements of the 2004 Building Act and respective Compliance Documents.
- The RMA does not require plans submitted to Council to meet a requirement for access.

- The Submission filed by Alexia Pickering on 12 January 2017 to the Environment Court objects to the proposed rebuild of Frank Kitts Park, the location of the Chinese Garden in the park, and the total inaccessibility of the design of the Garden as submitted and granted resource consent.
- That submission, probably her last, reflects the subject matter expertise of Alexia Pickering based on her training, education, and her life's work.

Sincerely

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Te Ope Whakaora

30 April 2017

Dear Council

The Wellington City Council 2017 /18 Annual Plan in support of our most vulnerable families

I write on behalf of the many staff and volunteers who are part of The Salvation Army's work in Wellington, but most importantly on behalf of the thousands of people in Wellington we assist every year who reach out to us for help and support.

We congratulate the Wellington City Council for its consideration of social issues and how it can support those most in need through its 'Building a better city – Mayor and Councillors draft 3 year work programme'. We found several opportunities specified that we would like to continue to support the Wellington City Council in, including:

- Goal 1: More Resilient; Focus Area 3: Connected and prepared communities
 - A specific focus on engaging communities (including cultural communities) and improving the connectedness, preparedness, adaptation and resilience in suburban communities and the central city
 - This is of particular interest to The Salvation Army given the number of direct engagements we have with many communities throughout Wellington, including many different cultural communities
- Goal 2: People focused; Focus Area 2: Housing people
 - We would welcome the opportunity to continue working with Wellington City Council on its goal to reduce homelessness through effective wrap around service and improved referral, including inter-agency referral
 - Every day we work directly and through other agencies with families and individuals with housing issues in our city, something The Salvation Army has been involved in in Wellington for over 100 years
- Goal 3: People focused; Focus Area 3: Clean, green, safe and inclusive city
 - Reduce social deprivation / inequality by working with communities and stakeholders, advocating for and supporting our most vulnerable
 - This fundamental social issue involves capacity and capability that The Salvation Army has, and is committed to increasing.

Increasing and improving social outcomes in Wellington

The establishment of the Wellington South Salvation Army Hope Centre is an exciting new initiative that presents an opportunity to revolutionise the manner in which The Salvation Army engages with and supports those most in need within our communities. We would like to take this opportunity to inform Wellington Council about this project and seek your support to ensure it achieves the best possible outcome without draining other essential social services in the region.

Background

The Salvation Army has had a presence within central Wellington for over 120 years. During this time tens of thousands of people have received vital support and assistance to ensure that they lead healthy and fulfilled lives. The social service provided during this time have varied and changes as the social needs of the community have changed – from children’s homes to support for addicts, The Salvation Army has done all that it can to bring about positive social change.

Today, within the Newtown area The Salvation Army provides the following services:

- Bridge : support for those with drug and alcohol addictions
- Oasis : support for those affected by harmful gambling
- Emergency & transitional social housing support
- A community drop in centre
- A social worker service that provides direct support to clients as well as a referral service to other agencies
- A food bank service
- A pre-school play group providing a service to over 100 families
- An early childhood education centre
- A local church community
- A Family Store providing affordable 2nd hand goods, as well as income to provide financial operational support to a number of the above mentioned services.

All of the above services are valued and well utilised by the surrounding communities. However, each of these services operates as separate entities scattered across multiple sites.

Issue

The current physical and structural separation of the above services does not provide an effective and convenient ‘wrap around’ service for our clients, nor do the current operating structures promote internal efficiencies.

For example, we believe that up to 25% of clients that are referred from one Salvation Army service to another do not manage to make the ‘connection’ in part due to the physical distance between the services and the need to ‘re-engage’ at each service.

Objective

1. To provide a seamless and effective service experience ensuring clients are treated with dignity and respect, and have easy access a range of tailored social services.
2. To evolve a new operational model that promotes efficiencies through shared services and a progressive management structure.

Outcomes

As a result of realising the objectives we expect to realise outcomes such as:

- Increased levels of client satisfaction
- Increased levels of client transition to healthy independence
- Increased levels of effective inter-service referral
- Increased levels of collaboration between services
- ‘Back office’ financial efficiencies
- Increase staff and volunteer satisfaction

Solution

Later this year, The Salvation Army will open the Wellington South Hope Centre in Newtown, Wellington. This centre will enable all of the previously mentioned services to co-locate in one location. Capital funding for this complex is being provided by The Salvation Army (90%) with the remaining 10% being provided by external supporters.

The physical co-location of services is not new to The Salvation Army. There are a number of examples within New Zealand where this has been successfully done. However, the individual services have operated to some degree in isolation – as separate self-sustained entities.

The Wellington South Hope Centre offers The Salvation Army a unique opportunity. Not only will it be the first Salvation Army centre within New Zealand to co-locate such a wide and varied volume of services, it will also look to introduce a new model of working.

Propose Model

The Salvation Army has historically employed a highly hierarchical operational model. It is our intention to implement a new operational model at the Wellington South Hope Centre that will include:

- Board governance, including external community representation
- Cross functional leadership
- Cross functional shared support services
- Integrated reception and client engagement service

The below diagram provides a greater level of detail in relation to the proposed model



The introduction of both an Integrated Mission Facilitator role and a Corporate Services Manager along with this cross functional management approach is a significant operational change for The Salvation Army, and if proven successful will significant influence the way in which The Salvation Army structures its services nationwide.

This proposed model continues to be discussed and developed as we look to identify a solution that will assist us to effectively deliver our objectives and outcomes.

Research & Evaluation

With the introduction of this significant change it is vital that comprehensive research & evaluation is undertaken.

Ideally this research would include both quantitative and qualitative content undertaken pre, during and post implementation. The research should also consider assessing the impact on both client and staff.

The evaluation would provide evidence as to the level of success obtained towards achieving the objectives and outcomes. It would also provide recommendations for further enhancements to the operational model.

Request for Support from Wellington City Council

This project is clearly aligned with the plans and intentions of Wellington City Council. The success of this project will ensure the success of a number of initiatives outlined in the Mayor and Councillors draft 3-year work programme.

The Salvation Army is currently in the process of approaching a number of potential donors and funders for the support required to successfully deliver this project. These approaches include existing Salvation Army donors, prominent Wellington community and business leaders and private trusts who support the work of The Salvation Army. All supporters are being offered the opportunity to pledge their support over a period of three years.

The Salvation Army is requesting Wellington City Council make a capital contribution of \$500,000, approximately 3% of the project costs, during the next three to four years. This contribution will be directly aligned with the Council's goals and focus areas, as outlined earlier. This level of contribution would also be a great motivation and assurance to other financial supporters of this transformational project.

We would be more than happy to discuss any aspect of this proposal with you in greater detail or answer any questions you might have, and look forward to presenting this to you during the submission hearings.

Thank you for considering this request for support. We hope that the opportunity it presents excites you as much as it does us!

Yours sincerely
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Central Division, The Salvation Army

**Wellington Chamber of Commerce Submission
to Wellington City Council
on its Annual Plan 2017/18 and its Triennium Plan 2016-2019
May 2017**

ABOUT THE CHAMBER

The Wellington Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) has been the voice of business in the Wellington region for 161 years since 1856 and advocates for policies that reflect the interest of Wellington's business community, in both the city and region, and the development of the Wellington economy as a whole. We are also the hub Chamber for the lower North Island, and work with the Taranaki, Hawke's Bay, Dannevirke, Manawatu, Whanganui, Wairarapa, Kapiti, Porirua and Hutt Valley Chambers of Commerce.

The Chamber is accredited through the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce network and as part of our wider organisation is also one of the four regional organisations of BusinessNZ. Our organisation also delivers membership services through Business Central to the Central New Zealand region, and ExportNZ to Central New Zealand.

INTRODUCTION

The Chamber welcomes the opportunity to submit on Wellington City Council's Annual Plan 2017/18 (the Annual Plan).

As a considerable contributor to Wellington City's rate-take, the business community has a significant interest in the planning and operation of Wellington City Council (the Council).

The Chamber is supportive of the proposed changes to the Long Term Plan via the Annual Plan Consultation Document, and the Triennium Plan.

The Chamber has chosen to comment on specific sections of the documents and has no comment on sections of the documents which are not present in this submission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chamber welcomes Council's restraint in minimising the rates increase to 3.3 per cent, but would point out that this is still higher than both Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Local Government Cost Index (LGCI).

The Chamber notes that the increase in rates accommodates a rough 80:20 split between capital expenditure and operational expenditure in terms of applications of funding. However, we believe 20 per cent is still too high for operational expenditure spending. We also believe Council needs to reassess its 'business as usual' activity.

We would also note that we are concerned that \$134.6 million worth of capital expenditure funding has been re-phased, meaning this simply pushes depreciation and interest further down the line, as opposed to direct savings as Council has stated. We would also like to see increased transparency for budget creep on Council projects.

The Chamber is supportive of the rates remission for first-home/apartment builders, improving Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture, the one-stop-shop delivery of key Council services, the Low Carbon Capital plan, and the resilience initiatives.

Regarding the Triennium Plan, the Chamber is supportive of Council's goals around resilience, smarter growth, people, sustainability and improving processes and community engagement.

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COUNCIL FINANCES

Rates Increase

The Chamber welcomes Council's restraint, minimising the 2017/18 rates increase to 3.3 per cent, especially in light of the many spending pressures placed on Council finances. We are pleased that the rates increase is well below the forecasted increase of 5.1 per cent in the Long Term Plan.

However, when comparing the increase to inflation adjusted terms, the latest CPI increase to December 2016 was 1.3 per cent – a high point throughout 2016. The average CPI increase over the year was just 0.6 per cent. This is significantly lower than the Council's rates increase.

We would also note that the Council's 3.3 per cent rates increase is still higher than BERL's projected Local Government Cost Index, of an average of 3.06 per cent over ten years (projected at the time of the 10 Year Plan). While our members do not think this index is an appropriate benchmark for rates increases, preferring increases to inflation as a better indexing instrument, we note this is the benchmark the Council has used in previous years. Over the three years since the 10 Year plan was released, Wellington City Council has increased the rates above LGCI every year – from 4.9 per cent in 2015/16, 3.6 per cent in 2016/17, and now a proposed 3.3 per cent in 2017/18.

We are also intrigued about which activities have reprioritised by Council and how this assessment took place. As we have raised before, we believe Council needs to fully assess its 'business as usual' activity. We believe all services provided should be assessed to find efficiencies and make better uses of technologies available. We would recommend that a line by line exercise should be undertaken by officers, to provide council with a clear picture of each business as usual item, to start to look at how savings, efficiencies and productivity could be raised. The Chamber would be happy to be involved in such an exercise.

Rates Allocation

The Chamber notes that the increase in rates accommodates a rough 80:20 split between capital expenditure and operational expenditure in terms of applications of funding (Total increase to 2017/18 from 2016/17 in applications of capital funding = \$34,151,000; total increase to 2017/18 from 2016/17 in applications of operating funding = \$8,378,000). The Chamber welcomes the proportional increased investment in capital expenditure, as opposed to previous years of rates increases primarily contributing to 'business as usual' spending. We would strongly encourage the majority of this spending will contribute to the economic growth of our city, and to the ongoing resilience work required.

We would highlight the fact that operating expenditure increase makes up 19.7 per cent of the proportional increase in projected spending for 2017/18. Additionally, the \$8,378,000 increase in operational expenditure for 2017/18 is a 2.3 per cent increase from 2016/17 – well above CPI. We believe that this increase in operational expenditure spending is still too high, and would urge Council to reconsider this increase and the activities associated with this operating expenditure.

Wellington's business community is not inherently opposed to rates increases, provided these increases are targeted towards capital expenditure, and ensuring the city has the necessary infrastructure in place as soon as possible. Deferring these costs only has the effect of frustrating ratepayers further down the line when increases are needed to maintain and upgrade infrastructure. There is a very real and critical need to get on with some major projects (the convention centre, movie museum, runway extension, roading solutions, vital resilience improvements – the list goes on) and we cannot afford to keep delaying investments in these critical projects.

An issue the Chamber has previously drawn to the Council's attention, and which remains to be an issue, is the insufficient explanation as to how rates are determined, and how the benefits of each program are deemed to fall on the different categories of rate-payers.

In addition to the overall rise in rates, we have strong concerns about the burden of rates falling unfairly on business vis a vis other categories of ratepayers. Wellington business pay 46 per cent of the rates in Wellington City – the highest proportion of residential:business rates in the country. Additionally, our business differential at 1:2.8 is one of the highest in the country, higher than all of the major centres – Auckland's differential is 1:2.63, Hamilton's is 1:1.58, Christchurch's is 1:1.6 and Dunedin's is 1:2.45.

The fact that several activities funded by business rates are more to the benefit of residential ratepayers is a longstanding concern. It is essential that Council does not overcharge businesses if it wants to attract and retain businesses in the city. Businesses provide employment, pay wages, produce goods and services, and determine the depth of the rating base. If rating policies effectively take businesses for granted, the effect is a handbrake on growth, and may lead to businesses needing to relocate, close or downsize.

Council Spending

The Chamber is concerned that many capital projects are being re-phased or deferred to future years. As the Council notes, "*Lower costs, re-phased projects and improved efficiency have allowed the Council to achieve a total savings for 2017/18 of \$11 million without affecting service levels.*" Given that the Council indicates under "2017/18 Financial Overview" that spending re-phased is a total of \$134.6 million, we are concerned that rather than making savings, the Council is simply deferring these costs – this simply shifts the depreciation and interest further down the line, and therefore are not outright savings. From our point of view, the Council doesn't save money, it simply spends less at a moment in time. Our members and Wellington's business community need to see some real savings on spending, which are then reinvested in areas that will promote and create business growth.

Another concern is the transparency around budget creep of projects. A recent example of this is the increase in funding for the Johnsonville Community Hub. According to Council's

webpage on the project, “*A budget allocation of \$16.5 million in capital expenditure was recently confirmed in the 2015-25 LTP.*” Council’s press release of May 11 2017 regarding the project then stated “*The planned redevelopment of the Johnsonville Library is to be expanded into a \$22.5 million Northern Suburbs Community Hub following a Wellington City Council decision today to spend an additional \$3.1 million on the project.*” The Council did not just increase the budget by \$3.1 million, it has increased it by \$6 million since the original budget was confirmed. Furthermore, Council stated that the sale of the old Johnsonville Library building would offset the cost of the new hub, but the capital value of the old building is \$1.5 million. This doesn’t even offset the “\$3.1 million” budget increase. Other projects, such as the Town Hall earthquake strengthening and refurbishment work, have also been subject to increased budget creep. While taking into account that Council’s own delays in decision making lead to increases in costs, we would appreciate if Council would clarify and provide robust justification for budget creep on the Johnsonville Community Hub and other projects where this occurs.

KEY PROJECTS

As with all projects, for any prospective or current project that Council would like to undertake, we would expect to see:

1. An investment strategy with a robust business case, including a convincing cost-benefit analysis and return on investment, and funding in collaboration with commercial partners.
2. A repayment strategy, with a solid commitment to service and pay down the debt quickly.

Regardless of the overall balance sheet or the Council’s credit rating, servicing our debt and paying it down needs to be made a priority. Businesses expect local government to treat rates expenditure as they would an investment. Investments must be made on the basis that a sound business case has been prepared, demonstrating a clear return on investment to the community. Businesses have zero tolerance for ‘wish-list’ spending beyond this. Local government expenditure should be to ensure basic operational costs, key maintenance, and investment for growth.

Rates remission for first-home/apartment builders

The Chamber welcomes this approach as a creative incentive to encourage adding to the housing stock within the city. Making it attractive for people to buy within the city is important, and adding to housing stock will improve the overall liveability of Wellington, where talent is attracted to live, learn, create and earn. We are also pleased there is no anticipated impact on rates overall.

Improving Wellington’s reputation as the Capital of Culture

The Chamber supports the development of new events and initiatives to attract visitors to our city and maintain the reputation we have as the number one place to visit for domestic travellers. We are happy to see this is not just rolling out reiterations of previous events and initiatives. As a city, we need to keep reinventing and innovating. The Chamber looks forward to being involved in these initiatives.

One-stop-shop delivery of key Council services

The Chamber is supportive of the development of a one-stop-shop to deliver Council services.

We would like to see this implemented as soon as possible. We want to see consents processed quickly and efficiently, with Council taking a business-like approach. As we are facing so many challenges relating to rebuilding, resilience-proofing, solving current infrastructural issues and anticipating future growth, increasing efficiency in this area is paramount. Given the current challenges, our city has to develop, and Council needs to make obtaining consents efficient as possible, so our developers, builders and planners can get to work without being held up by the red tape.

Continued implementation of the Living Wage

The Chamber's views on the Council's requirement of contractors to pay the Living Wage are well-documented. The Council is aware that we have a binding agreement in place on this matter.

The recent decision by Greater Wellington Regional Council to ask Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) for a legal opinion over the payment of the living wage to contractors is a sensible one, and we would encourage Wellington City Council to pursue this to settle the debate. We would strongly recommend that LGNZ, on behalf of the sector, would seek a statutory declaration on the matter that would give definitive guidance to all councils across New Zealand.

Low Carbon Capital

The Chamber endorses Wellington's commitment to a Low-Carbon Capital Plan. Wellington is already recognised as a sustainable city and implementing a Low-Carbon Capital Plan would reinforce this reputation.

A successful business environment is dependent on the resilience of its environment and surroundings. To an extent, this requires careful management of environmental resources, but core infrastructural elements must not be forgotten.

The Chamber is supportive of the Council working with car share providers to allocate carparks. We recognise that the Council's view is "*Once demand is proven, the Council will consider expanding the number of available car parks.*" However, we question the viability of running a fleet when only allocating 15 car parks – surely a viable fleet would need to be much larger, as a person's willingness to give up personal car ownership altogether is based on the availability of cars in a fleet.

Car share providers are businesses. If providers require more car parks, and if the Council is concerned about lost revenue, we suggest Council considers adopting a user-pays system. Council could offer these carparks to car share providers free-of-charge for a limited period of time, after which the business using the carparks should pay for these carpark. Even at a discounted rate for those providers contributing to the Low Carbon Capital initiatives, this would recoup some of Council's projected lost income should additional car parks be offered. We believe this would be a sensible solution, and would reconcile any concerns of people who do not see the value in giving carparks to car share providers.

If these carparks are reallocated in retail areas, we want to see Council undertake consultation with the surrounding retailers to understand the impact on their business and mitigate their concerns.

Town Hall earthquake strengthening

Regarding the Town Hall, we are pleased Council has considered alternative options with regard to strengthening the existing town hall, given there are further costs than first anticipated. Attractive public spaces are good for visitors and residents alike and make the city a more attractive place to live, visit and do business.

We are however concerned that this project has been subject to significant budget creep. The original budget for the project was \$43 million, and now “*the estimated cost of the 2016 scheme is \$89.9 million.*” This sort of creep is unacceptable without robust justification. While we understand the importance of heritage buildings and want to preserve our city’s history, our city does not have an endless supply of funds.

Resilience initiatives

The Chamber is supportive of this project. These sensors will help Wellington building owners determine the specific stresses in their buildings in the event of an earthquake, providing quick identification and assessment of any stresses on the building. Given that the discussion around resilience is increasingly focused on how quickly we as a city can get back to business as usual, implementing these sensors ought to play a key role in the business community’s speed of recovery.

We understand that this technology is already in place in the market, and that there are newer and cheaper technologies being developed that should be considered. We would caution the use of rate-payer funding to be selective in this regard, but if the implementation involved funding from other organisations such as Central Government, we believe this would assist in the ability of the city to recover in a major earthquake. We would also have strong reservations if the building owners, who have done the right thing by already investing and adopting this technology, are excluded from this funding and support.

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The Chamber has already commented on some of these initiatives above. Any additional comments are included below.

Goal 1: More resilient

The Chamber is supportive of these initiatives outlined. We need to ensure our infrastructure, economy and communities are resilient enough to recover from any major event. We look forward to working with Council to supporting these initiatives, and specifically, delivering the business continuity workshops.

Additional resilience focuses

The Chamber also believes that Wellington City Council needs to work in partnership with regional stakeholders and Central Government to improve these areas of resilience. The Chamber is willing to support any of these initiatives where we can.

Water Resilience

We applaud the Council for recognising the issues of water resilience within our region. Projects such as the Prince of Wales Reservoir are key to improving our ability as a region to surviving natural events. We would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Wellington Water on the great work they have done in this area. We were concerned about the major water leak discovered following the November 2016 earthquake, and Wellington's business community needs assurances from the Council and other partners, including Greater Wellington Regional Council, that they are doing all they can to ensure the city has a sustainable and resilient water supply. We need to be assured that there is support for further reservoirs and an alternative pipeline into the city, and that funding will be in place to make those projects happen as soon as possible. We cannot have a situation where the continued operation of the capital city is under threat because we only have one water pipeline and insufficient storage in place.

Electricity Resilience

We would also like to draw to the Council's attention to issues around electricity resilience. Wellington Electricity manage the poles, wires and equipment that safely deliver electricity to about 166,000 homes and businesses in the Wellington region. Alongside Wellington Electricity's residential customers, major customers with significant electricity use include:

- NZ Parliament.
- Major infrastructure providers such as Wellington Airport and Centreport.
- Wellington, Kenepuru and Hutt Hospitals.
- Large education institutions such as Victoria University and Massey University.
- Regional and local authorities, including council infrastructure such as water and wastewater treatment and pumping stations, as well as provision of the streetlight network.
- The electrified suburban railway and trolley bus networks.

As we know, the Wellington CBD is the largest business and retail centre for the region and includes the head offices for most government departments. There is only one supply point for electricity into the CBD and its failure, through earthquake or fire, would black out the CBD and the southern and eastern suburbs, including the hospital. There is no back-up and a fix could take many weeks. The solution is to increase supply security (maybe a second entry point). To pay for that, Wellington Electricity would need to raise prices, but it can't do that without Commerce Commission approval, and they won't give it unless consumers agree.

Despite this being somewhat out of the Council's hands, given this issue impacts on city and regional resilience, we would like to see Council highlight this issue further, and look to work with Wellington Electricity, Greater Wellington Regional Council and Central Government to improve electricity resilience for our region.

Roading Resilience

Resilience in our roading system has been touched on above, but this is a key area that needs to be prioritised. We have seen over the past few years that, increasingly, when a storm or earthquake event occurs, other transport options are not viable – this means that our roads

are the key lifelines to our city. While some key projects (Transmission Gully, McKays to Pekapeka) are in progress or have been completed, there needs to be some urgency in implementing other regional solutions to support the resilience of our roads. This includes the Let's Get Welly Moving project – we urgently need a plan and a timeframe as soon as possible.

Communications Resilience

Communications resilience is also key to our region. In a major event, businesses still need to keep running, even if access to their workplace is restricted. During the aftermath of the November 2016 earthquakes, we saw businesses who were unable to access their premises, but were able to continue working remotely. The Council needs to consider how it can support and invest in infrastructure that would support the ability to work remotely in such an event, in order to help businesses to function through an event.

The Port

Following the November 2016 earthquakes, we saw significant damage occur at the port. We commend port management for the way they managed things and for the work they are doing to get the port as functional as possible. However, we need to see a resolution around the future of the port. Restrictions of shipping from the port are impacting the Lower North Island, as the port is a key part of freight and shipping for our Lower North Island exporters. Additionally, the port plays a key role in the resilience of our region, as sea freight will potentially be the main supply route following a significant event. Whether the port's operations are restricted or rebuilt, the future of the port needs to be decided so solutions can be put in place.

Goal 2: Smarter growth

The Chamber welcomes a focus on smarter growth. The growth of the economy is important for the vibrancy of our city and region, but equally, growth is hard to maintain when housing becomes an issue. Therefore, designing our city now in a way that is conducive to future growth is essential.

We would also like to note the Council's intention to '*work with WREDA to...develop a major firms attraction programme.*' This ties into a wider issue we believe needs to be cleared up. The Chamber believes that economic development agencies have an important role in local and economic development to advocate for a better business environment and the removal of barriers to growth and development, rather than providing support and services to business. It is imperative that an EDA distinguishes the difference between economic development and business development.

Goal 3: People-focused

The Chamber is supportive (within reason) of initiatives aiming to improve the liveability of our city. As we know, the recent survey conducted by the Deutsche Bank, measuring cities on factors such as cost of living, pollution, climate and house prices, ranked Wellington as the best city in the world. The vibrancy of our city is being recognised internationally, and this is key to our ability to attract the skills and talent we need, to grow our economy and to build on our international reputation.

Goal 4: More sustainable

We support sustainable initiatives, and we have supported the Low Carbon Capital plan. We are ourselves a CarbonZero accredited organisation. A successful business environment is dependent on the resilience of its surroundings. To an extent, this requires careful management of environmental resources. The Chamber endorses policies which seek to reduce carbon levels in Wellington, provided these policies are well-balanced and considerate of all participants in the community.

Goal 5: Improving how we work

The Chamber's thoughts on the Living Wage are already well-known and well-documented. We would again reiterate that we believe the recent decision by Greater Wellington Regional Council to ask Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) for a legal opinion over the payment of the living wage to contractors is a sensible one, and we would encourage Wellington City Council to pursue this to settle the debate. We would strongly recommend that LGNZ, on behalf of the sector, would seek a statutory declaration on the matter that would give definitive guidance to all councils across New Zealand.

We welcome Council undertaking wider consultation. Projects, such as the Island Bay Cycleway, prove that the community needs to be heard, and the Council has got to increase business consultation, considering the proportion of rates the business community contributes to Wellington City Council.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Chamber welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Annual Plan 2017/18 and the Triennium Plan 2016-19.

We welcome Council's restraint in keeping the rates increase to 3.3 per cent, but would point out that this is still higher than CPI and LGCI.

The Chamber notes that the increase in rates accommodates a rough 80:20 split between capital expenditure and operational expenditure in terms of applications of funding. However, we believe 20 per cent is still too high for operational expenditure spending. We also believe Council needs to reassess its 'business as usual' activity.

We would also note that we are concerned that \$134.6 million worth of capital expenditure funding has been re-phased, meaning this simply pushes the depreciation and interest further down the line, as opposed to savings as Council has stated. We would also like to see increased transparency for budget creep on Council projects.

The Chamber is supportive of the rates remission for first-home/apartment builders, improving Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture, the one-stop-shop delivery of key Council services, the Low Carbon Capital plan, and the resilience initiatives.

Regarding the Triennium Plan, the Chamber is supportive of Council's goals around resilience, smarter growth, people, sustainability and improving processes and community engagement.



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Submission to Wellington City Council on its Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018

Thank you for the opportunity to have input into the development of the Wellington City Council's Annual Plan 2017/2018. We would like the opportunity to present orally on our submission.

About the Public Health Association (PHA)

The PHA is a national association, which provides a forum for information, debate and action on public health issues in New Zealand. Public health focuses on promoting good health and preventing illness in communities and populations. The Wellington Branch has about 90 members who work in the public, private and not for profit sectors and collectively hold a high level of expertise on issues that affect wellbeing. Our association's vision is:

Hauora mo te katoa – oranga mo te Ao
Good health for all – health equity in Aotearoa

The role of local government in public health

Health is created by the conditions in which people are born, live, grow, work and play, and many of the influences on health lie beyond the control of the health sector; several, in fact, reside within the realm of local government.

The critical importance of local government for public health is recognised in the Health Act 1956 (s23), which states that it is “the duty of every local authority to improve, promote and protect public health within its district”. Furthermore the Local Government Act 2002 (s10) states that the purpose of local government is “to meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions”.

We have the following comments for these components of the Annual Plan 2017/2018 that are likely to influence the health and well-being of Wellingtonians:

Updates to the long term plan

1. Efforts to denormalise smoking

We support incentivising smokefree outdoor areas for cafes and restaurants with discounted fees, as a first step towards all outdoor dining areas in Wellington becoming smokefree. The modest cost of this proposal is more than offset by potential benefits: smokefree outdoor dining improves amenity for non-smokers, creates a healthier workplace, reduces litter, makes it easier for people to quit, and reduces the visibility of smoking so that young people are less likely to start.¹ We urge the Council to consider stronger measures in future years e.g. requiring smokefree dining as a condition of all pavement permissions for cafes, bars and restaurants.

In addition to supporting smokefree outdoor dining, we want to see smokefree areas extended to include more outdoor areas, in particular Wellington's Golden Mile, its Waterfront, outdoor recreation facilities and areas, and the Town Belt. The rationale and options for expanding smokefree outdoor areas in Wellington are discussed in a recent University of Otago report.¹

2. Efforts to be Child-Friendly and inclusive

We support the removal of pool fees for guardians of children under 8. This measure will support physical activity and water safety for Wellington's children, and makes WCC pool facilities more affordable for low income families.

We applaud WCC's introduction of a child & youth portfolio, and urge Council to commit to embedding a child-friendly approach throughout Council and its operations. New Zealand is a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and local government has a key role in implementing child rights.

3. Addressing Housing Crisis in the region

We support Council's efforts to address housing affordability, including the proposed rates remission for first home/apartment builders. However we urgently note that a high proportion of existing private rental housing is substandard² leading to respiratory illness, infectious disease, and injuries.^{3,4} We remind Wellington City Council of its involvement in the rental housing Warrant of Fitness (WOF) pre-test in 2015, along with four other councils, the University of Otago, and the Green Building Council.⁵ We recommend the WCC continue to progress this ground breaking initiative and establish the WOF as the guideline for the work of the specialised housing task force, to improve the health outcomes of many Wellingtonians.

We support the Wellington City Council increasing its social housing stock and note the current supply of social housing is insufficient. The security offered by social housing is important to health outcomes; a major New Zealand study that compared social housing tenants to those on the waiting list found that tenants had markedly lower hospitalisation rates.⁶

We support the use of Council resources to carefully investigate effective and culturally appropriate housing options for people who experience ongoing homelessness. We support a 'Housing First' approach, and look forward to the opportunity to inform and review a 'Supported living' Business Case.

4. Celebrating Matariki

We support the investment in a new public event to celebrate Matariki, provided this is developed in partnership with mana whenua and leading indigenous art groups, as proposed.

5. Living Wage

Adequate income is essential for health and wellbeing.⁷ We strongly support the Wellington City Council's commitment to raising existing frontline staff wages and contractors to the official New Zealand living wage of \$20.20 at 1 July 2017. We strongly support Wellington City Council's further commitment to apply the Living Wage to more regular core services as they arise for contracting on a case by case basis.

6. Low Carbon Capital

We want to see more done to promote low-carbon lifestyles for Wellingtonians. We strongly supported Wellington City Council's aspiration to be a low carbon capital when it proposed in its Low-Carbon Capital Plan. This included activities that would contribute meaningful reductions in emissions, as well as health and equity co-benefits, such as the Home Energy Saver and Warm Up Wellington initiatives, and lower public transport fares.⁸

We believe Wellington City Council should work with car share providers not simply to allocate the 15 car parks proposed, but to promote and incentivise car-sharing among Wellingtonians. The objective must be explicitly stated that electric vehicles are to be 'normalised' through the promotion of the EV car-parks.

We urge the Council to continue to invest in urban design and transport infrastructure that promotes safe walking and cycling to school, work, and for recreation. In particular, we support investments in making cycling safer in Wellington.

Public Transport has health and environmental benefits for our city, and is vital for those members of our community who do not drive. It is essential that Wellington City has an affordable, reliable, environmentally-friendly and energy efficient public transport network. We support the work currently being undertaken to future-proof Wellington's public transport network, and urge that the needs of our most vulnerable citizens are to the fore as plans are further developed.

7. "Anti-Social Behaviour on city streets"

Begging

We object to Wellington City Council's definition of street begging as "antisocial behaviour". Rather than taking a victim-blaming approach to those living on our streets, we recommend that Council addresses the underlying causes of homelessness and begging, e.g. via housing and income measures, and services to support victims of family violence, gambling and drug addiction, including alcohol.

Alcohol intoxication

We note there is no mention in this Annual Plan of the need to address hazardous consumption of alcohol, the major cause of Wellington's "antisocial street activity", particularly late at night. Alcohol intoxication is a factor in the majority of arrests made for disorder, violence and sexual offending in

the city,⁹ and is a threat to the safety and vibrancy of our streets. Policies proven effective for reducing alcohol-related harm include limiting the density of liquor outlets and earlier closing times for on-licence and off-licence premises.^{10,11} We strongly urge the Council to implement alcohol-harm reduction measures under the proposed ‘projects to reduce antisocial behaviour on city streets.’

3-year work programme

The Wellington Branch of the PHA congratulates the Council on its objectives to be more resilient, people-focused, and more sustainable over the next 3 years. We agree with the goals identified but recommend two further goals:

- **to be an inclusive city, with fair access to services and facilities for all Wellingtonians.** This may mean investing more in disadvantaged communities in order to achieve good outcomes for all.
- **to be a Treaty-honouring city,** with genuine partnership and power-sharing between the Council and mana whenua.

Many of the goals and focus-areas identified in the proposed programme will provide important health and social co-benefits, particularly if an equity lens is applied during their implementation. We particularly support a focus on:

- Housing and infrastructure
- Connected and prepared communities
- Housing our people
- Designing our city for growth
- Low carbon capital
- Living wage

Conclusion

The Wellington Branch of the Public Health Association is keen to work closely with the Wellington City Council on the infrastructural and regulatory issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of Wellington residents. Overall we are delighted there is such a people-friendly and sustainable focus to the Annual Plan, however we urge you to make the above amendments to it, to ensure best outcomes.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear WCC,

I note that there is nothing in the current plan regarding our mountain bike trail network. I strongly believe (as do others) that the WCC needs to put some serious focus into the ongoing development of our mountain bike trail network. This includes existing initiative such as delivering on the Makara Peak Master Plan as well as opening up new areas and/or connections.

Kind regards



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Submission on the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/18

Introduction

The Newtown Residents' Association has been an Incorporated Society since July 1963. We are residents and business owners from Newtown and the surrounding area, who take a keen interest in the community and local issues. We are concerned with maintaining and improving our area's liveability, connectedness and sustainability and working to make our community a thriving, diverse, great place to live.

Submission

We approve of and support all 5 Goals as outlined in the Build a Better City documents. It is hard to prioritise when all areas are important and significant but as a community organisation we will comment firstly on Goal 3: People-focussed.

Goal 3, Focus area 1: Capital of Culture

The vibrant arts, events and festivals in our city are essential to the essence of Wellington, a city we can all be proud to belong to.

Newtown Festival

We have a particular awareness of and sensitivity to this from hosting the Newtown Festival for so many years, and experiencing at first hand the joy of this celebration and the way it enhances our sense of place and community. In 2016 we were extremely grateful that the Council heard our heartfelt request to support the Festival financially, and voted to add extra funding to the 2016/17 Annual Plan for the 2017 Newtown Festival. Without increased funding it wouldn't have survived. At the time of writing we are unclear whether the Council budget for 2017/18 already includes an allowance for this increased funding to continue, as was agreed by WCC last year. If not, we urgently request that this is addressed again in this Annual Plan. Maintaining the funding to at least the level granted last year is essential to the Festival's continued existence.

We support the proposals to add additional events to the calendar. However of course when we already have a very successful event that provides a 'world of food and music', injecting colour and vibrancy and enhancing Wellington's claim to be a Capital of Culture, we trust that this will be supported to continue. The Council could take more credit than it does for being a major supporter of the biggest free street music festival and market in the region and, we believe, in the country. The Newtown Festival should be listed alongside the other major events and key Wellington-based festivals in the discussion of the Capital of Culture proposal.

Goal 3, Focus area 2: Community planning, facilities and utilisation of spaces

We are fortunate in Newtown as the proposals for place-based community development are already being implemented here. We have benefitted greatly from the establishment of the Kia Ora

Newtown base and the appointment of a Community Liaison Officer for Newtown. We are currently engaged in a participatory co-design process of local planning. We definitely support this being continued and expanded to all other suburbs.

We already know of some unmet needs, and we have made previous submissions about them. In particular there is the on-going request for **public toilets and a drinking fountain to be installed in Carrara Park**. We hope that these can be added to the work programme in the very near future.

We commend the Council for its intention to upgrade the **swimming pool at Newtown School**. We also support **removing the spectator fee at public pools** so that both children and their caregivers can have free access and this can encourage all children to learn to swim.

We value the **Newtown Library** and its diverse range of services. However we think it is unfortunate that it closes at mid day on Saturday. We request that the Newtown Library opening hours be extended so that working people can use the library more easily, and can take their children there in out-of-school time.

We understand that community consultation on the extension of the **Cycleway** through Berhampore, Newtown and Mt Cook is to resume after a considerable hiatus. We look forward to this. We will expect that the principles of inclusive co-design will be followed as an essential part of this project.

Goal 3, Focus area 3: Clean, green, safe and inclusive city

In Newtown, maintaining street cleanliness is a significant area of work for Ray Tiffin, the WCC Newtown Liaison Officer, with an ongoing need for liaison with the WCC Cleansing and Growth Team and in turn with the relevant contractors. Things have improved, and we certainly hope that we will achieve ‘high satisfaction levels’ well before three years have passed, but we are not quite there yet!

On a positive note, daily rubbish collection was instituted in Carrara Park and Mercy Park some years ago and the tidiness of the parks has steadily increased since then. This is an area where there are reports of increased satisfaction.

Perceptions of safety on the streets are challenged by an increased number of street people and beggars. The issues arising from this are well documented across the city, both in the central city and in suburbs like ours. In recent times the Kilbirnie WINZ office has closed and so has the Wellington South Community Mental Health base in Tacey Street, with the clients of these agencies now needing to come to Newtown. It seems appropriate to focus increased community outreach programmes here as well, and we advocate for this to be a priority.

There are already actions underway for developing a community safety plan, promoting “Eyes On” and working with other partners to address the needs of the street people – which would also help the business people and members of the public who find the current situation very difficult. We certainly hope and expect that these efforts will continue and will increase. Services such a ‘wet house’ have our support in light of informed opinion that these services will make a difference to the wellbeing of a number of homeless people in our community. We would also encourage increased emphasis on meaningful activity and occupation.

The remaining Goals for the 3 year work programme.

The rest of our submission pays attention to the other Goals but does not address them all in detail. Instead we have picked out aspects that seem to impact most directly on our area.

Goal 1: More resilient

Goal 1, Focus Area 1: Safer homes, locations and more robust infrastructure

As one of the areas known to have buildings with unreinforced masonry we have a particular interest in this area. We welcome all initiatives to assist building owners with funding and support to make these buildings safe. We also welcome proposals to make Wellington's homes safer and more resilient.

We support the speedy development of the Prince of Wales Reservoir.

Goal 1, Focus Area 3: Connected and prepared communities.

We are already very conscious of the value of pursuing these goals. We value WCC support with this and look forward to this continuing.

In 2014 we had a community-led process to develop a community response plan. This now needs revisiting and renewing and we are motivated to work on doing this.

Goal 2: Smarter Growth

Goal 2, Focus Area 1: Economic and job growth

The proposal in this area that we are most interested in is the One-stop-shop for consenting. We support streamlining processes and making them user-friendly.

Goal 2, Focus Area 2: Housing people

We, like others in Wellington, are acutely aware of the increasing number of people who are unable to find safe, healthy, affordable housing, whether as owners or tenants. We support moves to address this.

We are cautious however about Special Housing Areas when they are established without wide consultation and rely heavily on overriding provisions of the District Plan. We cannot accept that while most home owners have the amenity value of their properties protected by District Plan rules, others can have these protections swept away by SHA processes. We ask WCC to be mindful of protecting existing owners' rights alongside the goal of increasing available housing.

There are a number of social housing complexes in our suburb. We support this and approve of the moves that have been made, and are continuing to be made, to upgrade these homes.

Goal 4: More Sustainable

We strongly support all 3 Focus Areas and the overall goal to make the way of life in our city, our country and our world more sustainable.

We have made a submission on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. We also want to recognise the contribution of our Newtown Festival Zero Waste Team to our awareness of the importance and the challenges of waste minimisation. We believe that their efforts have had an effect beyond what happens on Fair day and have had a much wider educational impact. It is satisfying to see how many illustrations in WCC publications about waste minimisation are photos of the team members at work at the Festival.

Goal 5: Improving how we work

Goal 5, Focus Area 1: Living wage

We are strong supporters of this. We approve of keeping pace as the designated Living Wage increases, and support moves to extend this to staff employed on WCC contracts.

The Residents' Association, through the Newtown Festival Committee devotes resources towards hosting the Living Wage Stage at the Festival. The Festival itself also aspires to pay its key assistants the living wage, and maintaining the increased Festival funding from WCC moves us towards making this goal attainable.

Goal 5, Focus Area 2: Improved Engagement

"Engagement" has been a thread running through many of the Goals, and we approve of this as a major focus for our Council. As noted before, WCC engagement with our community has improved dramatically over the past year, and we applaud all who made this possible, from the Chief Executive onwards. There is still progress to be made, and the inclusion project that we are involved with will, we hope, extend these connections more widely into the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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19 May 2017

Re: Annual Plan feedback

Wellington Wine Country is the relatively new organisation that represents our wine region – particularly the sub-regions of Martinborough, Gladstone and Masterton. We work closely with WREDA and the Wellington Culinary Events Trust.

When creating our new name and brand, we deliberately linked our wine region with Wellington city. We love the interplay between city and country and consider ourselves very much a part of the Wellington city environment. People who live and work in Wellington visit the Wairarapa for their country escape; people who work and live in the Wairarapa visit Wellington city for our city fix. We sit on each other's doorstep – and together, we are Wellington Wine Country. We see Wellington city as being integral to what we do as part of Wellington Wine Country. We love Wellington – and we think the feeling is mutual. More and more, the people of Wellington and the Wairarapa see ourselves as being very much part of the same wider region.

As well as that, wine is integral to the culture of our region. We see wine as being inseparable from food. We believe that wine, food and the broader mix of eating and drinking (coffee, beer, cocktails, too – although, naturally, wine is our top priority!) is like the ‘daily culture fix’ that everyone has come to expect as part of the Wellington cultural fabric. On top of that – it’s crucial to what tourists expect...

Recent figures from New Zealand Winegrowers, Tourism New Zealand and Auckland Airport show that 20% of all visitors to New Zealand have a winery experience and this figure is growing. It is likely that figure would be proportionally higher for visitors to Wellington because there is a wine region so close to hand. Those ‘wine tourists’ (the 20%) spend on average 5 days longer and spend on average \$1000 more per tourist. So, they are worth attracting. We see this all the time in the Wairarapa – people visit and stay in Wellington and ‘pop over the hill’ to visit us.

Additionally, Wellington’s ‘best city in the world’ accolade cites its food and beverage culture as a key reason for receiving this honour – indicating we

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should be celebrating and leveraging that food and beverage culture for the success of all... It would be a shame to see those tourism figures mentioned above go to other regions who are embracing their food and beverage culture more than Wellington appears to be in this plan.

Wellington Wine Country was disappointed that wine didn't feature, alongside the broader hospitality sector, as part of that cultural capital emphasis. We understand that things like earthquake strengthening and the day to day activity of keeping a city running is crucial to Wellington City Council's operations. We also agree that wonderful initiatives such as a Movie Museum are brilliant ideas and add to the vibrant culture of Wellington. But we strongly believe that wine, food, coffee, and all those other good things will be what keeps Wellington city buzzing and growing on a day-to-day basis, as you (and we!) want it to. It's also a huge part of the role in connecting people that the plan refers to.

In summary, we would like to see that food, wine and hospitality more generally, are recognised as being an integral part of Wellington city's culture and therefore feature more prominently in the Annual Plan.

Kindest regards,

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On behalf of Nicola Belsham, Chair and the Board of Wellington Wine Country

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I submit that Councillors should attend to the Council's habits in its answering of requests under the LGOIMA and support the O.I. staff if they suddenly find out that support would be a good idea.

I wish to be heard.

SIGNED

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Annual Plan and 3 Year Work Programme. Our comments are below.

Draft Annual Plan - Community Engagement

We note that there is a plan to increase community engagement (Item G) on p. 13. We hope this will include widening of notification of affected parties for resource consents. For example, it was disappointing that TPG, as an affected party, were not included in the recent 122 Churchill Drive (BUPA) application and that the 131 Silverstream Road development was non-notified (now experiencing serious and continuing problems with silt run-off).

Once the resource consent has been granted, we would like to see more monitoring of urban developments by WCC officers.

Goal 4, Focus Area 1 of the Draft 3 Year Work Programme

Tracks

We note the emphasis on cycle tracks and the focus on upgrading the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park. While recent work on bridges, gabions and tracks in Trellissick Park is appreciated, we would like to remind WCC that walking is also extremely popular – so a need for appropriate budgets for walking track maintenance/upgrades throughout Wellington.

Biodiversity

We are pleased to see that over the next three years “Our Natural Capital will focus on restoring ecologically significant areas, creating buffer zones and raising awareness of issues facing indigenous biodiversity and working with local communities across all our reserves. All initiatives are currently funded through the Our Natural Capital plan.”

In relation to Trelissick Park, please include the following (based on our submission on the 2016 Annual Plan):

Plant pest control - TPG continue to control small outbreaks of pest plants. However, adequate WCC resources for pest weed control are absolutely vital. It is a continuing struggle to counter weed invasions and to ensure all the past work is not wasted with the situation going backwards. Particular targets include:

- wandering willie on steep areas bordering the original forest remnant
- large tracts of wandering willie under regenerating forest
- invasion of climbing asparagus below Oban Street
- patches of Japanese honeysuckle in the park and on railway land
- more cooperation with KiwiRail to better control pest weeds coming into the park from steep slopes of the railway corridor.

Stormwater - Specific requests:

- Mandatory Water Sensitive Urban Design - Sufficient funds/staff being made available to ensure the Water Sensitive Urban Design Guide becomes mandatory so that all developments have neutral effect on stormwater run-off. We have requested this many times in the past. All stormwater from the entire catchment from Khandallah to Karori (about 22 km²) flows into the Kaiwharawhara Stream. During heavy rain this becomes a raging torrent up to 2 m deep, tearing away stream banks, building sediment on the stream bed, affecting riparian planting and aquatic life. This is the upshot of fast run-off from hard surfaces (eg roads, roofs and paved areas) and removal of vegetated areas from housing developments. We do not want this to get even worse.
- Public Education - More public education on the proper use of stormwater versus waste water drains both around each house and in the streets to avoid stream pollution (eg from car washing, cleaning paint brushes and cleaning cement mixers).

Track/Footbridge from Oban Street, Highland Park

A track into Trelissick Park from Oban Street has been requested/pursued by local residents since 1981. Following a recent residents' survey, indicating majority support, discussions are still on-going with WCC on the required process to implement the project, including footbridge design, funding by residents' associations/TPG, project reporting and resource consents.

TPG has requested that in the forthcoming Long-Term Plan the 'Social and Recreational' category includes budget costs for liaison with owners of 112/114 Oban Street, with associated upper end track work, signage, landscaping, fencing, project management and implementation. This provision may also need to be in the 3 Year Work Programme.

Funding Amounts

WCC have discontinued providing budget amounts for each work area and how they are split up, so we have no idea whether funding has been increased or decreased. Our request is that funding allocations be detailed.

Regards,

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Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 – Cycle Aware Wellington submission

We would like to make an oral submission. Please contact Alastair Smith ph 021 036 4443, agsmith37@gmail.com

Key points of our submission

- **Reduce fossil fuel emissions by increasing cycling mode share**
- **Reduce car trips by not subsidising on street parking**
- **Don't over consult on cycling projects**
- **Move rapidly to a cycle friendly city through trial projects**
- **Gather data about the use and impact of cycle facilities**
- **Reduce traffic speeds**
- **New housing developments should provide for active and public transport**

Reduce fossil fuel emissions by increasing cycling mode share

There is a clear and urgent need to reduce fossil fuel emissions to meet our obligations under the Paris agreement. 56% of Wellington's carbon emissions arise from transport¹, and there is a clear need to reduce this. The best way is to reduce the number of short car trips. Bikes provide an excellent alternative for this.

WCC recognises the urgency of addressing climate change, through its Low Carbon Capital plan. However the Draft Plan does not follow through by aiming to increase the mode share of sustainable transport.

Reducing car trips will reduce congestion in the CBD, making travel easier for those of us who need to make trips by car.

Allocating 15 car parks to electric and shared vehicles (Section I/ p.13 of the Draft Plan) is an underwhelming response to the challenge of climate change.

¹ Low Carbon Capital Plan

<http://wellington.govt.nz/~media/services/environment-and-waste/environment/files/low-carbon-capital-plan-2016-2018.pdf>

Reduce car trips by not subsidising on street parking

We need to reexamine the provision of on street parking. While we like to be able to park our cars on the street close to our destination, this has costs. Donald Shoup, a US researcher, “measures the value of a Los Angeles parking space at over \$31,000”². Subsidising this cost encourages the use of cars over other modes, increasing congestion and fossil fuel emissions. Use of road space for parking incurs an opportunity cost when this prevents the development of cycle facilities.

The Council’s Cycling Masterplan recognises that moving traffic has priority on road space. Where we need to build protected cycle lanes in order to increase cycling mode share, this has a priority over provision of on street parking.

Most Wellington residences have off street parking, but households use free on street parking because it effectively extends their property boundaries, saves having to back out of driveways, and lets garages be used for storing possessions other than cars. On street parking encourages households to acquire more cars, which increases the number of trips made by car, and the corresponding fossil fuel emissions. There is no justification for subsidising on street parking.

We should work to remove parking from the uphill side of arterial routes, replacing it by cycle lanes. This will not just make cycling more attractive, but also lessen frustration for people who need to make trips by car but feel held up by slower bikes.

Don’t over consult on cycling projects

CAW is in favour of community engagement in the development of our transport environment, as proposed in section G/p.13 of the Draft Plan. However there are well established guidelines³ for building cycling facilities, and established procedures for consultation on roading projects. Drawn out consultation is expensive, tends to involve only a small group of stakeholders and may harden community attitudes leading to long term conflict.

It’s good to see \$3.2 million allocated to cycling improvements (Draft Plan p.16), but it’s important that this is spent in a timely manner, and is allocated to actual infrastructure, rather than prolonged consultation. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the consultation process will be important.

Move rapidly to a cycle friendly city through trial projects

It will help to gain community confidence if we introduce cycle facilities on a trial basis, with a commitment to change layouts etc if they are demonstrated not to work.

This approach resulted in rapid and effective change in New York City⁴

Gather data about the use and impact of cycle facilities

If we don’t measure what we do, we are flying blind. Introduction of new cycle facilities should

² <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/15/business/economy/15view.html>

³ For example

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/walking-cycling-and-public-transport/cycling/cycling-network-guidance/designing-a-cycle-facility/>

⁴ Sadik-Khan J.(2016) *Streetfight*

include evaluation of their effects.

Reduce traffic speeds

Reduced traffic speeds are a proven way of reducing the number and severity of crashes. Implementation of 30km/hr speed restriction needs to be on the agenda for the coming year, for secondary roads both in the CBD but also in the suburbs and other routes where cyclist have to share a busy road with other traffic (e.g. Adelaide Rd). We have seen increasing use of sharrows to reinforce the appropriate placement of bikes on the road, but these are only be useful in a controlled speed environment. Street layout needs to reinforce appropriate speeds.

New housing developments should provide for active and public transport

For new developments such as Shelly Bay, we should consider how they will be accessed by active and public transport. To create developments that depend on private cars for transport fails to meet our climate change obligations, and will increase congestion.

About Cycle Aware Wellington

Cycle Aware Wellington is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation aimed at improving conditions for existing cyclists and encouraging more people to bike more often. We advocate for cyclists who use their bikes for recreation and transport. Since 1994, we have worked constructively with local and central government, NZTA, businesses, and the community on a wide variety of cycle projects. We represent around 1,500 members and supporters.

Nā mātou noa, nā Cycle Aware Wellington

19 May 2017

Memorandum



TO	Wellington City Council
FROM	Victoria University of Wellington Students Association
DATE	19/05/17
SUBJECT	Submission on the 2017/18 Annual Plan

- 1. Introduction**
- 2. Commendations**
- 3. Key recommendations**
- 4. Housing**
- 5. Rental Warrant of Fitness**
- 5. Fairer Fares**
- 6. Contact**

1. Introduction

Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association (VUWSA) exists to represent and advocate for the interests of Victoria University of Wellington's 22,000 students.

VUWSA currently has more than 15,000 members, representing roughly 70% of Victoria University students. VUWSA is a democratic organisation, run by students for students. We are committed to fair representation and work tirelessly to consult with our members on issues of campus, city, and national importance.

Students play a central role in maintaining and growing Wellington's thriving economy. Victoria University alone directly contributes \$1 billion to the city each year, and this figure is growing. When combined with other universities and PTEs in the region, the student contribution reaches \$2 billion. Students are also an invaluable part of the Wellington community, and contribute strongly to Wellington's vibrant and dynamic culture. They also make up a significant proportion of the part-time workforce.

VUWSA believes that one of the key reasons students choose to study at Victoria is because they want to experience what the city has to offer. Students value Wellington.

However, there are some key issues which make being a student in Wellington a real struggle. Improving on these aspects will enhance liveability, attract more domestic and international students, as well as retain a larger number of talented graduates; transforming Wellington into a genuinely student-friendly city.

2. Commendations

Living Wage

VUWSA would like to acknowledge the Wellington City Council for their continued implementation of the living wage rate to all directly-employed staff of the WCC and to those of Council controlled organisations. This is an excellent step towards becoming an accredited Living Wage Employer.

This decision acknowledges the importance and value that the Council places on its workers, and the benefits for the families and wider communities of those employees.

As a community stream member, and active advocate, of the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa, VUWSA would like to acknowledge this move and congratulate the WCC's leadership; a move which we hope will inspire other large institutions in Wellington City, and across the country, to follow suit.

Fairer Fares

We are grateful for the leadership shown by WCC in supporting discounted fares for tertiary students. The commitment to a financial contribution from the City Council, as well as the continued support will go along way toward ensuring that 50% student fares are included in the Greater Wellington Regional Council's long term plan.

3. Key recommendations

2.1. Commit to allocating further funding towards housing development around the city, and look at other ways to provide more accommodation for students.

- 2.2.** Establish a Rental Standards Working Party as a co-led Council/Community initiative to ensure that a Rental WOF can be implemented in the timeframe committed to by Councillors during the 2016 local body elections.
- 2.3** Publicly throw its weight behind a tertiary student fare for public transport in Wellington, and allocate money in the Annual Plan to make a significant contribution to the funding of this programme.

4. Housing - resilience, affordability, and accessibility

VUWSA notes the WCC's commitment to affordable housing for first home builders, and the resilience initiatives with regards to making them safer during an earthquake. After the November earthquake, many inner-city apartments were rendered inaccessible and many people were displaced and had to seek alternative accommodation; this results in huge pressure being put on the already tight rental market in Wellington.

This was particularly evident during January, February, and even into March of 2017, when university students returning to Wellington after the summer holidays began the annual flat-hunting endeavour. There were countless news stories devoted to sharing students' experiences with trying to secure a flat. Demand exceeded supply, with responses indicating interest in a property exceeding 90 within an hour of listing, or people queuing outside half an hour before a flat viewing began. VUWSA heard firsthand stories from students who witnessed landlords auctioning off flats to the highest bidder during such viewings.

"For about three weeks, I was going to 4-6 flat viewings per day. It was like a full-time job. This was on top of working and finishing off summer school. At a couple of flat viewings, the landlord would hold an 'auction' - if one group could match or go above what the previous group had offered (above the listed weekly rent price of the place), the landlord would offer it to them."

Ted Greensmith, Victoria University of Wellington student

Ted's experience is not unique. It is concerning that students, as a vulnerable group in society, are experiencing such a struggle to find somewhere to live. The impact this has on their mental health and ability to focus on their studies - which is what they are at university to do - is something that has far wider societal impacts.

VUWSA supports Focus Area 1 in the draft three-year work programme, about creating a more resilient city, but recommends the WCC look at investing even more into sound, earthquake-proof, housing infrastructure, with a particular focus on student accommodation. VUWSA considers that it is timely for the WCC and VUW to have a conversation about how more accommodation can be created for non-first-year students.

5. Rental Warrant of Fitness

In addition to the shortage of rental accommodation around Wellington, is the issue of housing quality. VUWSA's Student Advocate hears from students on a regular basis about housing woes, from leaky ceilings, to open electrical wires, to cold and mouldy flats. Living in damp, cold living conditions is hugely detrimental to one's health, and evidence from doctors at the University's Student Health Service shows that a significant number of visits by students and ongoing illnesses are a result of poor living conditions. It should not be a rite of passage as a university student to live in this way.

In the lead up to the 2016 local body elections, VUWSA received a signed pledge from a majority of elected Councillors including the Mayor that read;

"I will take all possible steps to ensure Wellington rental properties are covered by a compulsory Rental Warrant of Fitness within the next Council term (2016-2019)."

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with Deputy Mayor Paul Eagle and Councillor Brian Dawson to discuss an implementation plan for the WOF, and look forward to continuing this working relationship in order to ensure the job gets done in the timeframe outlined above.

Rental Standards Working Party

We would like to recommend that a Rental Standards Working Party (RSWP) be established, tasked with developing a model that is satisfactory for both WCC and the community, and a timeframe that ensures the goal of implementation will be achieved. The working party could be a subgroup of the recently established Housing Task Force, or it could simply be complementary to this project and report to Council.

Establishing this group would ensure that this project does not slip off the radar, and by having a partnership between the community stakeholders who have advocated on this issue, and Council, the community would stay informed about progress as it takes place.

A proposed membership could be;

- *Deputy Mayor Paul Eagle (Chair)*
- *Councillor Brian Dawson (or other Councillors)*
- *Renters United Representative*
- *VUWSA Representative*
- *He Kainga Oranga Representative*

6. Fairer Fares

VUWSA has campaigned for many years for a tertiary discount on public transport, because of the high cost of public transport proving to be a barrier for many students. In addition to the high cost of renting, food, and other necessities, often students are having to make the tough decision of whether to buy food or catch the bus or train to class.

VUWSA worked on a campaign and gathered submissions on the Greater Wellington Regional Council's draft Annual Plan. More than 1700 people in the Wellington region submitted their own story of why Wellington should implement this discount, which is an overwhelming show of support for the discount. The GWRC and WCC should work together to implement this.

As in 2016, VUWSA recommends that the WCC publicly put their support behind this and allocate money in the Annual Plan for the funding of it.

7. Contact

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this submission in more detail in person. Please contact us if further clarification of this submission is needed, or to arrange for VUWSA to make an oral submission.

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Wellington City Council
3-Year Plan

Submission by Sustainability Trust

Sustainability Trust is pleased to be able to comment on Council's draft triennium plan. We have listed our comments by Goal and topic area. We are also happy to provide further comment at any time.

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Submission

Goal 1 – More Resilient Homes

Residential Dwellings are Safer

Sustainability Trust currently delivers the Home Energy Saver Programme (HESP) on behalf of Council. HESP provides a whole-house assessment and recommendations for improving the warmth and energy efficiency of the building.

We have provided summary information to Council officers on the expansion of the programme to assess other reliance attributes of properties during the assessment. However, we caution that any extra time or assessment criteria would have to be carefully managed, as overloading a householder with advice on multiple areas (energy efficiency/quake-safe) may result in information overload and consequent inaction. The Trust is interested in discussing how the HESP methodology could be used as a baseline for perhaps a 2-tier assessment where householders select the focus.

In addition, 2 studies recently undertaken with Massey University on home safety (slips, trips, and falls), documented that with an average of a \$500 investment resulted in a 15:1 ROI. Interventions such as stair treads, grab bars, minor repairs on decks etc, were shown to significantly reduce home accidents



and associated health costs. There is opportunity to incorporate some of these elements in housing safety work.

Goal 2 – Smarter Growth

Housing People

Rental Warrant of Fitness

The Trust fully supports implementation of a rental WoF. We note that the upgrade of the Rental Tenancies Act and potential enacting of the Healthy Homes Guarantee Bill may gazump some of the compliance areas in the proposed WoF (insulation, heating, ventilation).

We note that across the region there is a diversity of policy, funding, and delivery strategies. We are very keen to see a collaborative, single regional approach to healthy housing. We believe that a unified approach would deliver a much better funded intervention programme matched with region-wide policy support (such as the Housing Improvement Regulations 1947 for heating – see below). strongly encourage WCC to engage with us and other councils to develop a regional approach.

Central government (MoH and MBIE) is also investigating provisions in existing regulations (Housing Improvement Regulations 1947) that require heating provision in all properties. The Trust is currently canvassing local councils to develop a joint approach to application of the HIR 1947. The regulations provide local authorities with powers of enforcement, and are a powerful tool for immediate action on cold damp housing.

Cycling Network

We are very supportive on interventions to improve cycle infrastructure in the city. Provision of safe feeder routes into the city from the suburbs is critical for encouraging more residents onto bikes.

We note that there are major barriers which will require large infrastructure solutions such as the narrow walk/cycle way in Mt Victoria tunnel which discourages pedestrian and cycle users alike. We, believe however, that with a



second tunnel unlikely any time soon there are some innovative solutions available to improve the user experience of this particular bottleneck.

We would be keen to see Council use a community-based social marketing approach to identify reasons and solutions to current low-rates of walking/cycling. Identification of potential barriers will identify where investment can be best spent. For example, we believe that the Mt Victoria tunnel provides perhaps the major barrier for active transport in from the eastern suburbs. Introduction of an information campaign to reduce the use of car horns, physical separation of the walkway from the road, and implementation of a light-rail shuttle on the walkway to carry walkers and cyclists are innovative solutions that we would like to see investigated if surveys indicate that the tunnel is indeed a barrier to local residents into the city.

Cost of Public Transport

We support Council working on reducing fares on public transport to encourage widespread use. If fares are reduced below the cost to drive a car into the city, then we are likely to see more uptake.

Laneways

We support Council's work in upgrading the city laneways. The Trust's EcoCentre is located at the end of one such lane – Forresters Lane. We are keen to work with Council on implementing its strategy in this area and are talking to external funders to design and develop an attractive experience for city residents.

Goal 4 - More Sustainable Waste Management

We have submitted on the regional waste minimisation and management plan. We fully support Council's efforts to minimise waste and plan to continue on being a key community partner.

Low Carbon Capital



Solar

We support implementation of PV and storage in residential and commercial premises in the city. While carbon emissions benefits are not the main driver for this technology, the fact is that PV and storage costs will continue to fall until economics will make sense for many residents. Council needs to be supporting this technology from a “smart city” perspective and working with retailers and lines company as we go through this energy transition.

As a major energy user we also encourage Council to continue to engage with energy providers in terms of energy equity for disenfranchised groups – mainly individual households who have very little control over power costs. We are currently working with a number of stakeholders on developing an energy poverty strategy to reduce total energy costs for low-income households – cost and sources of energy are a particularly important component.

EV

We fully support Council supporting EV uptake with prioritising parking spaces for charging and car shares. While we believe Council will not be the leading game changer, it is important for Council to be at the forefront of what is likely to be the major change in transport technology and biggest impact on Wellington’s emissions over the next 10-20 years.

Home Energy Saver

See above section under Housing

Warm Up Wellington

We fully support Council’s continued investment in supporting low-income households to access subsidised insulation under the WarmUp NZ: Healthy Homes programme. We note that government may expand the current programme to include low-income owner-occupiers (only rental properties are included at the moment). Insulation is the building block for a warmer drier home and without this foundation any other work such as heating, ventilation etc has reduced value.

ENDS.



19 May 2017

Submission on the: Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Made to the: Wellington City Council

From: The Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa (Creative New Zealand)

1. Creative New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to consider and make submissions on Wellington City Council's **Draft Annual Plan 2017/18**.
2. While we do not wish to make a personal presentation in support of our submission, we are more than happy to discuss our submission further upon request.
3. The key contact person for matters relating to this submission is:

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Initial Comments

4. Creative New Zealand acknowledges the commitment Wellington City Council has made towards supporting the arts in Wellington, at all levels, for the stated purpose of ensuring Wellington remains the cultural capital of New Zealand.
5. In particular we wish to thank newly elected Mayor Justin Lester for prioritising support for the arts during his campaign and now as mayor. We also wish to reiterate our thanks to former Councillor Ray Ahipene-Mercer who, as leader of the Arts and Culture portfolio, was a driving force for the Council's support of the arts for many years.
6. We also wish to express our gratitude to Mayor Lester for meeting with the Arts Council in April. We appreciate the engagement as we build our relationship with territorial authorities and Local Government New Zealand.

Town Hall

7. Creative New Zealand strongly supports Council's decision to earthquake strengthen the Town Hall. We are also supportive of Council developing this into a full Civic Music Hub campus in partnership with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and the New Zealand School of Music.
8. The commitment of \$89.9 million reflects a significant investment. However, considering the alternatives of not having a venue like the Town Hall, or spending significantly more on a new building that would lack the history, character and world-class acoustics of the existing building, this is clearly the prudent decision.

9. We hope that consideration is given to accessibility of the venue for smaller and community groups. As was acknowledged in the *Mid-Sized Performing Venues Review*, accelerating the renovation and reopening was necessary but so was '[ensuring] it is accessible to a wide range of users.'

Expanding Wellington's Arts and Culture Programme

10. We support Council's proposal to expand the arts and culture programme to include a Matariki event and a 'diverse, city-focussed outdoor event series'. Public events such as these provide access to the arts in a way other events cannot. They bring communities together and are an effective way to ensure all Wellingtonians have access to the arts.
11. We support Council's engagement with iwi mana whenua partners and indigenous arts groups to help 'fill the gap' of winter events with a Matariki celebration that embraces te ao Māori and promotes ngā Toi Māori.

Mayor and Councillors' work programme and Long Term Plan

12. Creative New Zealand looks forward to engaging with you shortly as you begin developing your Long Term Plan 2018-28, and Mayor and Councillors' draft 3-year work programme 2016-19 (*Building a better city*).
13. While it is commendable that WCC identifies *cultural wellbeing* as one of seven activity areas against which it measures its performance, currently the council's Long Term Plan (2015-25) makes no reference to arts and culture within the vision or four community outcomes.
14. We believe the increased emphasis or re-energisation of the 'capital of culture' idea evident in the *Building a better city* programme would be further strengthened by its inclusion within the long-term community outcomes or in the vision for the city. We would encourage Council to consider this as it proceeds with its long-term planning.
15. Having a strong strategy for arts support and development embedded at the highest level in the Long Term Plan is the best way to ensure a resilient and sustainable commitment to the arts.

Creative New Zealand and its interest in this consultation

16. Creative New Zealand receives funding through Vote: Arts, Culture and Heritage as well as the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. In 2015/16, Creative New Zealand invested over **\$42.4 million** into New Zealand's arts sector.
17. In 2015/16, Creative New Zealand invested just under **\$5 million** in the Wellington region. This amount includes the funding of individual arts projects as well as regional and national organisations.
18. Creative New Zealand also granted \$377,000 in 2015/16 to the Wellington region's councils through the Creative Communities Scheme (CCS), in order to support and encourage local communities to create and present art.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to further discuss this submission.

Yours sincerely



David Pannett
Senior Manager, Planning, Performance and Stakeholder Relations

Wellington City Council Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Submission of Vogelmorn Precinct Steering Group

May 2017

Requested actions

- Provide in the Annual Plan 2017/18 for \$20,000 to continue the Vogelmorn Precinct participatory design project so that a proposal for the precinct, with developed drawings and costings, can be completed in time to place a request for funding in the Long-term Plan 2018–28.
- Provide in the Annual Plan 2017/18 for work in conjunction with the community to make the Vogelmorn Bowling Green more inviting and accessible.



Introduction

The Vogelmorn Precinct comprises the cluster of properties along Mornington Road, Brooklyn, on which the following facilities are located:

- Vogelmorn Tennis Club (leased by the Wellington City Council to the club)
- Vogelmorn Hall (owned by the Wellington City Council and managed by the Brooklyn Community Association, and including the area leased to the Friends of Ōwhiro Stream)
- the former bowling green (owned by the Wellington City Council and intended to become a local neighbourhood reserve)
- the buildings of the former Vogelmorn Bowling Club (owned by the Vogelmorn Community Group Charitable Trust).

Ridgway School, at the corner of Mornington Road and The Ridgeway, is outside the immediate ‘Precinct’ but is considered a close neighbour and key stakeholder.

A steering group was formed in 2015 (and re-formed in 2016) consisting of representatives of the above organisations. The purpose of the steering group is to oversee the development of the Vogelmorn Precinct using a participatory process facilitated by a co-operative of local designers, with financial assistance from Wellington City Council.

In 2016, the Council provided funding of \$20,000 for the continuation of the participatory design process. This submission updates the council on this work, and seeks its continuation so that the community's vision for the precinct can be realised.

Alignment with WCC's draft 3-year work programme

The Vogelmorn Precinct is a community-led participatory design project. It will result in the cost-effective alignment of existing facilities to values and needs identified by the community. The process has inherent value in improving the connectedness and engagement of the local community, and builds another piece of the city's network of invigorated communities.

It aligns well with the following goals and focus areas set out in the draft 3-year work programme:



- **1 - More resilient**

Focus Area 3--Connected and prepared communities: people in a community meeting and working together, providing a place for ongoing connection and community-building

- **2 - Smarter growth**

Focus Area 1--Economic and job growth: precinct provides spaces for community-based start-ups (for example, through the community kitchen) and teleworking opportunities, also economic benefits of a venue for events and arts design, rehearsal and performance.

Focus Area 3--Designing our city for growth: infrastructure for growing communities to build cohesiveness and social capital.

- **3 - People-focussed**

Focus Area 1--Capital of Culture: established linkage with Wellington's performing arts community, providing vital space for design, rehearsal and performance.

Focus Area 2--Community planning: the precinct provides a model of participatory planning and design for an engaged community.

Focus Area 3--Clean, green and safe city: sustainability is a strong theme of the precinct planning process. The community strongly favours the continued use of the precinct by Friends of Ōwhiro Stream as a base for their conservation activities.

- **4 - More sustainable**

Focus Area 1--Low Carbon Capital: during the participatory process, the community has emphasised that the precinct should demonstrate responsible energy use and waste minimisation.

- **5 - Improving the way we work**

Focus Area 2--Improved engagement: the participatory planning process has been a highly effective process for creating and maintaining community engagement.



Participatory design at work

This year the Vogelmorn Precinct project has built on previous consultation, taking the concept design and refining it through further community collaboration, including the following:

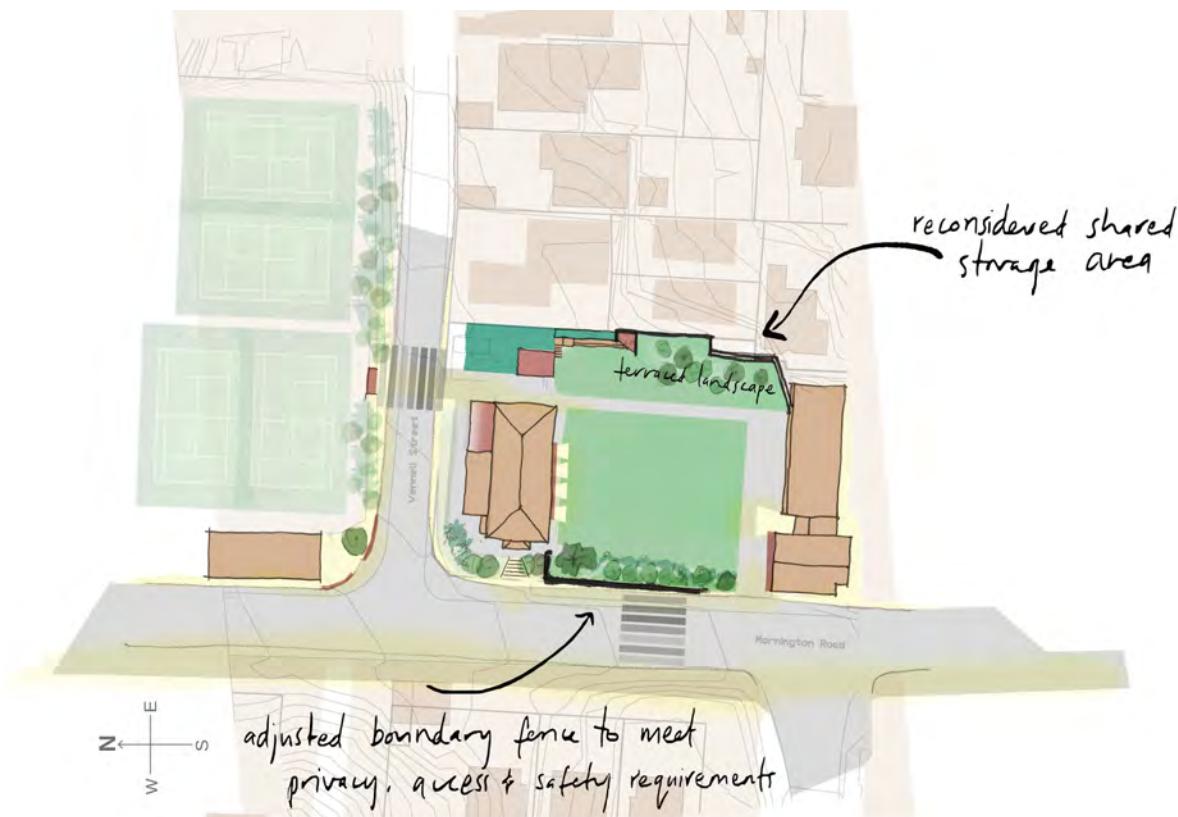
- refinement of the concept design following feedback received in 2016
- community planning day facilitated by Anne Cunningham from Te Pūtahi – Christchurch Centre for Architecture and City-making to develop the design themes
- a session held focusing on local children, held as part of the community planning day, facilitated by Barbarian Productions (a theatre company operating out of Vogelmorn Bowling Club facilities)
- a series of small-group community workshops to focus on specific aspects of the precinct
- stakeholder meetings are currently underway
- another community planning day is being planned in June to further develop the design – Councillors will be invited to attend to see participatory design in action!

The main objective for this ongoing participatory process is to create a design that reflects community views and prioritisation. This design, with costs estimated by a Quantity Surveyor, will be submitted for the Long-term Plan 2018-28.

Update on design direction

The ideas for the Vogelmorn Precinct have progressed fluidly through further community workshops and design critique sessions all held at the Precinct. A clearly developed brief, design themes and specific design ideas have been produced by the community. The following sketch plan gives an overview of the two main changes in design direction that have come out of the collaborative design sessions, for example:

- The community has reflected on the initial desire to take down a large portion of the existing brick wall facing onto Mornington Rd. One of the characteristics of the space that the community has been enjoying is the sense of enclosure and safety that is provided by the wall as it separates the Green from passing traffic and provides wind protection from the North-West. The proposal is now to leave a majority of the existing brick wall in place and create a generous level entry at the Bowling Club end of the wall. This in turn eliminates the need to form steps up from Mornington Rd and minimises the extent of earthworks required to create the Western strip of planting.



Working sketch of Vogelmorn community design development.

Progress at the Precinct

The participatory design process is working out how the Vogelmorn Precinct can best serve the community in the future, but there have already been major steps taken to improve the site in the meantime, and to make it more suitable and inviting for community use. These improvements have been facilitated through a combination of WCC and Brooklyn Community Association management, work and leadership by the Vogelmorn Community Group, and many hours of time and much expertise volunteered by people and businesses in the community and the wider Wellington Region.

Highlights include:

- all three gates to the old bowling green have been permanently unlocked to allow public access at all times
- the fence across the bowling green has been removed so it is now a single open space
- the grass on the bowling green has been re-sown and nurtured
- Vogelmorn Hall has had significant under-floor repairs and a side-door has been made accessible between the Hall and the bowling green
- a commercial kitchen has been built in the former bowling club building for community and small business use
- working bees have tidied and repaired many parts of the precinct
- the Vogelmorn Tennis Club has made a number of improvements at its property, particularly the installation of new flood-lights.



Predator Free Brooklyn working bee at the Precinct to build traps out of the removed fence palings

Next steps

The next steps for the continual development are in accord with both community participation and inclusion, and the architectural aspects of design and planning for a project of this nature.

The landscape aspect of the Precinct has been a large area of focus throughout the project, and comprises a large part of the site. The community has recognised the potential for a really great reserve area in this newly accessible green space. A discussion is currently underway with the aim of forming a collaboration with Wraight + Associates - *Landscape Architecture + Urban Design* who are willing to come on board and support high quality development of the Vogelmorn community project and work in a collaborative way with Co-op Cooperative and the community. We see this potential collaboration as an opportunity for high calibre and experienced landscape input with the objective of producing a developed design and estimated costing for a funding request for capital works inclusion in the WCC Long Term Plan 2018-28.

The \$20,000 of funding for 2016/17 has enabled community engagement and participatory design during 2017. Community engagement and participatory design activities are continuing through this funding, with architectural drawings being developed to a level that a preliminary estimate of costs can be obtained from a quantity surveyor.

This submission includes a request for a further \$20,000 which will allow Wraight + Associates - *Landscape Architecture + Urban Design* to be engaged to use the community's concept design as a brief for developing a landscape proposal which will be:

- a clear and well considered response to the community's brief;
- a distinctive character that complements and acknowledges the site's strong physical and environmental features, as well as the site's cultural and historical features;
- an innovative landscape architectural design that applies industry best practice, particularly focusing on the environment, cultural and economic sustainability; and
- a proposal that is fiscally responsible and pragmatic with regards to the future 'buildability' of site development.

The landscape design will address:

- spatial arrangement
- site access + circulation
- site uses/activities
- broad scale planting and materials strategy.

The further funding will also allow a quantity surveyor to be engaged to prepare a preliminary estimate of costs for the project.

It is intended to continue to further enable better community access to the bowling green during 2017 by removing the existing tall gates and barriers and replacing these with lighter, more see-through gates. This improved visibility of the green from the footpath will clearly show the community that it is a space for them to use and enjoy for a variety of recreational activities and events.

A further community workshop is planned for June 2017, and will act as both a consensus and bridging event inviting all design professionals and WCC councillors to be part of stakeholder gathering.



A video giving a sense of the participatory process this year is at: <https://youtu.be/fdE0eAFVTFw>.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. We would like to present it to councillors in person, if the hearings format allows for this.

Wellington Tennis Incorporated



Submission to the:
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

on the:
WELLINGTON CITY 2017-18 ANNUAL PLAN

Submission from:
WELLINGTON TENNIS (INC.) and TENNIS CENTRAL REGION (INC.)

This submission is representing the 7,000+ members of Tennis Central Region Inc., including the 3,000+ that reside in Wellington City.

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Purpose Statement

This joint submission from Wellington Tennis (Inc.) and Tennis Central Region (Inc.) is to formally request engagement from the Wellington City Council to support the long-term sustainability of the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre.

Introduction

Wellington Tennis is the owner of the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre in Brooklyn Road, Wellington. It represents the interests of 16 affiliated tennis clubs operating in the Wellington City area to ensure the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre remains available for use by tennis participants.

Tennis Central Region is one of six regional tennis organisations recognised by Tennis New Zealand as responsible for the delivery of grass-roots tennis. Created in 2007, Tennis Central Region services the lower part of the North Island, specifically Taranaki, Manawatu, Wanganui, Wairarapa, Kapiti Mana, Hutt Valley and Wellington. Tennis Central Region operates out of the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre, delivering a variety of tennis programmes at the facility.

The Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre

As indicated, the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre is owned by Wellington Tennis Inc., with the land leased from the Wellington City Council. The Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre is a critical asset to tennis in Wellington, providing the only indoor tennis facility in the city. It is used extensively throughout the year, most notably in the winter months. Local players use the facility for casual pay-for-play participation; professional coaches operate from the facility; and Tennis Central Region uses the facility for local, regional and national competition hosting, its regional performance programme and for various tennis events.

The Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre is classified as a tier 2 international facility, which allows national events and junior International Tennis Federation events to be held in Wellington. The Centre currently meets Tennis New Zealand's requirements for hosting tournaments with its mix of six indoor and twelve outdoor tennis courts.

The Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre is more than just the home of tennis in Wellington City. It is a sport facility that is available for use to all residents of Wellington and is the envy of many other tennis communities throughout New Zealand. In addition to its use for tennis, two karate clubs currently operate out of the Centre – Kaizen Karate Academy and Sport Karate. There are talks underway with Capital Football for junior futsal to be played at the Centre in the absence of sufficient suitable indoor space in Wellington to meet existing facility requirements for futsal. In partnership with Sport Wellington, efforts are also on-going to identify other sport clubs and organisations that may benefit from having regular access to the Centre. The Centre is also used for various annual activities, including karate and badminton tournaments and the All Blacks match day tactical session prior to a Wellington test match.

Council Investment in the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre

It is acknowledged that the Wellington City Council has provided investment in the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre in the past. There was a contribution to the development of the second covered court structure at the Centre in 2006 (the Performance Training Centre that is a two court facility) and more recently a grant to assist in the development of an Asset Management Plan for the Centre to identify capacity to accommodate other sports and become a more extensive sports hub.

However, from an equality perspective with other major sports in Wellington, tennis has done itself no favours by being largely self-sufficient over an extended period of time. Whereas Council contributes annually to the provision of grass fields (for sports such as rugby, football and cricket) and indoor facilities (for sports such as netball, basketball and swimming), tennis has required its participants to pay fees in excess of these other sports to enable itself to maintain the Centre in a usable state. (The same is also true for all tennis clubs in Wellington that maintain tennis courts at their cost.) Councillors themselves acknowledged at the 2015 Long-Term Plan hearing specific to this same request that Wellington City Council currently invests minimal funds in the sport of tennis compared to the expense in providing fields and facilities for other sports.

The submission from Sport Wellington to this year's Annual Plan refers to the inequality felt by sports compared to other sectors of the community. The submission specifically states "... while user charges to pools, indoor

courts and sports fields have steadily increased over the past five years entry into many libraries, galleries and museums remains free. All of these community facilities provide significant benefits to the quality of life and wellbeing of residents yet there is a significant barrier placed on sport and active recreation activities." From a tennis perspective it is simply desired to be on an equal-footing with other sports and not further excluded from Council's sport facilities funding strategy.

It remains the position of Wellington Tennis Inc. and Tennis Central Region Inc. that from an equality perspective Council should provide an annual grant to assist in the up-keep of the Centre. It is recognised that Council, in partnership with other local territory authorities in the greater Wellington Region and Sport Wellington, is developing a Regional Facilities Strategy (also being referred to as a Places and Spaces Plan). It is hoped that document will identify the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre as a key sport facility in the region and worthy of Council funding to ensure it remains available and suitable for use.

Long-Term Maintenance

With partial funding assistance from the Wellington City Council it has been possible to have engineering company Opus prepare in the past year a Condition Assessment of the Centre, as well as a costed Maintenance Plan to address the current and future maintenance requirements for the Centre. The Maintenance Plan has identified in excess of \$6 million worth of maintenance works to be carried out over the next 15 years, with half of that expense recommended to occur in the next 2-3 years.

Over \$1 million of the recommended maintenance relates to the North Stand. The works to the North Stand are not an immediate priority as this area has been closed to the public since the November 2016 earthquakes. Further consideration needs to be given to the future of the North Stand within the context of an Asset Management Plan currently being prepared.

The two-indoor court Performance Training Centre is just over ten years old and the Opus report identifies no major works required on this building in the immediate future.

The element of the facility that requires immediate attention is the main building that consists of four indoor tennis courts. The roof has been identified as needing significant maintenance. A full roof replacement has been proposed at an estimated cost of \$1 million, however the option of a partial replacement to address those areas in the worst condition is the preferred approach from the perspective of Wellington Tennis and Tennis Central Region. For a lesser amount of approximately \$500,000 the roof can be made suitable for another 10 years. Tennis Central Region has \$250,000 it is willing to commit to this project and provide to Wellington Tennis.

It is requested that Council enters into formal discussions with Wellington Tennis and Tennis Central Region to identify options that will permit Council investment in the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre. The desire is to implement an option that permits the Council to be a true partner in the Centre. Success would be an outcome that results in an on-going annual financial contribution from Council towards the capital maintenance of the Centre.

In the context of the Maintenance Plan, an annual Council contribution of \$150,000 is specifically requested, which together with an equal contribution from Wellington Tennis Inc., will enable the annual maintenance recommended by Opus over the next 15 years to be completed as scheduled and not deferred further. It may be that the proposed Sportsville Partnership Fund, when that fund is established from the 2018-2019 financial year, is the appropriate Council fund to support the Centre.

Referring again to the Sport Wellington submission to this year's Wellington City Council Annual Plan, it includes the following statement, "Some sports own their facilities and for some this is becoming a burden as a result of increasing maintenance costs and ensuring optimum usage to generate income. Increasingly they must consider the long-term value of ownership and investigate code-sharing (although many older facilities have been purpose-built for a specific sport /activity). Some may end up walking away from their facilities as they no longer have the means to keep them open and/or viable. As most are built on council-owned land this can become a problem for Councils."

To be clear, tennis is not considering walking away from the Centre. However, the vast majority of the above point made by Sport Wellington is certainly applicable to the Centre.

Conclusion

It is appropriate to recognise that the Wellington City Council has supported the Wellington Renouf Tennis Centre in the past. This has not only been through the provision of a suitable site 30 years ago to develop the Centre, but also by way of financial contributions towards further development in 2006. More recently a grant of \$32,500 has enabled reports to be undertaken specific to a condition assessment of the Centre, enabling the development of a costed Maintenance Plan and a Management Plan. This support has been greatly appreciated. Council also provided a grant of \$10,000 in 2014-2015, that was matched by Tennis Central Region to produce the Wellington City Tennis Facilities Review.

It is hoped that the Wellington City Council is willing to continue to support tennis in Wellington, but recognise it is appropriate to increase that support. This support would be in the form of:

- Formal engagement with representatives of Wellington Tennis and Tennis Central Region to identify during the 2017-2018 financial year options for Council partnership in the Centre.
- The establishment of an annual contribution to support the on-going capital maintenance costs from 2018 onwards at a proposed investment of \$150,000 annually.

The opportunity to discuss this submission and the requests made in it with Council representatives would be welcomed. Please make contact at your convenience.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council Me Heke Ki Poneke

Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 & 3 year Work Programme

Berhampore Community Association Submission

1. Introduction (& contact details)

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The Berhampore Community Association is a new residents association incorporated on 22 November to build unity within the Berhampore community and make sure all Berhampore voices are heard.

The objectives of the Berhampore Community Association are to:

- (a) Promote, undertake, advocate and/or facilitate activities and projects that unify, encourage a vital community spirit, and foster better understanding and respect amongst our diverse community.
- (b) Give Berhampore people a voice to the Wellington City Council and other organisations.
- (c) Create and carry out a 1/3/5/10 year plan to enhance Berhampore's built and natural environment, including heritage values.
- (d) Discover and celebrate the rich heritage of Berhampore.
- (e) Store and share local information (with the Community Centre) such as the District Plan, contact details of local groups and other organisations.
- (f) Liaise with other local resident associations and organisations with similar objectives.
- (g) Educate and help with disaster preparedness/civil defence.

The Census population of Berhampore in 2013 was 3,606, living in 1,572 dwellings with an average household size of 2.39.

2. Our BCA Feedback:

i. Changes to Long-Term Plan – our views on WCC's proposed changes and key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10–15 of the "Building a Better City" document).

(A) Affordable Housing

Rates remission for first home/apartment builders

We are concerned that the **first home rates rebate is too broad** to adequately address the acute shortage of affordable housing to rent and buy as homes. **The rebate does not encourage optimal land use for housing – nor building homes that will be affordable to live in for decades ahead.**

Two-thirds of Berhampore residents rent our homes according to 2013 Census, so that rental affordability is important as rents increase. Our suburb is also experiencing steep increases in housing prices, which although adding value for existing home owners, makes it more difficult for first home buyers to find an affordable home.

'Berhampore Peeps' Facebook Page (which has over 750 members mostly from our suburb of at least 1,572 households) has people frequently trying to find affordable homes to rent in Berhampore. As competition for affordable rental housing grows, people who are younger, first time renters, ethnic minorities, not in paid employment, or have children and/or pets, can find it even harder to get a home. Legal rights and protections are more challenging to enforce in a constrained housing market.

With the escalation of house prices, developers can make big profits from building large homes. Currently, a developer is selling yet-to-be-built 4-bedroom Berhampore [homes](#) with buyer enquiries encouraged from \$700,000+ and promising the Council's \$5000 rate rebate. This is a very profitable time for developers to build big houses – but this is not the land use which will meet the needs of most first home buyers, nor people searching for affordable rentals.

The Council needs to target financial incentives and regulations towards creating many more entry-level homes. Most new housing needs to be suitable for increasingly smaller households, but it is also important to encourage some new housing that is affordable for multi-generational households. Smart land use matters to keep our city compact - and housing and transport costs affordable for all Wellington households. The Council urgently needs to strongly incentivise compact affordable housing, so limited land availability is put to best use.

The rates rebate also needs to be targeted to new housing that will be affordable to live in over the coming decades. All new housing needs to be well designed and well insulated for highly efficient energy use, preferably with built-in renewable energy generation. Widespread car share vehicles (cars for cheap hourly hire) can lessen the need for private car ownership, so our scarce land can be used for house people, not cars.

At the 8 December 2016 public meeting, the Association agreed on the following statement on the place of Social Housing in Berhampore:

"The Berhampore Community Association is committed to enhancing the heritage values of Berhampore. If there is one major value which we as the community of Berhampore have inherited it is a vibrantly multicultural community. This suburb has been formed over many years by wave after wave of immigrants and refugees and the result has been a rich diversity of cultures. One key to Berhampore having the character it has is the commitment of various governments (local and national) to providing affordable 'social housing' in this area. Thus the complexes now administered by Housing New Zealand and Wellington City Council are important places of refuge for those with the greatest socio-economic needs."

The Berhampore Community Association sees multi-cultural diversity and hospitality as key values to be respected and enhanced and wants Berhampore to continue to be a place where those with the lowest incomes and greatest needs can still live well and contribute to the common life."

As well as preserving the social character of Berhampore, **residents are concerned about the historic and cultural built character of Berhampore**, as more old character buildings are being demolished in the heart of Berhampore, and others look under threat as they are not well-maintained. We would like to see an agreement reached between Berhampore and the Council about what buildings define the special character of our suburb, and so will be protected in perpetuity.

We would like direct consultation from the outset with Berhampore where development is taking place - so that our community is kept informed & given chances to shape and protect the character of our suburb. Currently homes are being demolished & development is taking place in our backyards with absolutely no notification given to neighbouring residents. We would like a realistic blanketed heritage protection order for Berhampore (akin to Thorndon) to encourage either quality, detailed replica infill housing, or bold, innovative infill housing that fits this quirky, heritage suburb (refer 1990s photo of Berhampore shops <https://www.flickr.com/photos/travelling--light/4906455271/>)

In the heart of our suburb, we have an outstanding example of density done well – the Centennial Apartments at 493 Adelaide Road. These were built well and thoughtfully in 1940 when we faced similar housing challenges – and these attractive apartments centered around a sunny green space, have stood the

test of time, as density done well. See www.homestolove.co.nz/inside-homes/home-features/density-done-well-centennial-flats



Supported living for people who experience ongoing homelessness

Affordable warm safe healthy housing is a basic human right for everyone. Urgent support for people who experience ongoing homelessness is essential. People's needs will vary. Several winters ago, a man lived in a small tent with his two dogs amongst the trees near the Berhampore Community Orchard. He had to leave social housing because of his dogs - which were also important support for him. DCM tried to help but finding rental housing that permitted dogs was hard.

ii. Your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health)

As two-thirds of Berhampore residents rent our homes according to 2013 Census, fees that enable everyone to use community recreational services are important.

iii. 3 year work programme

1. Are these the goals that the Council should focus on in the next 3 years?

(More Resilient; Smarter Growth; People Focused; More Sustainable; Improving the Way We Work) See page 7 of the "Building a Better City" document.

We mostly agree with these goals, as there is a focus on affordable housing and public transport, community resilience, community-led planning, plus reducing social inequality and deprivation.

2. Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

We want to encourage the Council to also *quantify* what success looks like in 3 years.

For example, with **Focus Area 2: Housing People**, quantify that 90% of rental housing meets agreed Warrant of Fitness standards for warmth, health and safety before 2018, and 99.9% before 2019.

The trend away from home buying has reversed, with new housing units that are affordable to buy for owner-occupiers in any fulltime paid employment, and affordable to rent on the Living Wage. The overall number of homeless people is halved this year, and virtually non-existent before 2019. The wait time for people in need on the Council's waiting list for social housing is reduced to days, not weeks, well before 2019. There is adequate emergency housing for people with diverse needs.

3. Do the Focus Areas include activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years? Yes to some

Comments (specify which Focus Area we are commenting on)

Berhampore Community Association especially supports:

Resilient Communities - We partnered with WREMO earlier this year to run 'Disaster Response' workshops which were lively, and attracted a variety of local residents, and led to newwith new community projects.

Social Housing - See our agreed statement (above) on the importance of Social Housing to the special character of Berhampore. We see multi-cultural diversity and hospitality as key values to be respected and enhanced and wants Berhampore to continue to be a place where those with the lowest incomes and greatest needs can still live well and contribute to the common life.

Housing Taskforce – Berhampore Community Association is keen to support and inform this.

Rental Warrant of Fitness – On behalf of the majority of Berhampore residents who rent their homes, we would like to see this WoF given urgency so the Council can start acting on cold, damp and unsafe housing as soon as possible *this* year.

Cost of public transport – The affordability of public transport becomes even more important as budgets are stressed by escalating housing costs, especially rising rents.

Reduce social deprivation/inequality – We support Council's moves for more inclusive community.

Community driven safety planning – We support the Council's community-driven participatory/co-design approach, and progress towards becoming a child and youth-friendly city.

Living Wage – We support the spread of the Living Wage, noting that affordable housing and public transport are important liveability factors which the Council can also strongly influence.

Relationship with iwi – We support Council developing stronger relationships and partnerships.

Engagement and consultation – We support more community-led planning, including targeting the most vulnerable communities.

iii. Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

The Berhampore Community Association welcomes increased engagement with our suburb. In particular, we would like to engage with the Mayoral Taskforce on Housing.

We also would like to know well in advance of any changes or work in our suburb, such as roadworks, or resource consents for property demolition.

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Changes to Long-Term Plan (Annual Plan 2017/18)

ICW's submission focuses on areas of particular importance to our members.

Homelessness and antisocial street activity

<p>Investigate supported living for people who experience ongoing homelessness</p>	<p>ICW supports an initiative that provides a home for those with ongoing homelessness. A 2016 media report outlines the proposal more clearly than in the Annual Plan draft - http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/312534/%27wet-house%27-plan-to-tackle-wellington-homelessness .</p> <p>This report states that it will be better in the central city so it can be closer to support services and will house 30-40 people, rather than the 8 bed facility originally proposed for Island Bay in 2009. This earlier proposal failed due to community resistance and funding problems.</p> <p>We have been told that a central city location has been identified, but has not been disclosed. ICW wants to be involved in the discussions on how the facility will be implemented and operated to ensure that the neighbouring residents, organisations and businesses interests are also taken into account.</p> <p>Housing 30-40 people with high-social needs in one accommodation site will create its own set of challenges. The business case must address whether this approach is better than smaller units in multiple locations in the central city and in suburbs. Economy of scale for the support services should not be the only factor considered. Our members will want assurance that the appropriate supports will be put in place and maintained over time.</p> <p>ICW is keen to assist and support this initiative, but we need to have information, including the location, in a timely manner to provide that input. The bulk of the details of the business case should not be commercially-sensitive. Information must be made available to our membership and the public on what is necessary to make this facility work.</p> <p>WCC refers to 'Housing First'; but is this the same as the 'Housing First' initiative in Auckland which is receiving \$3.75m from Government over two years, along with \$1m from Auckland Council? This link describes the principles behind the initiative. ICW wants clarity on what the WCC approach entails.</p>
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Projects to reduce antisocial behaviour on city streets	<p>ICW supports a review of the approach to managing begging and associated anti-social behaviour, but we do not agree with the lack of funding for 2017/18.</p> <p>ICW does not support WCC's adopted policy of '<i>to explicitly tolerate begging as part of the cityscape</i>'.¹ This has not been effective and has resulted in an increase in antisocial behaviour on city streets; an increase that WCC has acknowledged in the draft Annual Plan.</p> <p>ICW calls for further funding in 2017/18 given that no funding was tagged to the Street Management Policy agreed in April 2016, and the acknowledged increase of antisocial behaviour. This funding should come from reducing by 50% the substantial allocation to the new public event celebrating Matariki and new winter outdoor events. (See our separate response on this proposal). Without funding in the 2017/18 Annual Plan, any initiatives developed will have to come from existing, committed budgets or wait until the 2018/19 annual plan process. This is not acceptable.</p> <p>It is disappointing there are no details of the options being investigated for the public to provide feedback on, despite being advised in February this year that work was underway on these. There is no summary of the effectiveness of the current street management approaches after a year of operating the policy. Only one has had any visibility (Local Hosts and Outreach team engaging with people begging), though there is a view that this has reduced. Others, such as 'Encourage and engage residents, retailers and other businesses to take care of the public space outside their premises' are unworkable in the current environment. The 'acceptable use of footways' (ie, no furniture and that WCC will remove it) has not been well communicated to retailers, businesses or residents.</p> <p>ICW does not support the funding options indicated for the forthcoming projects. Special rates – who will be targeted? Owner and industry contributions – who/why? Grants – for how long? This is a society problem; mostly impacting on the residents and businesses in the inner city. The costs of resolving this problem must be shared across all ratepayers.</p> <p>ICW agrees that the 'begging' issue is complex and that multiple solutions are required. It would help to separately identify the different groups (homeless, rough sleeping by choice, poverty, drug addiction, mental health issues, opportunists, criminal) so policy and operational responses can be clearly developed and targeted to each group.</p> <p>We call for further investigation of the Peoples Project in Hamilton</p>
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¹ Community, Sport and Recreation Committee, 13 April 2016.

	referred to in the April 2016 report, which combined a social approach through its Housing First initiative and a bylaw that set out nuisance behaviour, including begging. Note that the bylaw does not prohibit passive begging.
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Arts and culture

Expand Wellington's arts and culture programmes to include a new public event celebrating Matariki and a diverse, city-focused outdoor event series.	<p>ICW does not support funding the <i>full</i> \$500,000 for a new public event celebrating Matariki and a diverse, city-focused outdoor event series.</p> <p>As previously noted, ICW believes that 50% of this funding should be transferred to fund the projects to address antisocial behaviour. \$250,000 would provide sufficient funds to <u>either</u> support the existing Matariki programme providers² <u>or</u> develop a diverse, city-focused outdoor event series. This expansion programme is part of the Mayor's election campaign, but all election promises do not have to be delivered in year one. ICW supports having them but in an equitable manner.</p> <p>ICW members value the arts and culture programme in the inner city; that is one of the primary drawcards for many residents and supports many businesses. However, the additional programmes are for the housed, the fed, and the 'well'. This annual plan only gives a business plan for a potential solution to those who are begging on our streets. This is inequitable.</p>
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Resilience/earthquake strengthening initiatives

Seismic Building Intelligence System – installation of sensors to track changes in building structures in an earthquake	<p>ICW supports this initiative.</p> <p>Data is critical to making informed decisions in the event of an earthquake and post-earthquake assessments of buildings. At least two of our members have expressed interest in having a sensor in their building as part of the WCC network. We know that some building owners have already installed their own sensors and that WCC is keen to access that data as well.</p> <p>A clear protocol on how the information will be used by WCC is critical before WCC-funded sensors are installed in buildings, or before access is provided to privately-funded sensors.</p> <p>ICW does not support the outlined funding options for this project. The data is from selected buildings that will provide the range that is required to benefit the resilience of the city – not just the building owners. The project costs must be funded by all ratepayers.</p>
Town Hall earthquake	ICW has several questions on this project:

² There was an extensive programme for Matariki 2016 (<http://www.matarikiwellington.org/exhibitions/>)

strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is WCC funding the projected \$89.9 million given that a portion of the funding was from the sale of the ground lease of the Jack Ilott Green, which is no longer occurring? • What is the current status of the MFC Carpark development, given that funding from that will contribute to the Town Hall costs? • How will the proposed development of the MFC Carpark site take into account the 850,000 litre sewer tank underneath the carpark?
Develop a seamless one-stop shop, customer-focussed case management approach.	<p>ICW supports the proposed 'seamless one-stop shop', customer-focussed case management approach. Many of our members are in body corporates who are experiencing first-hand the challenges of negotiating complex regulatory processes. This includes heritage constraints, which is excluded from the list of processes.</p> <p>But where is a similar service for body corporates progressing complex, expensive strengthening projects in multi-owner environments?</p> <p>ICA submitted on the 2016 Draft Annual Plan asking for an advisory service to be established to assist body corporates to progress complex, expensive seismic strengthening of earthquake prone buildings.</p> <p>The request was not included at that time due to the appointment of a new Chief Planning Officer. Since then the request has languished in the bureaucracy of WCC, despite Clr Pannett requesting that it be considered and responded to in a timely manner.</p> <p>All Lambton Ward Councillors and the Mayor supported such a service being implemented in their pre-election statements to ICA. It is disappointing that nothing has progressed.</p>

Removal of fees

<p>Discounted fees for smoke-free outdoor dining on pavement areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100% discount for full smokefree dining 	<p>ICW supports this initiative. It reinforces an important public health message.</p> <p>There should be consistency to other outdoor areas, such as balconies/verandas that have an air space encroachment. Are these owners being encouraged to go smokefree and receive a discount on the air lease fee?</p> <p>What incentives are being applied to owners who have built outdoor areas within their own envelope to go full smokefree?</p> <p>Is this only available to outdoor dining areas and not bars?</p>
Discounted fees for smoke-free outdoor dining on pavement areas	ICW does not support this initiative. It does not send a strong public health message, which is the goal for the discount of fees.

- 50% discount for areas with no smokefree restrictions	This proposal is more aligned with the Mayor's election campaign to remove fees for outdoor dining on public land to increase seating capacity and help create vibrant, social outdoor areas. While ICW support the creation of vibrant, social outdoor areas, this approach provides a subsidy for some businesses over other businesses.
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3 year work programme

ICW broadly supports the goals and actions outlined in the 3-year work programme and the focus areas. The city has to continue to grow and develop, and maintain and enhance the characteristics that bring residents, businesses and organisations to the inner city. But it must also be affordable.

The reservation in the support is that WCC continue to maintain the rates increase below the projected rates increases in the Long Term Plan. We have seen in this Annual Plan election promises taking precedence over real need. ICW acknowledges that savings have been made in the Council and that the projected rates increase for the 2017/18 is below what was envisaged in the Long Term Plan. This has to continue.

Re-phasing of Kumutoto public space and Frank Kitts Part: ICW would like to be involved in the consultation on the proposed developments of this site as open green space is important to our members.

Ideas for engagement

ICW submits that WCC should actively sign up to the Government Open Data Declaration³ and Open Government Partnership⁴ to demonstrate a real commitment to proactively making the data and information that the public need to engage effectively, readily available. These can be implemented in local government as well as central government. WCC already makes geospatial data available, but more could be achieved under such a programme.

Some examples of what could improve engagement are:

- Providing links to key reports and relevant committee papers under the relevant policies on the website. This would make it easier for the public to identify and access the analysis that has been undertaken. Finding reports in committee papers can be very time consuming.
- Publishing the papers presented to committees as separate reports on the website, as well as the full report. The full report with all papers is useful for Councillors, but they take a long time to download for people on dialup or with minimal data plans, when all they want is one report. The individual reports exist already and it is only a small step to make it a PDF and publish it under the relevant committee meeting. It will also make it easier to link the papers under the relevant policy.
- Make a conscious decision on every report that is written or commissioned by WCC as to why it shouldn't be proactively released on the website. This action, along with the above bullet points, would reduce the number of LGOIMA requests.

³ <https://www.ict.govt.nz/guidance-and-resources/open-government/declaration-open-and-transparent-government/>

⁴ <http://www.ssc.govt.nz/nz-ogp-action-plan>

- Make tabular data available in .csv or Excel format. For example, the list of Earthquake Prone Buildings is in PDF so it cannot be readily analysed without first ‘scraping’ it to put into a spreadsheet. If WCC cannot create a .csv file from the source (which would be surprising) it should undertake the scraping so the public can readily access it.
- Make the annual budget for each output/project, the targets and the progress readily available by linking to the policy rather than have them hidden in large, complex reporting documents. While this would be an extra step for WCC it would enhance engagement by those who want this level of detail.
- Having the closing time for submissions at 8am on the Monday morning, rather than 5pm on the previous Friday. Voluntary groups are often researching, gathering data and preparing submission in the evening or on weekends. It would provide enhanced engagement to have the weekend to finalise submissions rather than close consultation on a Friday.

On a particular topic, ICW submits that the allocation of the Downtown Levy should be reviewed in each triennial Long Term Plan process to provide an opportunity for all commercial, industrial and business property owners, who are subject to the rate, to give input into their priorities for the fund. The Downtown Levy (to ‘support tourism promotion and weekend free parking’) is effectively a Business Improvement District targeted rate for inner city property owners, without them having the benefit of having voted on it or having a say on how it is used. While it may not change, providing that opportunity for input is part of Goal 5, Focus Area 2: improved engagement.

This submission has been developed in line with the priority focus areas of the ICW Strategic Plan under Sustainable Development and Local Democracy, which was approved at our recent AGM. We did not consult directly with our membership on this submission. We intend to canvas views on specific topics (such as the homeless housing proposal and projects to address antisocial behaviour, and the Downtown Levy) to inform further engagement with WCC.



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Submission

Changes to Long-term Plan

Please provide feedback here on your views on any of the changes key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10 -15 of the "Building a Better City" document).

Comments:

(B) Affordable Housing - rates remission for first home/apartment builders & supported living for people experiencing ongoing homelessness

OraTaiao strongly urges that WCC focus on affordability of homes to live in - as well as to rent and buy. This means rewarding best practice housing design that maximises energy efficiency, houses people not vehicles, and keeps Wellington compact - supporting Wellington's efforts to rapidly reduce climate-damaging gas emissions.

New infrastructure can either help or block our future resilience, including economic impacts of rising emissions charges on householders and the city. OraTaiao urges rates remissions for first home/apartment builders where these homes are affordable to buy/rent - and are best practice

for sustainability and health. Housing needs to be affordable to buy/rent now plus affordable and healthy to live in - as our future becomes increasingly carbon-constrained.

Climate changes will hurt the most vulnerable of us first and worst - children, elderly, people on low incomes, Māori and Pacific households. Reducing disparities amongst Wellingtonians is important for our climate change adaptation - and ensuring that protecting our climate narrows, rather than increases, disparities. Responding to homelessness matters now and for our future together.

(C) Making Wellington Predator-free

The greatest threat to bio-diversity is our changing climate - and human activity is the main culprit. Rapid reductions to climate-damaging gases, especially long-living carbon dioxide, is the best biodiversity protection for all species.

(F) South Coast resilience

Adaptation measures are akin to an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, and must be accompanied by investment now in rapidly reducing our climate-damaging gases (especially carbon dioxide). This will limit the extent of climate change and help ensure that adaptation measures like this are effective and worthwhile.

Unlike earthquakes, we can and must help build a strong climate-protection fence at the top of the cliff, so that it is possible to adapt. Mitigation (rapid emissions reduction) is the top priority for adaptation. The most up-to-date information on future climate changes and sea level rises is essential in deciding the wisest adaptation spending.

(H) Continued implementation of the living wage

See OraTaiao comments under (B) re importance of reducing disparities now, as climate changes will hit the most vulnerable in Wellington first and worst - yet those on lower incomes on average have a lower climate-damaging footprint.

(I) Low Carbon Capital

'Carbon-free Capital' should be Wellington's goal now with international agreement towards zero net emissions, led by wealthier countries like New Zealand.

Energetically competing in the race to become carbon-free is important for Wellington's economic and social resilience. Rapidly reducing emissions, as our previous comments demonstrate, must be woven into all WCC policies and programmes.

OraTaiao congratulates Wellington on initial steps towards growing car share and EV uptake. We encourage WCC to see car share (cars for hourly hire) as essential public transport - with considerable co-benefits for other WCC focus areas. Car share frees up valuable land space to house people (not private vehicles) and frees up road space for active and public transport, while encouraging fewer privately-owned vehicles.

Even fossil-fuelled car share cars remove more than a dozen privately owned cars from our roads, road-side and private properties. As Wellington's population grows, widespread car share is key to maximising economic and social value from limited land, and keeping our city compact, affordable and accessible.

OraTaiao urges WCC to think more broadly about supporting rapid upscaling of car share to hundreds of highly visible car share cars over the 2017/2018 financial year. Car share expansion overseas has initially involved partnership - either with a local council or public transport company.

WCC can also help grow the second-hand EV market by (i) ensuring that every new fleet vehicle purchased from now on, is electric, and (ii) working with large Wellington organisations to encourage EVs in their fleets, as well as supporting car share. Note that increasing car share and EVs is only a very small part of becoming 'carbon-free' Even just within the transport sector, investing in public transport and active transport are likely to have much bigger impact.

(K) Resilience initiatives

OraTaiao encourages the resilience assessment of 500 Wellington homes to include the houses' emissions footprints and vulnerability to climate changes and sea level rises, as well as earthquake risks.

Changes to Council Fees

Please provide feedback here on your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health).

No comment.

The 3 year work programme

1. The Goals – Are these the goals that the Council should focus on in the next 3 years? (More Resilient; Smarter Growth; People Focused; More Sustainable; Improving the Way We Work) See page 7 of the “Building a Better City” document

Response: Neutral

Comments:

Wellington's top priority must be a fair, fast and healthy transition to becoming a Carbon-free Capital. Reducing socioeconomic disparity is part of that transition. Rapidly reducing climate-damaging gas emissions needs to be integrated across all of WCC's policies and programmes. We especially support the goals of more sustainable and resilient city.

2. The next 3 years – Are these the actions and results you would like to see from the Council's 3-year Work Programme?

Response: Neutral

Comments:

Wellington's top priority must be a fair, fast and healthy transition to becoming a Carbon-free Capital. Reducing socioeconomic disparity is part of that transition. Rapidly reducing climate-damaging gas emissions needs to be integrated across all of WCC's policies and programmes. We especially support the goals of more sustainable and resilient city.

3. The Focus Areas – Do the Focus Areas cover what activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years? Please specify which focus area you are commenting on.

Response: Yes to some**Comments:**

Many of our previous comments re Changes to the Long Term Plan (above) also apply to the Annual Plan and Focus Areas. OraTaiao welcomes many of Wellington City Council's new proposals, including:

- business continuity planning (which could include shared transport plans during our increasing extreme weather events),
- resilient communities,
- adaptation and climate change awareness,
- tech hub expansion,
- social housing,
- rental warrant of fitness,
- cycling network,
- reducing public transport costs,
- lower speed limits - reducing social deprivation/inequality,
- becoming a child and youth-friendly city,
- delivering our natural capital,
- sewage sludge,
- reducing waste to landfill - promoting electric vehicle uptake;
- and most importantly,
- delivering the 2016-18 Low Carbon Capital Plan (better still 'Carbon-free Capital Plan').

We encourage WCC to seriously consider climate resilience as well as earthquake resilience – prioritising rapid reduction of climate-damaging gases across our city to help ensure we can still adapt to climate changes.

Importantly, we encourage WCC to recognise the interconnectedness of council priorities, ensuring that policies and programmes reduce climate-damaging emissions and socioeconomic disparities in our city. For example, the Wellington Airport runway extension if allowed to continue, would be a devastatingly huge source of increased climate-damaging emissions, because of the vast quantities of fossil fuels burned by increased flights.

Similar care must be taken to assess the unintended climate consequences of new roading infrastructure that encourages more private fossil-fuelled vehicle use. Our previous submission on WCC's Low Carbon Plan and 2016/17 Annual Plan can be found on OraTaiao's website here: http://www.orataiao.org.nz/wellington_city_council_s_annual_plan_2016_17_and_carbon_plan_consultation.

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

Comments:

OraTaiao's Co-convenors and Executive welcome opportunities to discuss shaping a resilient healthy and fair future for Wellington, with both the City Council and individual councillors.

OraTaiao: The New Zealand Climate and Health Council (OraTaiao, The Council) is an incorporated society of over 500 health professional members calling for urgent and fair climate action – with real health gains now and for our future.

We know that climate changes fundamentally threaten human health and wellbeing – and that well-designed climate action can mean greater health and fairness in both the short and longer term.

Within its membership, OraTaiao has some of the world's leading climate-health experts, and is consolidating linkages with health bodies and other climate-health organisations in New Zealand and internationally. See more at the OraTaiao website, www.orataiao.org.nz.

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SUBMISSION: "Building a better city – Help us shape the Annual Plan 2017/18

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the document. If hearings are held, I would like to speak in support of my submission, and possibly make additional comments.

PROPOSED CHANGE (B) – Affordable housing
The focus should be on providing affordable housing for people on lower incomes.

I support the provision of okioki / wet houses, for people who need support to overcome continuing homelessness.

PROPOSED CHANGE (C)– Making Wellington predator-free
(notice use of hyphen)
To have maximum ecological benefit, this proposal must target not just possums and rats, but all the following alien pests: mice, mustelids (3 species), magpies, mallards, feral goats, pigs, deer and cats.

This proposal must be accompanied by vigorous efforts to control, and where possible, eliminate, invasive weed species.

PROPOSED CHANGE (D) – Improving Wellington's reputation as the Capital of Culture
I support the idea for a Matariki festival.

I urge WCC to proceed with strengthening and refurbishing the Town Hall. I consider this work should take priority over the proposed extension of the runway, and the proposed film museum and convention centre.

PROPOSED CHANGE – (E) – One-stop-shop delivery of key Council services

I support this proposal, if it does not reduce WCC's oversight of , and control of developers' plans

PROPOSED CHANGE – (F) – South coast resilience

I support these proposals, provided that planting is confined to indigenous sand-binding species, e.g., *Ficinia spiralis* / pīngao, and *Spinifex sericeus* /kōwhangatara / silvery sand grass.

PROPOSED CHANGE – (G) – Improving community engagement

I think that the style of gathering held on 16 May at Te Papa is a good start, together with meetings with the community associations in the wards.

PROPOSED CHANGE – (H) – Continued implementation of the living wage

I welcome this initiative, because it is essential that WCC's employees, and the employees of companies contracted to WCC, get the remuneration that they need to live a satisfying life, without a financial struggle.

PROPOSED CHANGE (I) – Low Carbon Capital

This is not just about car sharing and electric vehicles, it must be about halting roading projects, such as the 'four lanes to the planes' dream of some people. NZ has ratified the COP21 Paris Agreement. Wellington, as the capital city, must act to slash CO2 emissions, by halting road projects desired by the NZ Transport Agency, the motor-vehicle industry, the oil industry, and the Road Transport Forum. Our transport investment must focus on public transport, walking and cycling initiatives, while maintaining our existing roads.

PROPOSED CHANGE – (J) – Wellington Town Hall strengthening / Music Hub

I welcome this proposed change.

PROPOSED CHANGE – K) – Resilience initiatives

I support these changes.

GENERAL Unauthorised tracks on the Outer Green Belt, Town Belt and in our Scenic Reserves and Recreation Reserves.

I recommend that WCC cease funding mountain-biking infrastructure forthwith, and invest instead in closing unauthorised tracks, jumps, shutes, plunges, etc., made by mountain bikers, in an effort to curb the systematic, insidious degradation of the city's precious natural areas by mountain bikers.

GENERAL: Adshel 'shelters' at bus stops

I urge WCC to remove these ineffective and unsightly structures from our streets, and, in conjunction with GWRC, replace them with structures which provide shelter, and don't plaster our streets with advertising hoardings.

Yours sincerely

Chris Horne



Date: 19 May 2017

Submission from Worser Bay Boating Club on the Mayor and Councillors draft 3-year work programme 2016-19 (Triennium Plan)

1. Worser Bay Boating Club submit that Wellington City Councillors should:
 - 1.1. **Approve** funding of the detailed design of the site works associated with the rebuild of the Worser Bay Boating Clubrooms as part of the Sports Hub focus area within the people focussed goal of the 3-year work programme 2016-19
 - 1.2. **Note** that the cost of this work is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000
 - 1.3. **Note** that this estimate will be confirmed once the resource consenting process, that is currently underway, has been completed
 - 1.4. **Note** that Worser Bay Boating Club and Council officers will prepare a report regarding design and costings of the site works so that funding of the site works can be considered during deliberations on the 2018-2028 long-term plan
 - 1.5. **Note** that Council officers intend to develop a memorandum of understanding with Worser Bay Boating Club to describe the respective responsibilities of the club and the Council regarding the developments at Worser Bay, and that this will form part of the report for the 2018-2028 long-term plan.

Background

2. Worser Bay Boating Club is rebuilding its clubrooms. The Club has kept Councillors informed of progress with the project, with the last update being a presentation to Councillors at the 2 March 2017 City Strategy Committee meeting. To date the following project tasks have been completed:
 - 2.1. Detailed designs for the building have been completed
 - 2.2. Land owner approval has been granted for the project
 - 2.3. The project has resource consents for both the land and water based elements of the building project
 - 2.4. An application for building consent has been lodged and the club is currently working through the final stages of this process with Council officers.

3. Wellington City Council has been working closely with the Club as planning for the rebuild has proceeded. To date Council has:
 - 3.1. Funded a wave force and sea level study to provide background information for the design of the building and associated site works
 - 3.2. Funded the preliminary designs for the site works associated with the project including
 - 3.2.1. rock revetment required around the car park
 - 3.2.2. rescue boat breastwork
 - 3.2.3. rigging area taking account for projected sea level rise
 - 3.2.4. launching ramp
 - 3.3. Supported the Club to progress the designs through Council processes
 - 3.4. Supported the Club to plan for the new sport and recreation programmes that will be based out of Worser Bay once the building project is completed.
4. The next steps with the project are:
 - 4.1. Completing the building consent process for the building
 - 4.2. Completing the Regional Council Resource Consenting process for the site works
 - 4.3. Developing detailed designs for the site works and confirming construction costs for the site works
 - 4.4. Competing the building consent process for site work structures
 - 4.5. Development of a memorandum of understanding between the Club and the Council regarding the project and the future implementation of sport and recreation activities in Worser Bay
 - 4.6. Preparation of a report regarding design and costings of the site works so that Council funding of the site works can be considered during deliberations on the 2018-2028 long-term plan.
5. Provided the Club is successful with its ongoing fundraising efforts, then it is intended that construction will begin at the end of summer 2018 and be complete before the beginning of spring 2019.

Submission prepared on behalf of Worser Bay Boating Club

By Dean Stanley

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Renters United!

Submission on the WCC Draft Annual Plan 2017/18

Renters United is an advocacy group working on behalf of tenants in the private rental market. We have 360 members, most of them private renters in the Wellington region. We also have supporters who rent in other parts of the country or who own homes.

More detail about Renters United at www.rentersunited.org.nz

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Overview

Renters United wishes to submit on a very specific aspect of your Annual Plan: the absence of any concrete steps towards a mandatory rental Warrant of Fitness (WoF).

We note that the ongoing Housing Taskforce has a work strand entitled “Quality” considering some of the issues addressed in this submission. We attach our input into the Taskforce’s recent Housing Forum as an appendix.

We also note that in your draft Three Year Work Programme, Focus Area 2 contains the following three-year measure of success: “Rental properties meet quality standards (a rental WOF has been introduced)”.

We applaud this goal. However, we are concerned that your draft Annual Plan 2017/18 contains no steps towards achieving this objective. We submit that Council must make steps towards introducing a WoF this year, both as groundwork for introducing a WoF this council term, and to begin offering renters the improvements they urgently need.

The following submission outlines:

- The urgent need for a rental WoF in Wellington.
- The widespread support for a WoF.
- The ability of Council to introduce a WoF, and councilors pledges of support.
- Renters United’s recommended first steps and the estimated costs.

A rental WoF in Wellington is urgently needed

Roughly half of New Zealand’s population is renting. If this proportion holds true in Wellington, roughly 100,000 Wellingtonians are renters. However, the median age in Wellington is 34 — one of the lowest of New Zealand cities — meaning the proportion of renters may be even higher.

Existing legislation does a poor job of protecting this large and growing group. Because the Residential Tenancies Act does not legislate stringent quality standards, a huge quantity of housing stock is cold, damp and unsafe.

→ Higher minimum standards are needed to protect renters.

The current enforcement regime is also inadequate. The onus is on tenants to report problems — but tenants face numerous barriers to doing so. Some lack confidence or knowledge of their rights. In a fiercely competitive market for rental properties, others fear retaliatory eviction or rent rises. They may also fear blacklisting, particularly as they consign themselves to renting for life and therefore need to preserve their reputation as a ‘good’ tenant. Given these factors it is untenable to expect tenants to enforce standards on behalf of government.

→ Independent and mandatory inspections are essential.

A rental WoF would address both these issues, by providing higher standards enforced with mandatory inspections.

While renters wait, poor quality rental housing damages their health

Low quality rental housing is a major contributor to poor health, particularly for children and other vulnerable groups of renters. According to the New Zealand Medical Association:

Every day, doctors treat children who are sick because they live in cold, damp and/or moldy houses. The Office of the Children's Commissioner reports that the effects of cold, moldy and damp housing on children contribute up to 42,000 hospital admissions and 15 deaths each year.¹

A face to these statistics is the tragic case of Emma-Lita — a toddler who died of pneumonia after her family rented a cold, damp house in South Auckland. The coroner concluded that her cold, damp living conditions “cannot be excluded” as a potential factor contributing to her death.²

In Wellington it is likely that renters are getting sick, even dying, because New Zealand politicians delay action to improve housing quality.

As the Paediatric Society of New Zealand wrote last year:

Time is of the essence... Every year that passes is, for the cohort of infants who live in unhealthy housing, an opportunity missed.³

Cold, damp rentals affect the broader wellbeing of our city

Poor quality housing also affects our city more broadly. Renters are a key part of our economy and when they become needlessly sick, our productivity is damaged. Poor housing may also affect vitality of specific sectors, as noted by the Wellington Youth Council:

... the strong contribution from tertiary education to Wellington's economy is dependent on high quality student experiences, something undermined by poor quality rental housing available for students. We believe that stronger minimum standards in rental housing will support the development of the tertiary education industry in Wellington by improving student health and quality of life.⁴

There is widespread support for a WoF

Numerous groups support the concept of a mandatory rental WoF, including the Office of the Children's Commissioner⁵, the Expert Advisory Group on Solutions to Child Poverty⁶, Child Poverty Action Group⁷, Presbyterian Support⁸ and the New Zealand Medical Association⁹.

For example, in 2016 the Office of the Children's Commissioner said:

We continue to believe that a comprehensive rental WOF is required to address the issue of poor quality rental housing.¹⁰

Other groups have highlighted the urgent need to improve housing quality, such as Plunket:

Improvements in New Zealand's housing stock cannot happen quickly enough for the health of our children.... improved housing standards for these children and their families are an absolute priority here in Wellington.¹¹

The general public is also increasingly impatient for action. Emma-Lita's death led to an outpouring of public concern and demands for higher standards. The Office of the Children's Commissioner wrote last year, "The public find it unacceptable that children are needlessly becoming sick and dying due to poor quality housing."¹² Renters United believes that support for a WoF will continue to grow, as providing a healthy property comes to be viewed as a normal cost of doing business for landlords.

It is time for Wellington City Council to introduce a WoF

We believe that it is within the power of Wellington City Council to introduce a rental WoF. There are a range of options that can and should be pursued using existing powers. There is also the option of using differentiated rates categories to incentivise landlords to improve poor quality housing (which we have already discussed with councillors and Council officials). Council has acknowledged that introducing a WoF is within their power by including it as a goal in their three-year work programme.

Ultimately, Renters United will continue to campaign for a national rental WOF legislated by central Government (as well as other improvements to renters rights such as greater security of tenure). Nevertheless, the current political climate makes it difficult to predict when, or if, central Government will act.

The Council now has the opportunity to show leadership by becoming the first council to introduce a WoF. This would pave the way for other councils and ultimately central Government to follow.

It is worth noting that during last year's election many councillors pledged their support for a WoF. According to VUWSA, 8 of 13 councillors pledged to "take all possible steps to ensure Wellington rental properties are covered by a compulsory Rental WoF within the next Council term".¹³ These councillors now have the opportunity to turn their pledge into action.

Introduce two steps into your Annual Plan

Renters United requests that Council include the following two steps in this year's Annual Plan. These measures would lay groundwork towards a WoF while also helping renters now.

Begin independent rental inspections

- Train existing Council public health officers (PHOs) to inspect against the He Kainga Oranga Warrant of Fitness, as well as the Public Health Act and the upcoming Wellington housing standard.
- Allow renters to request an inspection against the He Kainga Oranga standard. Provide the renters with a written report that they can share with their landlord and/or use to enforce their rights.
- If the number of renters requesting this service exceeds the capacity of existing PHOs, the Council should hire more PHOs.

Estimated costs:

- Initial training of PHOs: **\$5,000**
- Additional PHOs (as needed): we are not privy to the Council's costs here and it would scale depending on the required additional capacity.

Fund a comprehensive advocacy service for renters

- As mentioned above, under current legislation the primary way for rental standards to improve is by individual renters asserting their right to a safe and healthy home.
- The Council should support this by funding a dedicated tenancy advocacy service designed and led by renters. This could include two tenant advocates and an educator to teach tenants about their rights, supported by an administrator.
- One or more of a number of existing non-government organisations could be funded to provide this service.

Estimated costs:

- Initial setup costs (recruitment, establishing governance systems etc): **\$25,000**
- Operational costs: \$200,000 per year, based on the following estimates:
 - 1.5 FTE advocates: **\$75,000**
 - 0.5 FTE administrator: **\$25,000**
 - 0.5 FTE educator: **\$25,000**
 - Office space and resources: **\$75,000**

Summary

Wellington City Council should urgently introduce a WoF to protect the wellbeing of renters. The Residential Tenancies Act is inadequate to keep renters warm, dry and safe. Furthermore, with the onus on renters to enforce their rights, many will not enjoy the protections available to them. Stronger minimum standards are needed, enforced by independent, mandatory inspections. A WoF would address both these problems.

There is already widespread support for a WoF from expert organisations and an increasingly impatient public. This is an opportunity for Wellington to show leadership by acting on the conditions that harm renters' health.

We urge the Council to introduce first steps to a WoF into this year's Annual Plan. These steps would lay groundwork towards a WoF, and begin to help renters now.

1. Begin independent rental inspections against the He Kainga Oranga Warrant of Fitness standard.
2. Fund a comprehensive advocacy service for renters.

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Appendix: Consolidated feedback from Renters United on the Housing Forum “Better Homes – Address Housing Quality Issues” section

Develop a Wellington Housing Quality Standard

Renters United wants to see all Wellington homes covered by a mandatory rental Warrant of Fitness. We believe the *He Kainga Oranga* standard, which has already been tested, is ready to be implemented and provides a thorough minimum standard for rental housing.

We support Council’s goal of developing a more comprehensive standard for Wellington — for instance adding resilience measures — but only where that will enhance and complement the *He Kainga Oranga* standard.

We are concerned that developing a Wellington standard will be slow. We do not want to see this slowing down implementation of a universal, mandatory rental WoF.

We therefore recommend that the Council first adopt the *He Kainga Oranga* standard. This can then be extended to address areas such as resilience in due course.

We hope for, and expect, a mandatory WoF scheme, and believe this is within the power of Council to implement. However, if the Wellington standard is at first voluntary, then we emphasise the importance of renters being able to request inspections. We believe this will mitigate the concern raised in your document, that “Opt-in inspections may lead to skewed results if predominantly good quality properties taking part.” (see our notes under “Strengthen Council Enforcement of Poor Quality Housing”).

We do not feel that a self-assessment tool has much value for renters. An independent assessment is essential for the standard to have teeth. See below for more of our thoughts on this.

Strengthen Council Enforcement of Poor Quality Housing

We wholeheartedly support Council increasing its enforcement of existing standards. We also support the Council working more closely with other government agencies. We believe that this has a great deal of overlap with inspections in support of the WoF (and/or the Housing Quality Standard).

We are also heartened by the reference to requiring higher standards than have traditionally been pursued.

We recommend that Council extend its enforcement service to assessing rental properties against the *He Kainga Oranga* standard. As well as directly inspecting properties believed to be “dangerous or unsanitary”, the Council should provide inspections when renters request them. The output should be a detailed written report provided to renters. This would provide renters with an independent assessment which they can use to address any issues with their landlord.

These additional inspections may require Council to increase staffing, but we are confident that this investment would be in line with the Council's commitment to address the quality of rental housing in Wellington.

Develop an Integrated Incentives Package

This section mentions incentives for tenants but to our reading the suggestions relate to various subsidies for landlords. We are keen to hear more about what incentives the Taskforce envisions for renters.

In our view, the most important incentive Council can provide is one to promote compliance with a mandatory Warrant of Fitness. With regard to differentiated rates, we have already provided significant information to the Taskforce on our suggestions around this. However, but we wanted to restate specifically that **we do not think that landlords who comply with the standard should receive reduced rates. Instead our proposal is that non-compliant rental properties are rated at a significantly higher rate** than those that have been independently inspected against the standard. No rental property should pay less rates than if the same property was owner-occupied.

We consider the WoF standard a minimum standard, and as such something that all landlords should meet without the need for subsidies. That said, the Council may wish to incentivise improvements beyond a minimum standard.

We do understand that the uptake of insulation subsidies by landlords has been low. Furthermore, we have heard about renters using their Community Services card to qualify for subsidies — then being given notice shortly after insulation was installed so the landlord's family could move into the property themselves.

If Council does offer subsidies to landlords, these should carry conditions that they benefit tenants, and are not used by landlords to raise rents or give notice unreasonably.

Education Programme

We welcome education campaigns and are of course open to supporting their design and implementation. By itself an education programme will have very limited effect, but in concert with the implementation of a mandatory WoF and the various other initiatives described here we believe it can play a valuable role.

In devising these campaigns, it is important for us that the Taskforce acknowledges the fundamental imbalance of power in the relationship between landlord and tenant. This is especially true in Wellington's current rental market.

It is also for this reason that we have proposed in our submission on the draft Annual Plan that Council should fund and support a dedicated advocacy service for renters. Here is our description from that submission:

Under current legislation the primary way for rental standards to improve is by individual renters asserting their right to a safe and healthy home.

The Council should support this by funding a dedicated tenancy advocacy service designed and led by renters. This could include two tenant advocates and an educator to teach tenants about their rights, supported by an administrator.

One or more of a number of existing non-government organisations could be funded to provide this service.

Estimated cost: \$200,000 per year.

If such a service was established it would likely be an appropriate agency to deliver the components of the education programme that are aimed at renters.

Advocate for Legislative Change

We agree that many of the issues with our rental housing quality and rental rights more broadly are best addressed at a national level. We campaign for this change already and are interested in working with the Council to support their efforts in this area as well.

Submission to the Wellington City Council 2017/18 Annual Plan and the Draft Wellington Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

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Introduction

1. Enviroschools is a nationwide programme that supports children, young people, their schools, and whānau to plan, design and implement sustainability actions that are important to them and their communities. The programme is thriving in Wellington City and is contributing to Wellington City's triennium goals to be "*more sustainable, more resilient, and people focused*", along with helping to implement the Biodiversity Strategy, Resilience Strategy, Social and Recreation Strategy, and local actions in the Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan among other strategic goals.
2. Independent research¹ shows that the Enviroschools programme results in the following outcomes in local communities:



Citizenship and ecology such as global connection, connection with nature, interdependence, community responsibility.



Educational such as curriculum, engagement, motivation, whole person development.



Social such as healthy eating and physical activity, community, caring, ethics.



Cultural such as connection with tangata whenua, integrating Māori perspectives, pronunciation.



Economic such as financial savings, financial literacy, shifting patterns of spending.

3. This submission acknowledges Wellington City Council (WCC) for its support for the Enviroschools Programme in Wellington City for most years since 2006. It acknowledges the

¹ Kinnect Group, 2014. Nationwide Enviroschools Census

Grants Subcommittee decision to grant \$26,000 per year for three years to deliver the Enviroschools programme, and funding of \$20,000 for 2017/18 through the Waste Levy.

4. The key requests in this submission are for WCC to:
 - a. Note the contribution that the Enviroschools programme makes, and has the potential to make, to achieving Wellington City's strategic social, environmental, cultural and economic goals.
 - b. Note the progress achieved with the Enviroschools programme so far during 2016/17
 - c. Note that Enviroschools thanks WCC for full funding of the Enviroschools programme for 2017/18.
 - d. Provide additional funding through the Long Term Plan to ensure full funding for the delivery of the Enviroschools programme for 2018/19 and 2019/20.
 - e. Further strengthen the partnership between Enviroschools and the council through a long term partnership agreement of at least six years.
 - f. Work with the joint councils of the Wellington region to adopt a more ambitious overall target for reduction in waste to landfill that takes a step change in waste management that will enhance Wellington's reputation and show leadership nationally.
 - g. Note that the Enviroschools programme in the Wellington City can play an important role in meeting the goals in the Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan
 - h. Amend goal E1 on page 102 of the Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan Wellington City Action Plan to indicate stronger support for Enviroschools.

Progress during 2016/17

5. With funding of \$45,755 from WCC, the following key highlights have been achieved so far during 2016/17:

- a. Demand to join our programme is strong and growing. Six early childhood centres (ECE) have become Enviroschools, bringing the total number of Enviroschools in Wellington City to 31.
- b. Clyde Quay School and Churton Park School have both reflected at Bronze.



- c. Enviroschools regularly connects with people from a wide range of organisations. We have collaborated with Zealandia, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke, Wellington Zoo, Sustainability Trust, Berhampore and Island Bay Community Orchards, and we are leading the connection of education for sustainability providers through the Wellington Regional Environmental Education Forum (WREEF).
- d. A successful and varied professional development and networking schedule is being delivered with positive feedback, for example *"Thank you for the warm welcome, in spirit and food. The focus was relevant, interesting and presented in different ways."*
- e. Wellington City Enviroschools have been involved in many exciting sustainability projects. For example Clifton Terrace Model School students noticed that the street and walkways around the school often had issues with rubbish, and after reading an article in the Dominion Post about misuse of our council bag system, the lead team decided to produce a pamphlet explaining ways others can best manage their waste. They then delivered packs consisting of the information pamphlet, a recycling bag, and a lollipop, to the households in the street and to the school community. Johnsonville School has set up a nature trail and skink garden on their grounds. Last year Enviroschools organised a native plant audit at their school carried out by students. Teachers and students from neighbouring schools came along too to help out and become inspired by the work Johnsonville had done.

We request the following:

- 6. WCC notes the positive progress made in the delivery of the Enviroschools programme in Wellington City so far during 2016/17.

Enviroschools funding for 2017/18

- 7. We thank the WCC for awarding funding to our programme of \$26,000 through the Grants Subcommittee, and \$20,000 through the Waste Levy. This provides us with full funding to deliver another successful year of our programme. We look forward to working with WCC to deliver the Enviroschools programme in Wellington City in 2017/18.

We request the following:

- 8. Note that Enviroschools thanks WCC for funding the Enviroschools programme in full for 2017/18.

Enviroschools strategy and funding beyond 2017/18

- 9. We want to continue to build and develop our healthy, vibrant network in the city and region, and continue collaborating with other providers to maximise community outcomes. We wish to continue helping to build the skills and knowledge of future generations to tackle the sustainability challenges they may face. We have support from all local authorities in the

Wellington Region, and see ourselves as a lead provider of sustainability education to the region.

10. We expect continued demand from schools and early childhood centres in Wellington City to join our programme including secondary schools. Our goal is to take on new schools and centres at a steady but sustainable rate, while continuing to deepen and strengthen sustainability practice within schools and centres in Wellington City and the rest of the Wellington region.

11. The Enviroschools programme contributes in the following ways to Wellington City's long term goals and strategies:

Wellington City Council strategic documents	Demonstration of alignment by Enviroschools
Triennium Plan 2016-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strong alignment with Goal 1: More resilient, particularly focus area 2: Connected and Prepared Communities, particularly in relation to communities knowing each other, and adaption to climate change. ● Alignment with Goal 2: Smarter Growth, particularly around connection of schools and children with cycleway proposals. ● Strong alignment with Goal 3 people focused, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strong promotion and support for Matariki within schools ○ Arts and creative focus within schools, including we have supported arts events in schools ○ Focus area 3: Clean, green, safe and inclusive city, particularly around the child friendly city goal, and inclusivity ● Strong alignment with Goal 4: More sustainable, in all areas, including predator free with schools trapping, biodiversity with many projects happening in collaboration with communities, waste minimisation which is a focus of our programme.
<p>Wellington Resilience Strategy. Draft 25 January.</p> <p>Key priorities of relevance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● people are connected, empowered and feel part of a community ● decision making is integrated and well informed ● our homes, natural 	<p>The Enviroschools programme aligns with, and can support, the implementation of the strategy, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student empowerment and sustainable communities are two of our 5 guiding principles and central to our programme. - Programme 1.2: develop sustainable food networks. Enviroschools often have food gardens and orchards and strong links with community gardens. - the programme helps communities build resilience - adoption of EV's can be promoted through schools - resilience into transport projects through promoting

<p>and built environment are healthy and robust</p>	<p>active travel to and from school. - Enviroschools can support low decile schools.</p>
<p>WCC Long-term Plan 2015-25, and Wellington's Smart City 2040.</p> <p>Key priorities of relevance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● people-centred city ● eco-city 	<p>Page 28 of WCC's Long Term Plan, under "<i>Our contribution to climate change</i>" states "<i>We will also - Extend our support for Enviroschools</i>". This indicates that the support for the Enviroschools programme that we've been receiving over the last two years should be continued under this Long Term Plan.</p> <p>The Enviroschools programme aligns with, and supports the Long Term Plan outcomes particularly including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The progressive approach to the programme shows leadership by WCC and supports leading eco-city goals. - Support for climate change outcomes through education and action projects (see page 28) - help implement Biodiversity Strategy goals through tracking and trapping actions in schools and native tree planting - help managing harm from stormwater through education and drain art actions - support for and promotion of the children's garden - alignment with goals for a child friendly city, particularly around children influencing decisions, and support for the goal of strong families, connected communities.
<p>WCC Social and Recreation Strategy, and the Social and Recreation Fund criteria</p> <p>Projects showing evidence based need and have positive social impact on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● community and neighbourhood resilience ● Wellington working towards being a UNICEF child and youth friendly city 	<p>Enviroschools strongly supports social and community outcomes. One of the guiding principles of the programme is "sustainable communities". Other guiding principles are "respect for the diversity of people and cultures" and "Māori perspectives".</p> <p>Enviroschools are strong hubs for resilience in their communities. The programme endeavours to extend links of schools into their communities and neighbourhoods through projects and actions. The programme also helps to develop students skills, values and behaviours to deal with future sustainability challenges.</p> <p>Enviroschools also supports the goal of Wellington being a UNICEF child and youth friendly city.</p>
<p>Our Natural Capital: Wellington's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● protect the ecologically significant areas on both private and public land 	<p>The Enviroschools programme includes a theme of 'living landscapes' which encourages education in, about and for the natural environment, including biodiversity. Many Enviroschools undertake biodiversity initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pest tracking and trapping - native tree planting - lizard gardens

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● restore these areas, create safe buffer zones around them and connect them together. ● reduce pest numbers throughout Wellington City to a point where our native species can survive and expand. ● raising awareness of the issues facing indigenous biodiversity and connecting people to their natural environment. We will enable our community to continue restoration work across all of our reserves and we will support them in these efforts. 	<p>- planting and weeding on reserve land</p> <p>Learning for sustainability, one of Enviroschools guiding principles, emphasises education in the environment to build that sense of connection to nature and the environment around us.</p> <p>Enviroschools also works with Enviroschools to share stories of the environment, including Māori stories and history to build connections.</p>
<p>Draft Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan</p>	<p>The Enviroschools programme assists in providing education on waste in schools and ECE, with the outcome of reducing waste to landfill in schools/ECE, and educating future generations about waste minimisation. (see submission below for more detail)</p>

12. We note that the Triennium Plan states on page 16 under Education and Information “*We work with schools, community groups and the business sector, providing support services including the Enviroschools programme to organisations wishing to explore opportunities for waste reduction.*” We support this statement.
13. We have considerable concerns that despite our strong alignment with WCC’s priorities, we only have full funding confirmed for 2017/18. Currently for 2018/19 and 2019/20 we only have partial funding of \$26,000 when we need between \$47,000 - \$50,000 each year. Funding of only \$26,000 would mean the following:
- Significant loss of momentum for the programme.
 - Reduced support for all current registered Enviroschools (from 16 hours per ES to approximately 10 hours per ES if all remain the programme)*
 - No new Enviroschools over 2 year period
 - Minimal contact of facilitators with WCC staff and other providers
 - Events and workshops limited in number and restricted to registered Enviroschools

- No northern and southern student hub events.
- Reduced reflection support (so schools are less likely to progress through the bronze, silver and green gold stages).
- Unlikely to be able to support the new contingent of early childhood centres who have just joined the programme
- Likely need to reduce the number of Enviroschools and/or some Enviroschools choosing to drop out of the programme
- Loss of at least 1 Wellington City facilitator.

14. We request that Wellington City Council seeks ways of providing full funding for the Enviroschools programme in 2018/19 and 2019/20 in accordance with our 3 year Business Plan, to avoid the loss of momentum, and ensure positive outcomes of our programme. This would mean WCC contributing an additional \$21,000 - \$24,000 for these two years over and above funding currently confirmed.

15. We would also like to point out that short term funding increases our administrative costs, reduces the ability for us to take a strategic approach, results in uncertainty of support to our Enviroschools, and job insecurity for facilitators. We would really like to work with WCC towards developing a long term partnership of 6 years or more, supported by a strong partnership agreement, annual agreed goals, and a financial and business plan that allows for growth and development over this time.

16. Our team works closely with many staff in Wellington City, who provide invaluable advice and support. Our team is committed to continuing to work alongside staff and councillors at Wellington City Council to ensure that our programme closely aligns with Wellington City's vision and aims.

We request the following:

17. WCC provides full funding for the delivery of the Enviroschools programme in 2018/19 and 2019/20 to a total of \$47,500 - \$50,000 per year.
18. Wellington City Council works with Enviroschools to develop a long term partnership agreement to continue the delivery of the Enviroschools programme in Wellington City for at least 6 years.

Draft Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

This section sets out Enviroschools Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui's submission on the Draft Wellington Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Set more aspirational targets

19. We support the aim of the draft plan to reduce waste to landfill to 400kg per person per year by 2026, and realise this goal will require considerable effort and multiple actions to achieve. However we do not consider this target shows sufficient leadership on waste reduction.

20. We urge the joint councils to adopt a braver, more ambitious target that aims for a step change in the way waste is generated and disposed of, and is more aligned with the goal of the plan to be “*waste free, together*”. This more ambitious target should set Wellington up to become a leader around zero waste in comparison to other parts of New Zealand.

21. We also consider the wording of parts of the plan is cautious and takes a conservative approach. This includes the following:
 - a. Section 3.1 of the draft plan paints a picture of a range of challenges that the region faces around waste management. We acknowledge these challenges. However, there are also opportunities that could be highlighted too, and more positive, inspirational language used in the plan to support the changes required.
 - b. We challenge the statement made under section 3.6.4 that “*Total waste and recovered material quantities in the Wellington region are estimated to grow slowly over the next 10 years in line with population and economic growth.*” We realise that this is based on a scenario of “*no significant change in systems or drivers*”. However we think this plan should set out a number of possible scenarios into the future instead of using only a business as usual scenario of demand. This could include modelling strong approaches taken in other countries around zero waste.

22. Section 3.6.1 outlines how we are doing as a region compared to the rest of New Zealand. This paints a poor picture of the Wellington region’s performance, particularly around household waste per capita and recycling rates at a regional level (realising there are differences across the region, particularly in the Wairarapa). We support the goals of the plan to address this performance, as we think it is critical for the Wellington region to be demonstrating strong leadership around household waste, recycling, and organic waste. We urge the joint councils to take strong measures to reduce household waste, particularly to significantly reduce the waste to landfill that could easily be diverted.

We request the following:

23. Set a more ambitious overall target for reduction in waste to landfill that takes a step change in waste management that will enhance Wellington’s reputation and show leadership nationally.

24. Include a number of scenarios for future waste projections based on changes in systems and drivers.
25. Use more positive, inspirational language in the plan.
26. Take strong measures to reduce household waste with the aim of being seen as a leader in this area nationally within the next 10 years.

Contribution of Enviroschools to regional waste minimisation actions

27. One of the regional actions of the plan (under R.E.1, and 9.4 Regional Engagement) is “*working together to deliver more consistent and effective forms of regional communications and education around waste services and minimisation, so households and communities are inspired and supported to play their part*”. We support this action.



and supported to play their part”. We support this action.

28. The Enviroschools programme provides a critical role in supporting waste education currently to 107 schools and early childhood education centres in the region. The 2014 census showed that 100% of Enviroschools were taking actions around waste. Schools reach out into their communities through their whānau, students, teachers and others they connect with. They can have considerable influence over the behaviour of communities. Enviroschools provides support on zero waste to Enviroschools as it is one of our



five key theme areas. This is through professional development, networking, sharing stories, resources, and other support.

29. In addition, a key feature is that the Enviroschools programme is region-wide and supported by all councils in the Wellington region. Enviroschools is also a leader of the Wellington Regional Environmental Education Forum (WREEF). That makes the programme a key connector, able to operate in different local authority areas, with relationships with many staff in waste teams in councils, along with waste management providers .
30. One of the actions in the plan (R.LM.3 and R.LM.4 under 9.7) is “*Collaborating with other local government organisations, NGOs, and other key stakeholders on undertaking research, lobbying and actions on various waste management issues such as (but not limited to) product stewardship, electronic waste, tyres, and plastic bags.*”
31. Enviroschools could contribute to this action. Enviroschools is a nationwide programme which has partnerships with most local authorities and other key national agencies including Ministry for the Environment². Waste is a key theme area of our programme. Enviroschools often take action around plastic, including plastic bags. For example, in Dunedin, the Envirogroup from Carisbrook School are petitioning parliament to change the law to ban single-use plastic shopping bags in NZ. Enviroschools in the Wellington region have supported this. Enviroschools in the Wellington region are also taking many waste related actions, seeking to demonstrate citizenship for the future.

We request the following:

32. Recognise the importance of the Enviroschools programme for contributing to regional actions around waste education and engagement. In particular, actions R.E.1, R.LM.3 and R.LM.4.

Contribution of Enviroschools to local Wellington City waste minimisation actions

33. We partially support clause E1 on page 102 in terms of action Wellington City Council will take to implement the engagement on waste in Wellington. “*E1: Provide support services to schools wishing to explore the effects of waste and waste reduction opportunities. For example (but not limited to) through school and early learning centre visits, landfill tours, and other resources. Activity may also include support for Enviroschools programme*”.

² The Toimata Foundation, the national charitable trust that oversees the Enviroschools programme nationally has six years funding from the Ministry for the Environment.

34. We support the reference to the Enviroschools programme. However we do not support the wording “*may also include*”. We think this wording should be amended to demonstrate stronger, more definite support for Enviroschools, similar to the action plans of other local authorities.
35. There are a number of other Wellington City actions that Enviroschools can support and connect with through promotion within our network, and working with schools. These include E2 to E8. We look forward to working with the waste team at Wellington City Council to ensure our work and the work of schools and centres maximises the ability to achieve these goals.

We request the following:

36. Note that the Enviroschools programme in Wellington City can play an important role in meeting the goals in the Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan
37. Amend goal E1 on Page 102 to state: “*Provide support services to schools wishing to explore the effects of waste and waste reduction opportunities. For example (but not limited to) through school and early learning centre visits, landfill tours, and other resources. Activity also includes support for Enviroschools programme.*”

Conclusion

38. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Draft 2017/18 Annual Plan for Wellington City and the Draft Wellington Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.



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Kia ora,

I would like the council to acknowledge the importance and significance of food, beer and coffee to the culture of this city. This is what it means to be a Wellingtonian and what makes Wellington such an amazing place to live. It is part of our culture, a flat white is a daily occurrence, you can find craft beer on any menu whether it Ortega Fish Shack or Capital Food Market and we're a food obsessed city. Where else would people stand out in the rain in the middle of winter to line up for oysters and beer for 30minutes? This is what makes Wellington so special. It is also the collaborative community around food and beer – we have beer with local peanut butter in it, peanut butter with local chocolate in it and chocolate with NZ hops and malt in it. We're a symbiotic food community. For this reason I would like food and beverage to be considered part of the "Capital of Culture".

I would like to see the council nurture events in Wellington that not only bring people to the city – but that the locals enjoy also. The sevens would actually drive people AWAY from the city. I am seeing WOW head that way too. You say as part of Goal 3, Area 1 "*A new major event has been secured for winter – a traditionally quiet time in the events calendar and for accommodation providers*" – I'd like to see you nurture those events already established in winter – Wellington On a Plate, Beervana – in fact both of these events have been used to showcase Wellington winter events in the latest WREDA tourism campaign. With more funding, more staff, there is the ability to bring more people to this city, through international guests and major attractions to compliment the activity.

The restaurant business is tough, these people do not start a restaurant with the hopes of making millions – it is a passion project. Much like craft beer, artisan peanut butter or bean to bar chocolate. I support the non-smoking discount – this rewards those who choose to create an outdoor environment for non-smokers, not punishes those who do not.

I believe Wellington is a wonderful place to live, so much of this is due to our thriving hospitality industry. This is what makes us who we are. When people come to WOW or The International Festival of the Arts – where do they eat? Where do they go out for drinks? This is how visitors to Wellington experience our wonderful city and what keeps them coming back.

Kind regards,

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Dear Councillors,

Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park is recreational facility of regional significance.

There is an estimated 100,000 uses a year. These numbers are rapidly growing with users including bikers, runners and walkers. The range of users is broadening with riders as young as 7 using the park each week. The Park is part of the Outer Green Belt ecological corridor and produces carbon credits for the benefit of the WCC. The park has an international reputation, with Redbull recently featuring Makara Peak and Wellington in a feature on mountain biking. Guided tours of Makara Peak will form part of the upcoming LookSee promotion.

Historically the tracks have been largely built and maintained by volunteers who currently contribute about 2,000 volunteer hours per year. The Supporters also contribute financially to the park. The most recent project was a 70 metre swing bridge on which the Supporters through grants and donations contributed \$120,000 of the \$140,000 cost for the bridge. Over recent years the WCC has increased resourcing for the park, however every year the numbers using the park continues to grow.

The Supporters are requesting an increase in operational funding for the next financial year, to be used for the following:

1. \$5,000 to assist with outbreaks of noxious weeds in the park. With the amount of users with dirty bikes and shoes the transfer of weeds into the park is inevitable. The aim will be to prevent the spread of these weeds.
2. An additional \$10,000 for track maintenance. With the growth in users it is increasing difficult to maintain all of the tracks consistently to desired grade with volunteers. Easier grade tracks in particular require more maintenance, but it is important to keep these to the right grade so that new users get a good experience in the park. This money would supplement volunteer time, rather than replace it.
3. An additional \$10,000 for vegetation control. \$40,000 per year has been allocated over the last few years, but this amount tends to only cover 80% of the network.

The Supporters and the WCC are in the final stages of completing the 10 year plan for the park. The plans include a significant expansion of the tracks in the park as well as a new car park and entrance. The present carpark overflows every weekend and often after work. The Supporters will be making a more detailed request for a significant increase in funding for capital expenses in the 3 year annual plan.

Thank-you,

Iain Feist
Chair, Makara Peak Supporters.

Accessibility Advisory Group Submission on the Draft Annual Plan

19 May 2017

Introduction

The Accessibility Advisory Group is a Wellington City Council initiative whose purpose is to provide the Council with feedback and suggestions as residents with lived experience impairments.

The main roles of AAG are:

- Provide feedback and advice to all Council business units when required.
- Be an information channel to and from the Council.
- Advise the Council on accessibility issues of national and international interest.
- Help the Council's engagement and consultation on accessibility issues with people who have impairments and with the wider community.
- Represent the broad spectrum of issues for people with impairments in relation to the Council's activities.
- Recognise that accessibility relates to services, information (web and print), technology and the environment.

It is difficult for the AAG to provide specific feedback on the draft annual plan. The plan does not contain any initiatives that are specifically intended to improve accessibility in Wellington. The draft does not mention accessibility, disability or impairments anywhere.

The key points of our submission are:

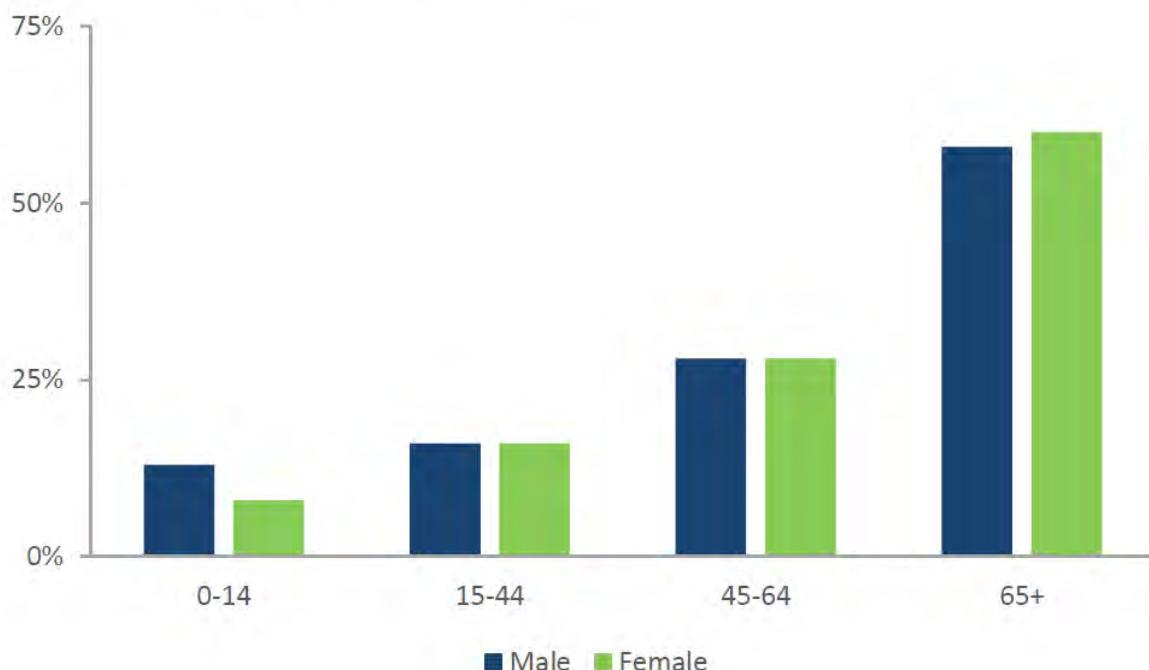
- The number and proportion of residents and visitors to Wellington that would directly benefit from accessibility improvements in increasing as the population ages.
- The council needs to actively invest in its understanding and institutional knowledge of accessibility improvement future proof the city.
- The draft has no initiatives that will improve accessibility in Wellington City- why not?
- Accessibility is not mentioned in the draft anywhere. It is not clear to the AAG that accessibility improvements were considered in the preparation of the draft.

- The draft is not accessible and we want to remind the Council again what the requirements for accessible information are.

The ageing population will increase demand for accessibility improvements and the Council needs to plan for this increase in demand.

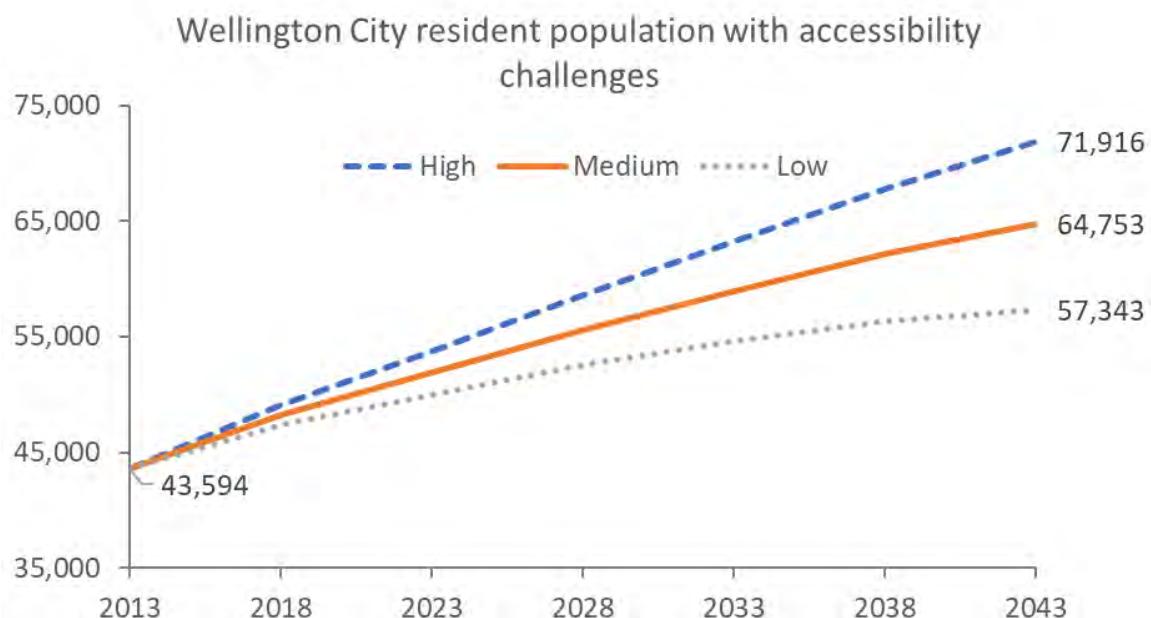
The aging population will lead to an increase in the number and proportion of the population that would benefit from accessibility improvements. A more accessible Wellington will be of increased economic benefit to the City. The graph below shows the relationship between age and disability.

Figure 1: The prevalence of disability by age and gender in New Zealand



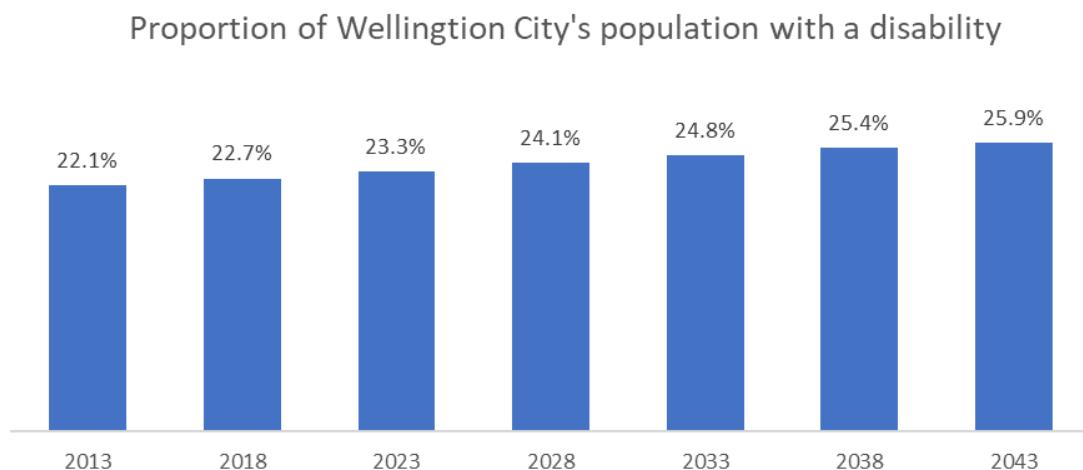
Source: NZIER Valuing access to work

The next graph shows the projected population of people with disability will grow. The projection is based estimated by applying the current profile of disability by age to the Statistics New Zealand forecasts for Wellington City. It shows that the number of people who would benefit from accessibility improvement from 43,594 in 2013 to up to 71,916 by 2043.



Source: AAG¹ based on Statistics NZ data

The proportion of Wellington City's population with a disability is projected to increase from 22.1% in 2013 to 25.9% in 2043, as shown in the graph below. This indicates accessibility improvements will direct benefit an increasingly significant proportion of the ratepayers. The Council need to plan to deliver more accessibility improvements.

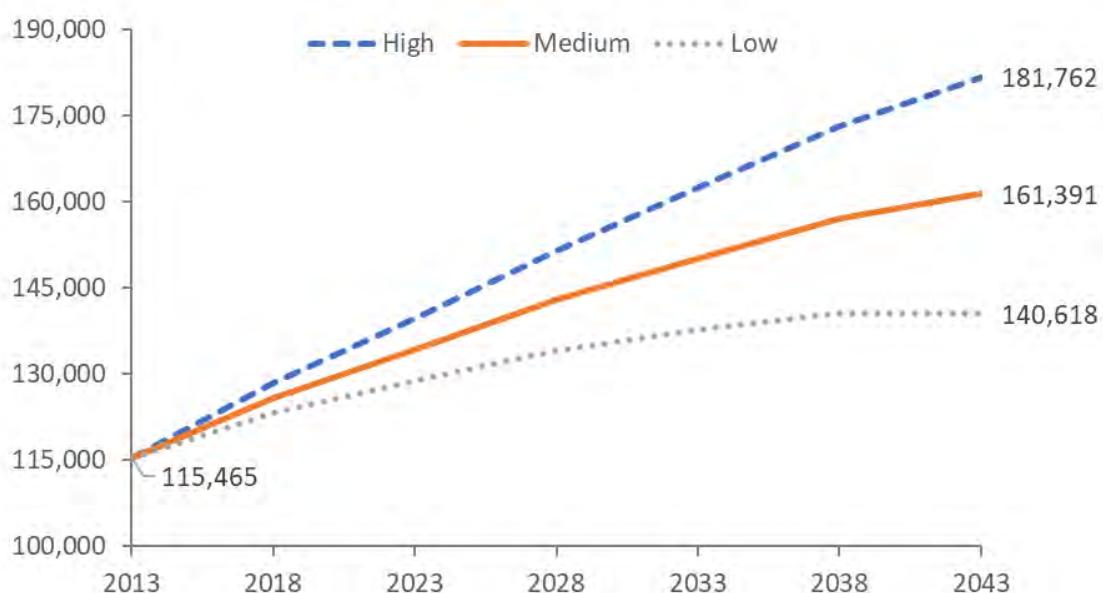


Source: AAG based on Statistics NZ data

¹Michael Bealing a Co-Chair of AAG is a consulting economist.

The regional forecast shows the same increase in demand for accessibility. We projected that the number of people that would directly benefit from accessibility improvements in the region will increase by 25,000 to 62,000 in the next 25 to 30 years. Many of the people in the regional come in to Wellington City to work, shop and play. Wellington City has a role to play in regional leadership in accessibility.

Wellington Region residents with a disability or impairment



Source: AAG based on Statistics NZ data

Is the Council's capability and capacity sufficient make a difference?

The draft has no initiatives that will improve accessibility in Wellington City- why not? Accessibility is not mentioned in the draft anywhere It is not clear to the AAG that accessibility improvements were considered in the preparation of the draft.

AAG is concerned that there is very limited institutional expertise on accessibility issues in Council beyond AAG and some urban designers. We feel that AAG is the main source of thought leadership on accessibility in Council. The council needs to actively invest in understanding of and institutional knowledge of accessibility improvement future proof the city

Accessibility documents and consultation

The draft is not accessible and we want to remind Council about the recommendations for accessible information. They are that Information should be provided in accordance with Government Web Standards e.g. If you publish content in formats other than HTML, it must be published in at least two formats, ONE of which must be accessible. For example, if you publish a PDF document, there must be an accessible HTML or other version of the PDF made available. The question also arises whether digital forms and documents on the website have been checked for accessibility, and by which impaired groups?

Recommendation

Our advice is that the Council should build a team of Accessibility Advisors to ensure it has the knowledge, capability and capacity to deliver the future demands for more accessibility in Wellington City.

The Wellington City Youth Council is excited to submit on the draft Annual Plan 2017/18, and on the 3-year work programme for 2016-19. We recognise that this work programme is going to feed into the long term plan, and hope to see the fruition of our feedback influence the draft of this plan also. We are looking forward to being involved in the development of the Long Term Plan at the end of this year.

Wellington City Youth Council (WCYC) have chosen to structure our feedback to concentrate on the areas that we have collectively agreed to prioritise based on our experience and work with young people.

These priorities will be the foundation for the youth council's forward programme also; we look forward to working with Councillors and Council Officers to develop these priorities.

Goal 1 – More Resilient

Focus Area 1: Safer Homes, locations, and More Robust Infrastructure

We support the funding of \$1 million for unreinforced masonry, as well as other measures to make out CBD safer in the event of a major earthquake.

We would like to see more youth input into the development of future transport links in the region. It is vital that we plan a transport network that is not only resilient, but protected for future growth, and utilises public transport where possible.

Focus Area 2: Resilient Economy

We would like Council to ensure support packages being developed are tested with young focus groups, and also ensure these accommodate for, and applies to young people who will be businesspeople and entrepreneurs themselves in years to come.

Focus Area 3: Connected and Prepared Communities

We would like to note that young people are not particularly engaged with or active participants in the neighbourhood community initiatives such as Neighbours day. Young people being involved with such initiatives has great benefits, not just for community resilience, but also for the future of Wellington – eg. If young people who have moved here for University feel part of the community, they are more likely to settle in Wellington in the long term.

We are excited to hear more about the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Measures such as this are vital for local government to progress, given there is no national policy on Climate Change at present.

Goal 2 – Smarter Growth

Focus Area 1: Economic and Job Growth

We strongly support the development of a ‘One stop shop’ for establishing a business in Wellington. Young people can often feel overwhelmed by the amount of Council regulation

needed to establish a business, so removing these barriers by streamlining the process is a great idea.

We have already been consulted on the use and promotion of city libraries and are continuing to work on this. We are excited by the opportunities that technology presents to our libraries, and hope Council adopts new approaches in libraries in the coming years.

We would like more work done on what were previously the ‘eight big ideas’ to ensure the business case for them is still sound. We would also like for community consultation to be carried out by these items when planning has progressed sufficiently.

Focus Area 2: Housing People

We strongly support the idea of a \$5000 rates remission for new home builds. It is vital for housing supply and affordability that we encourage new builds, and as part of this, housing choice. We also support Build Wellington, and hope that Council strongly focussed on first home builders with these schemes.

We feel that implementation of the *Te Mahana* programme has been done well so far. We encourage Council to continue with the implementation of this programme, and to also progress their work on social housing, and the Wet House.

We strongly support the Rental Warrant of Fitness Scheme, as we have done in our previous submission to Parliament on this issue. It is vital that renters have warm, dry homes. This is particularly important to young people, most of whom are renters.

It is vital that Council focusses on housing and rental affordability in the coming years. Many young people reported that finding a flat this year was extremely difficult, and when they did find a flat, the rent was far overpriced.

Focus area 3: Designing the City for Growth

We would like to thank Council for their work so far on advocating for affordable public transport. The work is not over yet, and we would appreciate Council continuing to lobby Greater Wellington on this important issue for young people.

We would like to be involved in the development of the Future Central City programme, as the ease of pedestrian use of our central city is something we care about, as many young people do not drive.

Goal 3 – People Focussed

We really look forward to a Matariki Festival. This is significant event in the New Zealand calendar that, until now, has not had much attention.

We strongly support a Youth Summit in the coming year, to identify priorities for young people. We look forward to working with Council on developing this, and hope to play a major part in the development and delivery of this summit.

We support Wellington becoming a Child Friendly City, and look forward to Council's work on this.

Goal 4 - More Sustainable

We strongly support the initiatives in this section. Predator Free Wellington has the opportunity to make Wellington a one of a kind, predator free City.

Additionally, the measures to improve Council's Carbon Footprint are good. Simple things, such as dealing with sewage sludge, while in the overall picture do not seem significant, are issues that have many flow on effects. It is important that we deal with these matters now as a City.

Goal 5 - Improving How We Work

We really support Council finding ways to improve how they work with residents of the city. We continue to support implementation of the living wage.

We really look forward to working with Council to improving the ways they engage with young people. The Youth Council is currently developing a Youth Engagement Strategy to align with this focus, and hope to bring it to Council later this year. As part of this, we are currently holding a series of Hui to find out how young people think Council can engage better in the future.

This is a major piece of work for the Youth Council, and we hope to deliver a comprehensive strategy to Councillors soon.

We support the Smart Council work, and would like to see Council develop a better digital presence. We would really like to be involved in testing such a presence, as it is vital young people can easily utilise any new measures in this area.

The Youth Council is excited by this year's annual plan, and the three-year work programme. We look forward to working with Council on the initiatives we have identified in each plan.



19 May 2017

To: **Wellington City Council**
Re: **Annual Plan 2017/18**

Dear Councillors,

The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions *Te Kauae Kaimahi* and many of our affiliated unions are active members of Living Wage Aotearoa. We write to affirm Wellington City Council's significant steps since 2013 towards introducing a Living Wage for Council workers. We are particularly pleased to be writing to support proposals in this year's Annual Plan which further extend commitments to the Living Wage previously undertaken by WCC.

Local Government's role in combatting low wages, poverty and addressing inequality is an important one. Local communities, their leaders and community organisations are looking for solutions to reduce poverty and address income gaps in their communities. These concerns have led to widespread community support for the Living Wage.

We commend the WCC for the steps taken so far in implementing a Living Wage. We recognise WCC's leadership on this and its commitment to the Living Wage, and we note the strong public support that has accompanied this stance: our organisation was one of just many who have called for WCC to take these steps, and we join with many organisations and individuals in acknowledging the progress made.

A progressive implementation of the Living Wage in all WCC services represents a substantial difference to the lives of workers. You have heard on many occasions the difference that a Living Wage will make to workers and their families' lives – the ability to afford better food, heating, meet school costs, and having a chance to participate more fully in society. The CTU also has made previous submissions to the WCC in support of the Living Wage and cited research that demonstrates the many benefits that are created by the implementation of the Living Wage, including increased worker productivity, improved morale, and reduced turnover.

The 2017/18 annual plan further extends the application of the Living Wage, both for staff directly employed and through CCOs and contractors. Specifically, we are in favour of:

- Directly-employed staff and those in CCOs to be paid the Living Wage by July 2017
- Building on the steps taken towards extending the Living Wage to cleaners and security guards employed via contractors, and lifting those workers to the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- Developing a plan to extend the Living Wage to all council workers employed via contractors.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Huggard'.

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Submission on draft 2017/18 Annual Plan and Mayor and Councillors' draft 3-year work programme 2016-19

The Mount Victoria Residents' Association Inc (MVRA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on our city council's Draft Annual Plan for 2016/17 and on the draft 3-year Work Programme 2016-19. Our comments are made in the context of how well the draft plans will move our city towards realising our community outcomes:

- a people-centred city
- an eco-city
- a connected city, and
- a dynamic central city.

General comments

1. The MVRA welcomes the reduced average rate of increase in rates to 3.3%. However, this increase still exceeds the BERL forecast average change in the Local Government Cost Index of 2.2% for the year to June 2018 (and which is not forecast to be higher than 2.6% in any year to 2026). The rates increase also exceeds the Treasury's 2016 half-year economic forecast update's CPI inflation change to June 2018 of 2%. It is unreasonable for the Council to continue to expect ratepayers to tolerate such increases when ratepayers themselves must continue to live within tight financial constraints.
2. A major contributor to large rate increases is staff remuneration increases. The Council's 2016 Annual Report shows no attempt to 'achieve ongoing efficiencies' from staff remuneration. The number of employees paid more than \$100,000 per annum was 192, the same as in 2015, and of the latter, 13 earned more than \$220,000 - almost as much as the basic salary of a Minister of the Crown.
3. In contrast, 1,105 employees earned less than \$60,000. We applaud the Council's Living Wage policy, and the proposal to raise the rate to the latest official Living Wage level of \$20.20 an hour. We urge the Council to fully implement the policy as quickly as possible as the estimated cost of \$700,000 a year is minimal (the equivalent of removing about five staff from

the group of 192 paid over \$100,000). In the interests of fiscal responsibility, we urge Councillors to review staffing and pay rates, particularly the CEO's and managerial salaries, to reflect the responsibility levels of employees of a city with fewer than 200,000 residents.

Information for effective public participation

4. We appreciate that section 95A(3)(b)(i) prohibits the consultation document from containing a draft of the proposed annual plan, but it is unhelpful to have to refer back to the Long-term Plan and modify it for the proposed changes. Also, section 95A does require sufficient information for effective public participation in the decision-making process. Unfortunately the consultation document, Mayor and Councillors' work programme, and the supporting document do not provide sufficient information, for example:
 - There is nothing to indicate the effects on 2017/18 of projects deferred from 2016/17, or of projects planned for 2017/18 which have been advanced in 2016/17 instead.
 - There is no comparison of the proposed 2017/18 funding impact statements and prospective financial statements with statements in the Long-term Plan for 2017/18, and explanation of differences.
 - The funding impact statement and footnotes (pages 20-21 of the supporting information) suggest there might be some explanation of variances (even if only from 2016/17), but the funding impact statements for each activity are not provided in the following pages as stated.
 - Page 9 assures us more details on re-phased projects are contained in the supporting document but there is nothing on this matter in the document. The 3-year work programme has a bit more information on some projects, but nothing on the financial side. This is a major omission.
 - While there is an outline of re-phrased capital expenditure, there is no disclosure on any re-phased operational spending.
5. Resolving the above points is key to understand some major unexplained differences in figures provided, for example:
 - Why are we told \$115 million less capital is required on page 9, page 16 lists \$134.6 million of capital spending deferred to the future, but the decrease in capital expenditure on page 17 shows only \$44.8 million less?
 - If less capital is required in 2017/18, and page 9 says the Council will have \$80 million less debt than forecast in the Long-term Plan, why is the increase in debt on page 20 of the supporting document (\$78.1 million) the same as was forecast in the Long-term Plan, and why are borrowings only \$32.8 million less than forecast?
 - If \$11 million savings has been achieved for 2017/18, why is the proposed total operating expenditure (\$475.4 million) for 2017/18 \$1.9 million more than forecast in the Long-term Plan? In addition, there is no explanation of where the \$11 million savings have been made except a general statement on page 9 that it comes from lower costs, rephrased projects, and improved efficiency.

Mayor and Councillors' draft 3-year work programme

6. This document appears to be the new Council's first draft of the next Long-term Plan 2018-28. Overall, we agree with the approach and content, but are concerned that:
 - the five goals have unfortunately moved away from the goals in *Wellington Toward 2040* without being an improvement
 - the original "people-centred" is much stronger than "people-focussed"
 - "eco city", "well-connected city" are no longer goals, although we can see the sub-goals

- connected to them are included in the focus areas
- the Long-term Plan objective of increasing the use of existing assets is regrettably overlooked and should be reinstated, perhaps as a focus area for the more sustainable goal.

7. We comment further on the new proposals and focus areas for 2016-19 below.

Proposed 2017/18 projects

8. We agree it is essential that the Council should continue to deliver core services – it is important to do the basics well. We also agree the November earthquake was a timely reminder that building resilience for such events should be a priority.
9. Because a council consultation document need only show changes from the Long-term Plan, then we comment only on some of those, rather than the substantive part of the whole plan. In addition, we comment on some of the projects in the Mayor and Councillors' 3-year work programme. Some of the proposed projects appear to be what might fall within existing activities and budgets, for example, a one-stop shop delivery of key council services seems to be a matter for internal re-organisation of staff and processes, and improving community engagement a matter of changing what the Council currently does to keep the community alongside with directions and activities.

Housing

10. The MVRA agrees to rates remissions for first-home/apartment builders for one year only, but not to remissions being in perpetuity, and wonder how the Council will ensure the buyers are genuinely first-home buyers.
11. We also agree to a business case investigating supported living for people who experience ongoing or intermittent homelessness. This should include single and older women's experience with homelessness.

Urban development agency

12. The Association recently made a submission opposing the Government's proposal regarding urban development authorities as it enables development projects to override the fundamental purpose of the Resource Management Act and local government plans, undermines local democracy, and removes people's appeal rights. We also opposed WCC becoming effectively a speculator in the property market through the proposed agency's being an active participant in the Wellington property and development market, especially if it is a CCO at arms length from the Council. A CCO would have minimal public accountability, and its own board of directors who would be subject only to governance oversight. Wellington has had bad experiences with such arrangements, for example, Wellington Waterfront Limited that turned out to be a financial failure and citizens had to raise large amounts of money to take it to court to protect our waterfront from being built on and privatised.
13. An urban development agency would be a very high risk to ratepayers, on top of the high risk convention centre commitment. If property developers are unwilling to create more housing in Wellington, this should not be interpreted as an indicator of market failure, but rather a sensible response to great uncertainty over how much longer the property market will hold up, and what central government might do. The business case presented last year had no analysis of the future property market or risk analysis but rather read like a marketing document. We suggest

the specialised housing task force work with developers, and also explore how to reduce housing vacancy rates – NZIER reports that consistent data from 1966 show the national housing vacancy rate has typically ranged between 8% and 10% but rose to higher levels more recently (NZIER Working Paper 2014/4, July 2014).,

Capital of culture

14. Maintaining this reputation for Wellington requires ongoing development of new public events and so we support funding for this proposal.

Money saving idea

15. This is a much preferred investment to spending capital of \$65 million plus ongoing operating costs on a single-purpose concert arena for occasional large music events with little public benefit. The arena proposal should be scrapped rather than wasting money on a feasibility study. Lavishing large amounts of public money on a convention centre, and indoor arena essentially supports private benefit and single-purpose uses.

Continuing implementation of the living wage

16. This must be a high priority as a tangible demonstration of recognition of the importance of the work done by our city's lowest paid employees and people contracted for core services. As stated above, the money required is minimal in comparison with what is paid to many council staff.

Low-carbon capital

17. We fully support the aspiration to be the low-carbon capital, and to continuing the work to deliver the Council's Low Carbon Capital Plan for reducing carbon emissions as this is essential to minimising the extent of climate change's adverse effects. The transport part of this Plan needs to be much bolder. It should include walking initiatives, school travel plans, better public transport including work on better bus stops, and longer-term activities such as light rail, full electrification of the public transport network, and encouraging private vehicle owners not to bring their vehicles into the city.
18. We fully agree with the Council's promotion and support of electric vehicle uptake through the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the city, and working with car-share providers to reallocate car parks in the CBD and suburbs to electric vehicles, and to car-share vehicles.
19. We support the plan to phase out minimum parking requirements for new buildings but this needs to be carefully implemented in areas such as Mt Victoria, to reduce the adverse impacts of residential densification and pressure from daily commuters. Work to encourage more walking, cycling and public transport use must be coordinated with implementation of minimum parking requirements.

Money saving idea

20. The Council should not be pursuing the plan to extend the airport runway as both the construction phase, with an estimated additional 50,000 diesel truck trips across Wellington city, and possible subsequent increases in air travel and passenger traffic to and from the airport, will add to the city's carbon emissions, negating any emissions savings elsewhere. It must also drop its large subsidy to Singapore Airlines for the Wellington-Canberra route, as other airlines already provide this service without public funding support. There is no public

good benefit from propping up an uneconomic enterprise when clearly other airlines are able to provide the same service without public subsidy.

Wellington Town Hall and civic centre

21. Earthquake-strengthening the Town Hall should be a top priority. The Town Hall has served Wellington's capital culture reputation very well over long years as a multi-purpose venue with wonderful acoustics for music, and this should continue as soon as possible. It is disappointing that the agreement (without public consultation) to hand over its and the Michael Fowler centre's use as convention venues to the new convention centre has meant other uses must be found.
22. Operating as a music hub seems to be a good idea, and we would like its multi-purpose role to continue (for example it has been a venue for the Diwali festival, large public meetings and mid-winter celebrations).
23. The civic precinct has been a strong anchor for civic affairs and multi-cultural enjoyment through the co-location of council offices, the central library, city gallery, Town Hall and Michael Fowler Centre. It should be kept in public ownership and not be leased off in perpetuity to private interests. The Municipal Office Building, along with the Civic Building, should continue to house the Mayor, Councillors and council staff and this would also contribute to the Long-term Plan objective and using existing assets rather than others. Jack Illott Green and the small lawn above Capital E should be retained as important open green spaces for the increasing city population, and not be built on - that would wall off the civic square from the harbour.

Resilience initiatives

24. Given the urgent need to address the consequences of a major earthquake in Wellington, we agree to the Council's exploring a seismic building intelligence system, and to carrying out resilience assessments of 500 Wellington homes.

Emergency preparedness

25. In addition to communities being prepared for earthquakes, we need to be ready to respond to the impacts of climate change. The MVRA looks forward to assisting in developing a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. We note the Council plans to develop a community engagement and communications plan and we urge that this and the Strategy be developed in close liaison with WREMO so as not to duplicate existing community efforts.

New low-cost spending

26. Last year the MVRA and other people in our community and in Oriental Bay participated in three WREMO-led workshops to develop a community emergency hub plan. We have received back from WREMO the beginning of a good plan, and we continue to work with it to improve and complete this planning for our community. Community resilience building takes time and resource, it cannot be done in 'one hit' and needs to move at the pace of all its participants. It is particularly important that council staff are retained over time to enable relationships with communities and response agencies to form.
27. We strongly urge that work to support these efforts is properly resourced so our neighbourhood networks remain sustainable. More specifically, we request the Council to work with WREMO to fund tsunami blue lines and signage in Mt Victoria and other communities who still do not

have them.

Basin Reserve upgrade – savings and spending

28. We note there is capital of \$3.058 million in the Long-term Plan for 2017/18. We do not support any further redevelopment of the Basin Reserve until a reserve management plan is completed. There was no consultation to develop the ‘Master Plan’ or on how to spend the \$21 million budgeted for it. In particular we strongly oppose demolition of the historic 1924 pavilion - it should be refurbished instead of wasting money on floodlights and upgrading the carpark. We would like to see the historic fence reinstated around the Basin, as this is an essential element of the ‘Basin landscape’.

Waterfront developments

29. As an overall principle, our waterfront should be protected as public open space for the enjoyment of Wellingtonians and visitors. We’re saddened to see how often commercial ventures make large parts of the waterfront unavailable for the public to access. We note the draft Plan defers \$3 million capital for Kumutoto public space and Frank Kitts Park to 2018/19. This provides an opportunity to reconsider the plans for Frank Kitts Park.

30. We urge that Frank Kitts Park be retained in its present form, with some expansion and safety enhancement of the very popular children’s playground. We disagree to adding a Chinese garden here as it does not need to be on the waterfront and does not add to waterfront heritage. It should be located elsewhere such as in the Botanic Gardens where it would greatly enhance visitors’ experience of the Gardens (as does the Japanese Garden in the Brooklyn, New York, Botanic Gardens). A Wellington garden featuring local plants would be more appropriate.

31. It is regrettable the ‘horse’float’ building at North Kumutoto is proceeding. We also urge the Council not to proceed with proposals to put more structures in the space next to the Meridian building as this is a waste of money and ruins the open space feeling of this waterfront area. We oppose any further development of buildings on Chaffers/Waitangi Park, including the proposed transition building adjacent to Te Papa. Wellingtonians have clearly stated for many years their desire to see the Park kept as public open space. While the Clyde Quay Boat Harbour is not specifically mentioned in the draft Plan or work programme, we continue to support improving public access around it, and preserving it largely as is. As an important publicly-owned historical feature, this marina deserves careful and widespread consultation if any changes are to be made.

Redevelopment of Adelaide Road and Kent & Cambridge Terraces

32. We urge that the development of the next Long-term Plan earmark funds for a formal review of District Plan provisions for Kent and Cambridge Terraces and Adelaide Road. To assist this work, we suggest shading diagrams are prepared to reflect current, permitted, and discretionary heights along both sides. It is important that planning rules governing height limits, sunlight planes, shading effects, view shafts etc. are thoroughly reviewed and consulted upon before concept plans and designs are finalised. and are consistent with Mt Victoria heritage values.

33. In our submission on the Long Term Plan we agreed in principle to funding for the upgrade of the city end of Adelaide Road, and of Kent and Cambridge Terraces. As the median parts of Kent and Cambridge Terraces are Canal Reserve land governed by a Trust Deed, a reserve

management plan, as required by legislation, should be prepared prior to any development. We do not want to see a repeat of the development of Victoria Street with removal of large trees of various varieties, five lanes of traffic that are alienating and dangerous for pedestrians. The Terraces have the potential to be a proper ceremonial route from the sea to the historic precinct including the Basin Reserve, Pukeahu Memorial Park, and Government House. Ideally, the New World supermarket could be relocated so the route looks down from the Basin Reserve across Chaffers/Waitangi Park to the sea, and the underlying stream opened up in parts of the Terraces, as historic reminders of the canal.

Transport

34. If Wellington is to become the low-carbon capital and be transport resilient, more needs to be done on changing the way we move within and to/from the city. Funding priority should be given to making our city accessible and safe for pedestrians and for cyclists, and to encouraging public transport use. Encouraging more walking and cycling is critical as they may be the only available transport modes after a major earthquake. We agree the Council should continue to advocate for affordable public transport, family fares, student concession, off-peak fares, and to move to a fully electric public transport fleet at the earliest opportunity. However, more needs to be done to improve pedestrian flows and safety in the CBD.
35. The MVRA has been participating in the Let's Get Wellington Moving process, but is very concerned at the lack of public involvement since the principles for a better transport network across the city were developed, except for some over-complicated workshops. We continue to urge for improvements to the Basin Reserve roundabout area so it functions as a proper roundabout. We also strongly oppose NZTA's short-sighted plans for a third Mt Victoria tunnel, the seizing of Town Belt land to widen Ruahine Street, and widening of Wellington Road. The Board of Enquiry found the severity of congestion in the area is exaggerated – slower trips occur only during a few peak times per week. We note with interest information in the Council's 2014/15 Annual Report on peak travel times for vehicles between the CBD and Miramar and Island Bay shows the upper times have been reducing since 2010/11. Upper times of 16.9 minutes and 15.3 minutes suggest no great delays in journeys. More information is required on the delay to pedestrian and public transport journeys in this area. Any problems could be better addressed by encouraging people out of their cars and into active or public transport modes.
36. Public transport plans should take a long-term sustainable view and plan for a light rail link between the railway station and the hospital and airport, (this could use the Pirie Street bus tunnel), and a move to full electrification of the bus fleet. We question the advisability of the larger buses for Bus Rapid Transit as these are more likely to increase bus congestion in the CBD because they will need to stop for longer to allow more passengers to enter and exit. Larger buses are also likely to be too heavy for our roads, too long to negotiate tight corners, and double-deckers potentially too high for our tunnels.
37. We urge the City Council to advocate strongly to retain the iconic Wellington trolley buses in the interim at least, as they are already fully-electric.
38. We recommend the Council include in its next Long-term Plan plans for discouraging private vehicle commuting into the city, and reducing all-day parking spaces (including not replacing the car-parking building demolished on Tory Street). We would support reallocation of parking spaces for instance along Oriental Parade to create better on-road bike lanes.

39. Of great concern is the concentration of diesel exhaust near bus stops during peak hours. We would like to see funds allocated for air quality monitors in the inner city at bus stops and near schools (especially at the Basin Reserve) and by high-volume roads. Nanotechnology has significantly reduced the cost of air quality monitoring devices. Also, by having display panels on the monitors, the travelling public could be more informed on the long-term cumulative health impacts they are being subjected to.

Convention centre and movie museum

40. The MVRA supports in principle the proposal for a film museum in central Wellington to increase the range of visitor attractions in the city, but not its public funding. From the beginning we have strongly opposed funding a new single-purpose convention centre and deplored the decision not to allow Council-owned venues to compete with it. It is contrary to the Council's objective to increase the use of existing assets and uses public funding for what will primarily be private gain. Until the agreement to hand over all conference business to the proposed convention centre, Positively Wellington Venues had a suite of flexible, multi-purpose and closely-located venues which adequately catered for most conferences and had created a good niche conference market for Wellington locally, nationally and internationally. The convention centre will provide little benefit to most Wellington citizens, apart from mostly casual, low-paid hospitality jobs, and the growth in large conferences in Wellington may not materialise in light of major government and local investments in Auckland, Christchurch and Queenstown.

Other improvements to be included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan

Changes to District Plan to recognise two Heritage Precincts

41. The MVRA supports the Civic Trust's proposal to establish within the heritage section of Wellington City's District Plan two Heritage Precincts, both emphasising the city's role as the capital:
- a. A Pukeahu Precinct would be the first area to be designated, to be followed by incremental expansion to include the Basin Reserve and the Governor-General's residence and grounds. This would constitute the nationally and internationally important Heritage Precinct on the southern boundary of the CBD.
 - b. A Parliamentary–Justice–University Heritage Precinct. This would raise the capital city status of the area on the northern boundary of the CBD.

Improved training for council officers

42. In our experience, council officers have made decisions contrary to requirements in legislation, the District Plan and other policies and guidelines. For example, we had to spend \$6,000 for a Judicial Review regarding a brothel – the judge found in our favour as council officers had not taken account of the provisions of the Prostitution Act.
43. In our discussions with Councillors and council staff we have expressed our concern that the District Plan rules are not being enforced to preserve the heritage character of M/t Victoria (see below) and the Council's own processes are not being adhered to. To address the problems, we suggest funds in the staff training budget for 2017/18 are directed to developing a training module so officers are properly cognisant of the legislative, District Plan and other relevant policies and requirements.

Protecting heritage buildings

44. We appreciate that the Council is funding a heritage survey and look forward to hearing about its results later this year.
45. Specifically on the heritage issue for Mt Victoria, council actions are accommodating inappropriate demolition and new developments which do not comply with the planning rules on site coverage and on the North Mt Victoria Character Area. Such actions are undermining the amenity values which make our suburb attractive for residents and prospective residents, and which the Council itself values in promoting Wellington as a tourist destination. We urge the Council to play its part by opposing any demolitions of pre-1930s buildings, with demolition only as a last resort. Any assessment of structural integrity when considering demolition must be done by a truly independent structural engineer.
46. We do not agree with funding for rates remission being available where the owner chooses to remove the building. This is likely to encourage the removal of further character buildings from Mt Victoria, in particular, fine examples of art deco, rather than encouraging their owners to strengthen them.

Funding for improvements in Mt Victoria

47. We suggest some funding is allocated in the 2017/18 Annual Plan for the following improvements in Mt Victoria:
- Road safety.* Many Mt Victoria children attend schools in the area and must cross some very busy streets. To encourage them to walk or cycle, rather than be driven, we suggest a speed limit of 30kph is introduced throughout Mt Victoria using some of the funding set aside for this purpose. This is in line with similar limits in other city neighbourhoods. The nature of Mt Victoria footpaths is such that they cannot accommodate pedestrians and children learning to ride their bikes, or being nervous of 50kph traffic on the roads. Many of Mt Victoria's residents are elderly or very young, so need to be free of impediments on the paths.
 - Public seating.* There are a few public seats in the neighbourhood and we would like to see more so residents and visitors can rest, reflect and enjoy shade or sunshine. We have surveyed the area and have suggestions as to suitable locations. We suggest funding of \$5,000 each for four new seats and two replacements seats.
 - St Gerard's Monastery area.* The steps running up the side of the Monastery between McFarlane and Hawker Streets need repairing immediately as they are uneven, cracked and dangerous and must be particularly difficult to use at night. Some extra funding is also needed for the maintenance and improvement of the adjacent land reserve.
 - Real-time bus displays.* We suggest adding display boards at the stops between Kent Terrace and the bus tunnel in both directions.
 - Minor street works.* Pedestrian safety would be enhanced by ensuring all corners have six-metre broken yellow lines, and replanting native trees in empty street boxes which people can otherwise trip over.
 - Cycle feeder routes to the CBD and waterfront.* Many Mt Victoria residents commute and recreate on their bikes. The intersections at Majoribanks St and Pirie St are not laid out to support cyclists to safely access Kent and Cambridge Tces, and it is unclear how cyclists are to safely and legally access the waterfront from Majoribanks St. We would like to see, at the very least, control boxes at the traffic lights, as are currently in place at Elizabeth St.

SUBMISSION
WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN 2017-18

Thank you for the opportunity to submit against your Annual Plan 2017-18.

Sport Wellington is the independent body for sport and recreation. We were established in 1990 with charitable status under the Charities Act. Our main funding partners are Sport NZ, New Zealand Community Trust, Eastern and Central Community Trust, Ministry of Health, and Wellington Community Trust. We are one of 14 Regional Sports Trusts (RST) operating throughout New Zealand.

We operate within a wide geographical area, spanning the region between Otaki in the west across to Masterton in the east and Wellington City in the south so have a regional focus. We are committed to everyone in the greater Wellington region having a life-long involvement in sport and active recreation and provide region-wide leadership and support to the sport and active recreation community wherever they are in the region. We have an office in Wairarapa where our dedicated team works across a wide range of areas.

The spectrum of our work covers sport, recreation and health and we have a strong focus on realising the value of sport and active recreation through increased participation. Regularly participating in sport and active recreation creates a wide range of benefits to individuals, communities, our region and the nation. Some of the proven benefits are outlined below.

Health	Social	Personal	Community	Economic
Contributes to higher levels of self-esteem and self-worth	Creates positive alternatives to youth offending, antisocial behaviour and crime	Empowers, inspires and motivates individuals	Provides opportunities for social interaction	Eases pressure on the health system
Reduces stress and helps to manage depression and build resilience	Provides work/life balance	Kids who participate learn better and are more likely to enjoy school	Creates opportunities for, and promotes, volunteering	Healthy workers are more productive and take less sick days
Promotes a healthy, active lifestyle	Provides opportunities to develop friendships	Develops life skills and leadership abilities	Clubs can become hubs of communities especially in the regions	Reduces pollution – promotes use of active modes of transport like walking and cycling
Tones and strengthens the body		Provides a sense of belonging	Binds families and communities through shared experiences	Creates employment opportunities
Reduces obesity		Contributes to lifelong learning	Fosters community pride and strengthens social networks	Economic growth through business investment, employment, major events and tourism
Can help to prevent cardiovascular disease, diabetes and some cancers		Supports and enhances cultural values and identity		

Sport Wellington provides regional leadership through four core activities: building partnerships; sharing knowledge about sport and active recreation; providing subject matter expertise where required; and advocating on behalf of the sector and others in order to bring positive change to the region.

We view councils as key partners in the provision of sport and active recreation opportunities and wish to signal our intent to further develop our current relationships into more complementary partnerships in order to align goals, outcomes and objectives where appropriate.

Sport Wellington operates as a ‘knowledge gatherer’ as a consequence of the relationships we hold with key sport and recreation organisations including Sport NZ. We are able to provide relevant and valuable insights and knowledge relating to sport and active recreation that can inform planning and decision making.

We advocate on behalf of the sport and active recreation sector particularly on issues that are common across the sector. In this role we can become a conduit for information both to and from sport and recreation groups which may be beneficial for Councils in their sport and recreation planning in areas such as facility and sports field provision and programme development.

Currently many of the regional sport organisations (RSOs) are facing a range of issues/challenges as they work to grow participation. Some of these challenges are likely to be similar to those faced by Councils and include:

Changing demand

- The changing demographic make-up of some of our communities (both in terms of population groups and population growth or decline) changes demand for sport and recreation opportunities and experiences. This means that sports need to be able to respond quickly to change and adopt a more targeted approach to provision. This places strain on planning and programme development and capability development.
- Changing participation trends affect the way people want to participate. Currently the trend is towards more casual sport and recreation options which are outside of current organised provision putting pressure on the traditional membership model and subsequent income streams.

Facilities

- Demand for access to facilities remains strong. This becomes a challenge when balancing the needs of all community users. A particular issue for sports is having consistent experiences across the region and meeting the costs of facility use.
- Some sports own their facilities and for some this is becoming a burden as a result of increasing maintenance costs and ensuring optimum usage to generate income. Increasingly they must consider the long-term value of ownership and investigate code-sharing (although many older facilities have been purpose-built for a specific sport /activity). Some may end up walking away from their facilities as they no longer have the means to keep them open and/or viable. As most are built on council-owned land this can become a problem for Councils.
- In addition, as new forms of sporting activities arise, demand for spaces and places changes. A good example of this is futsal. Football traditionally requires access to sports fields while this version is generally played indoors increasing the demand for indoor space in competition with other indoor sports.

Funding

- RSOs, like their national counterparts, are reliant on gaming funding as a main source of other income. There is risk associated with this funding as legislative change impacts distribution and access.
- Additionally, these organisations are operating in an increasingly competitive financial (funding and sponsorship) environment. There are challenges too around balancing income between user pays and other sources where getting the balance wrong may impact on participation growth. The capacity of clubs especially to continually meet increased fees is finite and in the future some may be priced out of existence.
- Many in the sector feel that whilst user charges to pools, indoor courts and sports fields have steadily increased over the past five years entry into many libraries, galleries and museums remains free. All of these community facilities provide significant benefits to the quality of life and wellbeing of residents yet there is a significant barrier placed on sport and active recreation activities.
- It is important that there is monitoring of the impact of user charges on participation levels, in particular for those communities whose participation levels are low and for whom cost is already a significant barrier. We need to ensure that increased charges do not impact negatively on the survival of community-based clubs and the wellbeing of residents.

Volunteers

- Most, if not all, sport and recreation organisations are reliant on volunteers to help run their businesses and provide services to participants. Recent studies show that the number of volunteers has remained at about the same levels while the number of volunteer hours has reduced by almost 42%.

Wellington Region Sport and Active Recreation Strategy

Sport Wellington values its partnership with Wellington City Council and the planned approach to achieving shared outcomes for Wellington city communities through sport and active recreation. Of note are the programmes of work around Shift – a Wellington City Council led initiative to provide teenage girls with physical activity, health and wellbeing opportunities and the WCC Talent Development programme which Sport Wellington leads to support athletes and coaches to improve performance and success on the national and international stage.

Of particular value is the input and support provided by Wellington City Council officials into the development of the Wellington Region Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (Regional Strategy) which is being facilitated by Sport Wellington on behalf of providers across the region.

Through implementing the Regional Strategy we hope to achieve:

- A more coordinated, efficient, productive and sustainable sport and active recreation sector, with better leverage on central government and others for funding opportunities
- Increased participation and better social and community outcomes for individuals and communities
- Greater contribution by sport and active recreation to economic, social and community development outcomes.

Funding request

Sport Wellington is an independent industry advisor and is well placed to operate as a regional facilitator. We have sought financial support from TAs to help us fulfil this role by:

- providing oversight and governance support

- coordinating information and workflows
- holding workshops for the development of the regional planning framework
- monitoring and evaluating the framework for the Regional Strategy
- advocating on behalf of the region in support of sport and active recreation to agencies, including central government.

To support this work we have requested \$24,000 per year for 3 years from Wellington City Council as part of the 2017/18 Annual Plan and 2018/2028 Long-Term Plan.

Specific feedback on Annual Plan proposals

We acknowledge Wellington City Council's wide-ranging work in support of active recreation and sport across the city, in particular your focus on community planning, facilities and utilisation of spaces. Generally we strongly support initiatives that will encourage and support greater participation because of the benefits that can be accrued by individuals and communities.

To that end we support your focus on:

- ***Economic and job growth***

While major and mega sporting events provide an obvious economic return to the city we would ask for consideration of second-tier sport and recreation events to be included in any policy development or funding in this space. These events could include national age group or secondary school competitions and events that support smaller sports such as dragon boating or ocean swimming, for example. Aside from a return to the local economy such events help to define communities and add vibrancy to city.

- ***Cycling network***

Cycling/bike riding is one of the top three physical activities in Wellington. People wanting to cycle, either for active transport or recreation and sport purposes are encouraged to cycle when there is a connected network of safe places to cycle. Research shows that when there are more people cycling, visibility by motorists improves and adds to the safety of the activity while more people on bikes contributes to other economic and environmental benefits such as reduced use of motor vehicles and lower demand for parking space.

- ***Removal of fees at swimming pools***

Cost of activities remains one of the key barriers to participating in sport and active recreation, for some groups more than others. Often it is not the single cost of access to a facility or activity but the accumulated cost of access including equipment and transport costs. Removing the swimming pool spectator/parent/guardian fee will go some way towards encouraging greater use of Wellington's pools and programmes. In supporting this we acknowledge the balance required to still meet revenue targets for facilities and maintaining current levels of service.

- ***Council fees and user charge increases***

Most sport and recreation activities are reliant on access to a council-owned facility or sports ground. Increases in fees and user charges have a flow-on effect when organisers are no longer able to absorb increases and end up passing these on to participants. As identified earlier, increasing costs pose challenges to clubs, secondary school sport and RSOs affecting their ability to continue to provide services and opportunities and grow participation. RSOs also seek consistency across the region around fees and user charges and assurances around value-for-money as these increase.

Again, it is important that there is monitoring of the impact of increasing user charges on participation levels, in particular for those communities whose participation levels are low and for whom cost is already a significant barrier.

- ***Sports hub development***

Working together and sharing resources help to reduce the costs of provision and ultimately the cost to participants. Sports hubs help to drive this collaboration and contribute to a more efficient delivery system for community sport. They can also support skill sharing which is a credible way of increasing the capability of volunteers who run community sport. Other benefits include linking transport plans and walking and cycling strategies with sports hub development ensuring integrated planning and facilitating greater community use.

- ***Community places and spaces***

While the focus of community places and spaces is not necessarily sport and active recreation, the availability of community places and spaces provides opportunities for community-based organisations such as sport and recreation clubs to access services and to connect with their communities.

- ***Makara Peak Mountain Bike Master Plan***

We know that Makara Peak is a popular mountain biking destination for locals and tourists and that there is high use of the trails and tracks provided and an expectation of high quality experiences. While supporting the master plan we would advocate that this work aligns with, and references, the Regional Trails Framework that is currently being developed - involving all councils in the wider Wellington region, the Department of Conservation and trail users.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on your Annual Plan 2017-18. We are happy to discuss our submission further with you.

Kind regards



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SUBMISSION TO WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2017/18

Our Association's Response

This response is based on member's consensus at our May 2017 committee meeting.

Wish to Appear in-person

We do not wish to appear in person in support of this submission.

Format of DAP Document

Once again we wish to complain that line items of Capex & Opex under each Business Unit are even further aggregated than last year to the extent that it is not possible to identify individual projects which have significance to any suburb or district, let alone our own.

We urge a return to the more traditional format for this DAP and 3 year work plan – or at least make such a document publicly available at the time of release for comment.

Level of Proposed Rate Rise

This year the overall proposed rate rise is quoted at 3.3% but no attempt whatsoever has been made to announce the level of rate rise for the residential sector vs commercial. This is an example of seemingly purposeful spin to soften the perceived impact on householders.

While spending is reduced against forecast for the 2017/18 period the changes are in large part due to planning & design delays to big ticket items.

The public deserve more reassurance that restraints will be effective & flow on into future years "forecast" rates levels. A clear statement on the decision to invest heavily into the Airport runway extension was expected as was some sort of review of the ongoing subsidy for the Singapore Airlines long haul flights out of Wellington. When the Annual Plan fails to reveal such intentions then confidence in this document & the consultation process is lost.

We maintain that Council support of commercial enterprises (such as the runway extension) should be limited to initial rates relief, reduced charges for services & other Council compliance costs rather than direct injections of borrowed funds required to be serviced by rates.

Our Response to New Proposals in the 2017/18 DAP

Proposals which this Association Supports.

Discount on fees for Smokefree outdoor dining pavement areas

Removal of swimming pool fees for adults accompanying children under 8 years old

Rates remission for first home/ apartment builders

Predator free Miramar & Wellington project Director

Investigate supported living for the homeless

Stage 2 funding of work on recovering from recent storm surge damage & South Coast protection

Improving Community Engagement

Continued implementation of the living wage

Resilience Initiatives

- Seismic Building Intelligence Systems
- Assessment of 500 homes

Proposals for which we are Neutral.

Expand Wellington Arts & Culture programme to include Matariki etc.

One stop approach for key Council services

Working with car share providers to allocate 15 purposed electric & share car parks

Town Hall earthquake strengthening & managed music hub

Other Issues we regard as priority for & within our Suburb

We are heartened to read in the 2017/18 DAP that Council intends to engage with local community representatives - viz.

“Integrated suburban plans

Develop a community participatory approach to suburban planning to ensure local services and programmes meet local communities' needs”

The following are issues which we wish to progress from those we have submitted on previously through to new issues raised within the last year.

Tsunami Public Noticeboards

About 3 years ago the Tsunami discussions and painting of blue lines in Strathmore Park were successfully undertaken.

Whilst there is good awareness of the purpose and meaning of the signage among the initial stakeholders there has still not been any placement of promised Notice Boards within our Suburb to inform our residents and public.

This Association requests that the roll out of notice boards be provided for in the DAP (specifically within our suburb) in accordance with the plan that we signed up to during the analysis and execution phase of the project.

Road Safety Around Schools

Our Association has consistently requested traffic controls around our schools.

An active school speed zone has been provided on Strathmore Avenue for Kahurangi School and Strathmore Park Kindergarten and ***we request Council to provide similar active school zone traffic indicators on Monorgan Rd. for Scots College.***

In view of the narrow street width, pohutukawa tree lined berms and unmarked/uncontrolled car parking regime we also believe that the lower part of Monorgan Rd (at least from Raukawa St. intersection) should also be a 40k speed zone at all times.

Scots College has for some years now given us their support in these requested measures.

We are also aware from the resident at No.48 Monorgan Rd. that parking outside his residence causes a hazard.

Vehicles park on the corner outside his house and create a real traffic hazard as the shape of the corner means that oncoming vehicles in each direction are required to take evasive action in a narrow section of a very busy intersection with Raukawa Street.

Our suggested remedy is to extend the broken yellow lines to eliminate the hazard. In our view the distance required is the order of a vehicle's length but this should be verified by a traffic team assessment.

Stormwater Flooding Monorgan Rd.

Flooding on Monorgan Rd. affecting properties opposite Scots College entrance has occurred many times in the past. A number of proposals have been put forward by Wellington Water, some of which sought to divert stormwater via the Golf Course. The status over 2 years ago was “awaiting a review of the Miramar stormwater network”. No further advice has been

received.

With the certainty of an increase to the severity of rainstorms over time we again request that Council urgently action (finalise?) the stormwater network review and provide substantial capacity augmentation for Monorgan Rd.

Monorgan Road Playground

This Association has consistently recommended that provision be made for family friendly facilities at this popular playground within our suburb.

We request that a picnic table & toilet facility be provided for this playground to allow parental, grandparent & caregiver support to younger children to be more easily provided. This playground is fairly well sheltered & lends itself to more extended family use than other playgrounds in our community.

Some consideration should also be given to facilities for older teenagers such as a more extended court area for use with various ball sports.

The grassed area which is infrequently mown has proven too lush for “backyard soccer” & we believe that extended tar seal court area is more versatile for this play.

Beautification of grassed area opposite Strathmore Park shops

Paul Fredricksen, our local pharmacist, has made a suggestion that the option of beautifying and/or increasing the leisure options for green area in Strathmore Park opposite the shopping precinct should be explored.

Our Association agrees with Paul that this could potentially be a great area for Strathmore residents to have picnics, lounge etc but at present the facilities for this to happen are very limited. At present there is a solitary bench seat located there which on a good day looks lost!

We request that Parks & Gardens Team accept this suggestion as a local project.

Lighting of Monorgan Rd. to Raukawa St. Steps & Track

This issue has been taken up with the Mayor's office and is recorded here for completeness. The correspondence has been acknowledged and a formal response is awaited.

Recently the Wellington City Council extensively upgraded a track and steps from Raukawa Street to Monorgan Road that leads onto the Monorgan Road children's play area.

The work improved the location immensely but from a safety aspect we have a concern that young children could be at risk from the fact that established trees form an umbrella which hides the track from view.

In the interest of child safety we request that lighting be added to complete this project of value to our suburb.

Residential Solid Waste Disposal Process

Our understanding is that annual Community Cleanups are no longer offered by WCC. This has no impact on our Association since we ceased holding these some years ago.

At our AGMs residents have asked that we encourage Council to follow the system used in

some overseas Cities and introduce a user pays system to record, schedule, collect & dispose of household solid waste items which cannot be easily disposed of in bags or bins.

Accordingly we request Council to consider this activity as a self funded extension to the Waste Disposal program.

Widening of Feeder Streetwidths in Wellington suburbs

Whilst consulting with members and residents regarding Broadway tree & centre islands removal a number of comments were received about inadequate road width of Strathmore Avenue.

With the move toward providing for cycling this Association urges Council to seriously consider streetwidening as an infrastructure improvement policy.

Strathmore Avenue is a prime example of a street with wide berms and Council provided planting is well past its use by date. Long term planning should begin to redefine the location of kerbs & channels on streets of this nature with a view to increasing road width to cater for increasing vehicle widths, adequate parking and ultimately cycleways.

From observation around the city there are many such streets with inadequate roadway widths that serve communities with increasing car ownership & journeys for school, work & local reasons. Mein Street Newtown is also a good example which should be listed high on a street widening agenda.

Undergrounding of Services

The undergrounding policy adopted some years ago is clearly not providing any significant undergrounding in Suburban Wellington. We consider the existing policy elitist, assisting only the well healed to claim grants for private enjoyment & to improve their home's asset value.

We urge Council to adopt a policy & strategy to eliminate all overhead services in (say) 60 years from its inception.

This would require drawing up street priority lists, encouraging public input and gaining the co-operation of the various services currently using overhead plant.

In suburbs we see a proliferation of mysterious and unsightly overhead cable arrays, many of which are expedient temporary arrangements which remain for years following relocation of a single pole or support.

Other Matter of Concern

Economic Development Funding/ Destination Wellington/ et al

Our Association is dissatisfied with this/ these unit(s) which goes well beyond their brief in setting up deals with commercial enterprises and operators which commit substantial ratepayer's funds without their detailed proposals being first discussed by full Council.

We disapprove of the rates implications of the subsidy to WIAL in funding the bulk of their resource consent application, apparent ongoing support of the commitment to fund \$90M, by

way of a 40 year loan, as an upfront payment towards the airport extension without a robust business case or a single airline offering to fly. The lack of transparency on the basis of, level and duration of subsidy for seats on Singapore airlines to operate the Wellington/ Canberra to Singapore hub flights is also down to Destination Wellington proposals.

The history of encouraging airlines to provide direct services to Wellington is abysmal. Council spent considerable ratepayers funds in encouraging direct flights Wellington to Adelaide some years ago at the time that the runway end safety areas were installed. Not one such flight has ever eventuated but support (& no doubt ongoing spending) continues for even more grandiose direct flight destinations.

As the spending levels are not verifiable in the 2017/18 DAP we request that the Unit be funded for its premises & staff operational expenditure only and that all other proposals by way of subsidy, cash payments, event underwriting etc. be required to be fully consulted & entered into annual and long term plans with the same rigour that all other Council departments require to observe.

As we have seen with car street races, WoW festival and Stadium events Wellington is really good at fostering new ideas and programmes – but all of these have their peak time & eventually reach a use by date. WCC must reign in unplanned and unconsulted subsidies to commercial enterprises. Council should restrict their support to reduced rates, waived fees etc during times of establishment rather than committing continuing rates funds to lobbyists with grandiose plans.

Signed,

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End of Submission



Edo de Waart Music Director

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Te Tira Pūoro o Aotearoa

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Submission from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/18

1. Introduction

1.1 Two projects within the Wellington City Council's Annual Plan 2017/18 have particular relevance to the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, and a commentary of each follows. As New Zealand's international standard national orchestra resident in Wellington, the NZSO plays a key role in contributing to the vibrancy and life of the city and we support initiatives to invest in and grow the arts and cultural opportunities within the city.

2. (d) Improving Wellington's arts and culture programme to include:

- A new public event celebrating Matariki
- A diverse, city-focused outdoor event series

2.1 Increasing cultural opportunities in the city is strongly supported by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. Cultural events bring both visitors and new residents to the city, helps build audiences for all cultural experiences, increases opportunities for collaboration and increases the capability of Wellington's creative industry as more artists are attracted to the city. It will also further reinforce the city's position as the Creative Capital and increase the engagement of residents in cultural experiences.

3. (J) Town Hall earthquake strengthening

3.1 The NZSO strongly supports the strengthening of the Wellington Town Hall and the development of a full Civic Music Hub operating across the Town Hall, Michael Fowler Centre and the Municipal Office Building.

3.2 The Civic Music Hub will further reinforce Wellington's position as the Creative Capital. The strengthening of the Town Hall and the associated redevelopment will create a facility of national significance.

3.3 Wellington Town Hall will provide a permanent home for the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. This will allow us to offer a wider range of performances, recordings and broadcasts to all Wellingtonians and New Zealanders.

- 3.4 With the state-of-the-art recording facilities proposed for the Town Hall, we will have the professional resources needed for film scoring, which will attract more of this work to Wellington. It will enable the NZSO to expand the recording and the film scoring activities that we have built up over recent years with considerable success, including films such as *The Hobbit* and our recent Grammy nominated recording. All this activity has ensuring benefits for the Wellington economy.
- 3.5 The collaboration between the NZSO and Victoria University's New Zealand School of Music bring a range of benefits and opportunities for musicians, students and audiences. The Civic Music Hub will become a centre of music, creativity, adventure and energy with professional musicians, teachers and students interacting, learning from each other, trying new things and above all making music accessible to all Wellingtonians.
- 3.6 The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and Victoria University are committed to the project and fundraising work is underway to ensure its viability.

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Feedback:-

ANNUAL PGM 17/18

3 year week

2 Dog Runners

MARSHALL STREET
BUS STOP.

THE OUTWARD BUS STOP
NEAR COBRA STREET
HAS NO SHELTER OVER

THE POSITION, CLOSEST TO
COBRA STREET, THE SEATS
PROBABLY MORE ARE EXPOSED
TO RAIN WEATHER.

I HAVE REPRESENTED THIS
PROBLEM AT LEAST TWICE
IN THE PAST BUT USUALLY
GET IGNORED (in writing)
BY A COUNCIL OFFICER THAT
IT HAS NOT BE INCLUDED
IN THE PLANS. NOW THE
TIME TO DO THIS IS

Brian Bullock

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FOOTPATH
ANNUAL RUM 17/18
3 year work
programme

ALEXANDER ROAD
TOWN BELT

* COMMENCE A PROGRESSIVE WORK

PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE A
SAFE FOOT PATH - BESIDE
THE ROADWAY ON THE
SECTION OF ~~ALEXANDER ROAD~~
WITHIN THE TOWN BELT.

* CONDUCT A DRAINAGE
CARRIER BESIDE THAT
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IN ONE URGENT SITUATION
CREATING FLOODING PROBLEMS
TO THE HATAITAI BUS TERMINAL
AT WATOA RD HATAITAI

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FEEDBACK

MUNICIPAL BUSES 17/18
3 years work
PROGRESSIVE

LIGHTING - BUS SHELTER COMMUNITY PLACES

THE LIGHTING INSTALLED
IN THESE BUS SHELTERS
WITH THESE SHELTERS
WHICH WERE CONSTRUCTED IN
NOW CAPABLE TO WORK.

THE LIGHTING UNITS ARE
PART OF THE EXTERIOR WORK
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Living Wage Wellington

Submission to the Wellington City Council Annual Plan 2017/2018



**WE WANT TO LIVE
IN A FAIR CITY**

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1. Living Wage Wellington's submission

Living Wage Wellington welcomes the Council's commitment to the Living Wage in the draft 2017 Annual Plan. The Living Wage proposal builds on the commitment to become a Living Wage council made by Council in 2013 and the steps taken in subsequent years. It proposes concrete steps forward and sets out priorities to put Wellington City Council on track to seek accreditation within this triennium.

"I am happy my council rates can contribute to a Living Wage for all council employees."

Suzanne McNab,
Northern Ward.

Living Wage Wellington has collected individual submissions in the community on the Council's 2017 draft Annual Plan. Over 700 submissions have been delivered to Council calling for provision in the Annual Plan for:

- All directly-employed council staff and those in CCOs be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- The council cleaners and security guards employed via contractors, who are already part of WCC's implementation of the Living Wage, be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- A commitment to extend the Living Wage to all council workers employed by contractors.

We note that the word "contractors" is a broad term that also includes workers employed by subcontractors.

We welcome the Council's inclusion of these three points in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan.

The implementation of the Living Wage for the whole council workforce, including those employed in CCOs and via contractors, has been overwhelmingly supported by Wellingtonians in annual plan and long term plan community consultations since 2014. It was supported by the Mayor and Deputy and majority of successful candidates in the 2016 local body election campaign. Council has a very strong mandate to fulfil these commitments.

2. Living Wage Wellington

Living Wage Wellington is part of Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ. Living Wage Wellington was formed in 2012, and launched at an event at the Wesley Church in Taranaki Street.

Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand is a broad-based community movement committed to addressing poverty and inequality by lifting low wages. Living Wage Wellington brings together a wide range of faith-based and community organisations and unions representing many thousands of Wellingtonians and others who work in Wellington and live outside the city. Member organisations of the Living Wage Movement include:

- St Peter's on Willis
- The New Zealand Council of Trade Unions, Te Kauae Kaimahi
- ChangeMakers Refugee Forum
- St Andrews on the Terrace
- E Tū
- The Anglican Diocese of Wellington
- DCM
- First Union

- Newtown Union and Community Health Service
- New Zealand Educational Institute Te Riu Roa
- Wellington Methodist Parish
- Unions Wellington
- Workers Educational Association
- New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services
- The Public Service Association Te Pūkenga Here Tikanga Mahi
- Victoria University of Wellington Students Association
- The Tertiary Education Union Te Hautū Kahurangi o Aotearoa
- Methodist Public Issues
- Manufacturing and Construction Workers Union
- United Community Action Group (UCAN)
- Maori Women's Welfare League
- Diary Workers Union
- Child Poverty Action Group
- Post Primary Teachers' Association Te Wehengarua
- Postal Workers Union
- Rail and Maritime Transport Union
- Unite Union

**"A better city and community result
if we address inequality."**
**Wayne Linkletter,
Western Ward**

Living Wage Wellington also enjoys support from a range of organisations which have not formally become member organisations of the Living Wage Movement.

3. The Living Wage

Living Wage Aotearoa NZ defines the Living Wage as: "The income necessary to provide workers and their families with the necessities of life. A Living Wage will enable workers to live in dignity and to participate in society."

In 2012 independent research commissioned by the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ was undertaken by experts in their field to determine the New Zealand Living Wage rate. The first NZ rate was identified by Charles Waldegrave and Dr Peter King, who are highly respected for their work in establishing the poverty line. The original rate of \$18.40 an hour was announced in 2013. The NZ rate was set using similar methodology to that used elsewhere in the world. The calculation takes into account Family Tax Credits, Childcare Assistance, and Accommodation Supplement payments.

Because it is a "Living Wage" the rate has been updated every year. Because it is a rate in the market, it is updated by the average movement in wages. The updated rate of \$18.80 was announced in February 2014; \$19.25 in February 2015 and \$19.80 in February 2016. The 2017/2018 rate is \$20.20 an hour. Over this time the Living Wage rate has increased by \$1.80 an hour. Over the same time frame the minimum wage has been increased from \$13.00 to \$15.75 — \$2.75 an hour.

Ann and Alana's Story



Ann Simone and Alana Moss are Wellington City Council cleaners, employed by the contract cleaning company, Spotless.

Ann and Alana came from Samoa in 2011 and have worked as cleaners on the minimum wage ever since. They have a 2½ year old child and a baby on the way. Like many other couples who clean, he does the night shift and she does daytime. It's hard to find time to spend together, especially when low hourly rates necessitate long hours.

Says Ann: "Even though we both worked hard we had to work long hours just to get the necessities, as well as to cover rent, power and food. We were squeezed into a tiny room, as we couldn't afford anything else. We never made ends meet."

Last August Ann and Alana's hourly rates were lifted to \$18.55 and then \$18.63 as a direct result of the Council's commitment to the Living Wage. Ann says: We are now working 40 hours a week and spending more time with our baby. We managed to move into a two-bedroomed place with more space for our baby to play in. We are still looking forward to being paid the actual Living Wage rate. We are not living a life of luxury but it just got better."

4. Extending the Living Wage to workers employed via contractors

Although Wellington City Council has taken some steps to address this, many workers delivering core council services such as cleaning and recycling, who are employed via contractors and subcontractors, are paid poverty rates as low as the minimum wage. These workers are an important part of the council workforce. Their work should be valued and services will improve with a stable, motivated and experienced workforce.

There are many reasons why all contract workers must be included in the implementation of the Living Wage. Apart from the fairness issues, if the Living Wage coverage does not include procured services it incentivises the process of outsourcing services.

Assessing the cost of lifting the pay of workers employed via contractors to the Living Wage must take into account the benefits. Paying the Living Wage benefits the city by ensuring a basic yet decent standard of living for workers and their families. The relationship between wages and well-being is well documented. Health, education, and social participation all improve when wages are lifted. Paying workers the Living Wage will ensure they can participate in the amenities of the city and have access to recreational and community facilities.

A prosperous economic environment depends on consumers having the spending power to support local business and the low-paid workers who would benefit from receiving the Living Wage spend their entire incomes on retail and basic services.

Living Wage Aotearoa has collated the experiences of Living Wage employers in a survey report released in March 2017ⁱ. While it is very early in the life of the accreditation system (less than two years) employers report benefits such as improved reputation, happier and more productive staff, better alignment of organisational values, a sense of being part of a wider movement and the potential for a market edge through leadership in implementing the Living Wage.

2012 research in the UKⁱⁱ reported that paying the Living Wage benefits employers by reducing costs of turnover, improving morale and motivation of workers, and enhancing public image and reputation, and can encourage more competitive industry.

Council's own surveys show that introducing the Living Wage at Parking Services has lifted resident satisfaction and the skills of staff. Wellington City Council needs a stable, motivated staff to deliver quality services to residents.

Substantial research has been done on the benefits to employers, including the benefits to both employers and clients in extending the Living Wage to workers employed via contractors.

One of the most recent reports on the benefits of paying the Living Wage is a 2015 report by the University of Strathclyde (Glasgow), which highlighted clear evidence demonstrating how UK employers paying the Living Wage benefit from improved staff morale, retention and productivity.

The report, commissioned by Barclays, uses case studies demonstrating business benefits and examples of how to mitigate associated costs. Strathclyde Business School academic, Dr Andrea Coulson, the primary author of the report, said: "The report highlights detailed case study evidence of how costs of adopting the Living Wage are being mitigated and value created for employers, their employees and on-site contract staff."

Key findings include:

- Increased skills development among existing staff
- Increased staff performance and job satisfaction
- Increased staff retention
- Long-term reputational benefits for Living Wage employers
- Implementing the Living Wage encourages businesses to re-evaluate their approaches to staffing and payment, leading to more effective and efficient working patterns in the long term
- Implementing the Living Wage encourages businesses to re-evaluate their business model, leading to more effective and efficient working patterns in the long term

"People deserve to feel valued."
Kate McGuiness,
Southern Ward.

Jenny Stewart, Head of Infrastructure and Government at KPMG, said since rolling out the Living Wage to all full-time staff and suppliers, including on-site contractors, KPMG has seen an increase in employee motivation, higher employee retention, and reduced absenteeism. This in turn has resulted in lower recruitment costs, more opportunities for staff development and the opportunity for KPMG to mitigate costs by broadening responsibilities of current staff. The firm has also seen improvements in bottom line performance in both financial and non-financial indicators such as employee engagement and overall customer satisfaction levels.

A 2008 study of Queen Mary, a college of the University of London, which adopted the London Living Wage for its cleaners, outlines the benefits. Although in this case, the cleaners were brought in-house, the results of the study are relevant to contract workers. The study, led by Professor Jane Willis, Professor of Human Geography at the university, showed that, after they were lifted to the Living Wage, the cleaners had higher levels of morale and job satisfaction, worked more productively and completed a broader range of tasks. The authors concluded: "The research has revealed that the move has stimulated improvements in the job quality, productivity and service delivery, with very little increase in costs."

A report on the impact of the London Living Wage was commissioned and published by the Greater London Authority, and conducted by *London Economics*, in 2009. Researchers interviewed

Stevan's story



Stevan is a Wellington City Council parking officer, whose life has transformed since Council began to adopt the Living Wage.

Six years ago, Stevan was working as a security guard on the minimum wage. Says Stevan: "All I could do was exist." He was living at his brother's and feeling isolated and depressed. "I struggled to make ends meet. All my money would go on bills and I would have no money to spend on myself."

Now his life is different. Stevan is paid \$19.73 an hour and is looking forward to moving to the full Living Wage of \$20.20 an hour.

"It's made a big difference," says Stevan, who got married last year and was able to save up for a honeymoon and wedding expenses.

But he says, even on the Living Wage things can tight. "I'm just lucky I have food in my pantry. People who are solo parents, they can't feed their children very well if they are not on the Living Wage. We do have that money and when friends come over, we supply them with a good home-cooked meal."

representatives from 11 employing organisations that had moved to the Living Wage and found that the: "*most significant impact noted was recruitment and retention, improved worker morale, motivation, productivity and [the] reputational impacts of being an ethical employer*" (London Economics, 2009). The study found that more than 80% of employers believed that the living wage had increased the quality of the work.

Paying a Living Wage can and should ensure staff, whether they are directly-employed or employed via a contractor, are well-trained and skilled to do their work. It provides an opportunity to require contractors to ensure all their staff are working towards or have formal qualifications (such as ITO qualifications). This is more achievable with a stable and long-serving workforce.

With reduced turnover and training, a skilled, qualified and experienced workforce will perform better and provide better service delivery for WCC and the community. For example, skilled, trained and experienced cleaners will achieve a better result and therefore WCC property and grounds will look better and people using the facilities will be more satisfied. This will also reduce the likelihood of infection and increase the safety of council facilities and grounds.

It is superficial to argue that these are benefits solely for the contractor and not the client. A more stable, productive workforce with greater morale will provide a better service for the Council and ultimately the people of Wellington City.

5. Seeking accreditation as a Living Wage employer

Over 50% of UK councils are Living Wage councils and an increasing number are fully-accredited. The London Mayor, Sadiq Khan said in October 2016: "Paying the London Living Wage is not just the right and moral thing to do, it makes good business sense too. As many employers already accredited know, the benefits are clear - including increased productivity and reduced staff turnover. The London Living Wage is a fantastic campaign and I will be working to encourage more businesses across our great city to get involved. This will not only help London become a city where it's a badge of pride for employers to pay the London Living Wage, but help us become a city where everyone benefits from the capital's success."

Vancouver Council has voted unanimously to become a Living Wage council. Mayor Gregor Robertson said: "A Living Wage has a direct impact on health and well-being, and

helps create stronger local communities and economies. This motion will allow the city to lead by example, and encourage other organisations to join the living wage movement."

The people of Wellington have shown strong support for Wellington leading the way to become New Zealand's first official Living Wage council. Accredited Living Wage employers have six months each year after the updated Living Wage rate is announced to match that rate to maintain accreditation.

"People deserve to live properly and have a chance in life."

**Evin Litchfield,
Eastern Ward**

Becoming an accredited Living Wage employer will enable Wellington City council to show leadership in the city. It will encourage local employers to follow the Council's example and join other accredited Living Wage employers, like Pivotal Print, La Boca Loca, Bicycle Junction and many local faith-based and community organisations and unions.

6. The Living Wage is affordable

The Annual Plan states that WCC's finances are "on a strong, sustainable footing" and "we are in good financial shape". The introduction to the draft plan states: "We have looked closely at our spending over the next three years to ensure it is focused where it can do the most good". The plan includes a lower rates rise than previously predicted.

The Living Wage is a clear example of focussing Council's budget where it can do good. It is very clear that the implementation of the Living Wage at Wellington City Council is affordable.

The Wellington Mayor, Justin Lester, was reported in the New Zealand Herald as saying: "We wanted a prudent budget, a budget that was affordable, but that also ensures we treated our staff well."

He said previous experience showed paying a Living Wage could save money. When the Wellington City Council stopped contracting for parking wardens and instead employed them directly at a Living Wage rate, they saved overall.

"Because previously the contractor was taking the majority of the benefit from the contract, and not the staff," Lester said. "We've had greater loyalty from staff, reduced turnover, and increased services, at a lower burden for ratepayers."ⁱⁱⁱ

Given the many local authorities that have introduced the Living Wage around the world, there is a large body of literature on the costs and benefits of doing so. International experience has been that initial estimates of the cost of implementing the Living Wage are almost always higher than what eventuates. For example, when Los Angeles introduced the Living Wage in 1997, it was predicted to cost somewhere between US\$30-40 million. However, the total increase to labour costs was \$US2.5 million.^{iv}

7. Background

- In July 2013 WCC voted to support in principle becoming a Living Wage Council and requested officers to develop a framework providing for the phased implementation of the Living Wage for

"WCC is leading the way to become a Living Wage city. I am very proud of this!"

**Robert Ferguson,
Lambton Ward.**

directly employed staff, staff employed by CCOS and those employed by contractors.

- In December 2013 the new council reaffirmed their commitment to become a Living Wage Council.
- In January 2014 WCC moved nearly 500 directly employed staff to the (then) Living Wage of \$18.40. Soon after the parking wardens, who were employed via a contractor, were taken in-house and lifted to the (then) Living Wage.
- In consultation on the 2014 Annual Plan, over 80% of submitters supported the Living Wage proposal to pay all staff, including those employed by contractors, the Living Wage.
- The 2015 Long Term plan included \$750,000 over two years tagged to lift workers employed by contractors to the Living Wage.
- In October 2015 Council voted to award the contract for security and noise control services on the basis of the Living Wage.
- In August 2016, around 60 WCC security guards and cleaners moved to \$18.55 as a result of the commitment to the Living Wage.

The 2017 WCC draft Annual Plan includes the following section:

A Living Wage Council

The minimum pay rate for all employed by Wellington City Council, its Council Controlled Organisations and contractors will be the official New Zealand Living Wage rate.

This completes the journey begun in 2013 when council committed itself to paying the Living Wage and sets Wellington City Council on a path to be the first accredited Living Wage Council in New Zealand.

Specifically, this policy will see council adopt the official New Zealand Living Wage rate (as commissioned annually by Living Wage Movement Aotearoa) as a minimum pay rate for;

- (a) All staff currently included in the council's Living Wage programme (*specifically; directly employed staff, CCO employees and contractors covered by the Recon security and Spotless Cleaning contracts*).
- (b) All staff working for contractors delivering services on behalf of council, to be included as contracts come up for renewal or tendering (*this specifically excludes those only providing goods*).

ⁱ J. Stansfield, A Living Wage At Work: Experiences of Employers and Employees in the Accredited Employer Programme of the Living Wage Campaign Workplaces

ⁱⁱ The costs and benefits of the London living wage, October 2012, Jane Wills and Brian Linneker, School of Geography, Queen Mary University of London

ⁱⁱⁱ (http://www.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11830515)

^{iv} (Andrew J Elmore, Living Wage Laws & Communities: Smarter Economic Development, Lower than Expected Costs, Brennan Center for Justice, New York, 2003, p. 2).

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 2017 ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION



I want to live in a Fair City!

I congratulate the new council for their commitment to making our city a Fair City by ensuring all workers are paid the Living Wage and call on Wellington City Council to include in the 2017 Annual Plan:

- All directly-employed council staff and those in CCOs to be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- The council cleaners and security guards employed via contractors, who are already part of WCC's implementation of the Living Wage, to be paid the NZ Living Wage by July 2017
- A commitment to extend the Living Wage to all council workers employed by contractors.

I support this because:

Name:

Signature:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

I want to join Living Wage Wellington to make an oral submission to Council.
(Please tick the box).



Submission to Wellington City Council on the 2017-18 Draft Annual Plan

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Submission: We at St Andrew's on The Terrace have done this and become a Living Wage employer . This included getting our contracted cleaning service to improve the wages they pay their cleaner. This cost us more! So in a small way we know some of the difficulties the Council will face. We are convinced however that people on the Living Wage feel better about themselves and have more leisure time to enjoy the good facilities which the WCC provides. They are also able to buy more which compensates for Chamber of Commerce objections that this will be difficult for business.



Submission to Wellington City Council on the 2017-18 Draft Annual Plan

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Submission: Submission re Living Wage

Submission from Social Justice Committee, St Peter's on Willis

The Social Justice Committee of St Peter's on Willis Street firstly wishes to congratulate the Wellington City Council for its vote in 2015 to pay contractors the Living Wage and its further commitment in the 2017/2018 Plan to become an accredited Living Wage employer by 2020. The expected cost of this is 0.2% increase in rates which can be expected to flow straight back into the community in the form of greater engagement in the community and contribution to the local economy by those persons paid the living wage. The Social Justice Committee of St Peter's on Willis supports the next stages of 'the pioneering journey to ensure that those delivering core council services are paid a decent wage' (quoting Councillor Paul Eagle, Oct 29/10/15) and believes that the fundamental issue is indeed about decency and fairness to enable people to live in dignity.

The St Peter's Social Justice Committee also supports the recommendation that Council and Council controlled organisations and contracts should pay the Living Wage on a case-by-case basis. Our committee asks the council to endorse a more general policy that all council contractors, without exception, adopt the Living Wage by 2020.

St Peter's Social Justice Committee would also like to highlight to the Council that working towards a living wage for all staff, including both city council staff and contracted staff, will fit well with Sustainable Development Goals 8 'Decent work and Economic Growth' and 10, 'Reducing Inequalities' of the World Health Organisation's seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) . Working towards a Living Wage for everyone also fits with the demands for action from the recent World Congress of Public Health held in Melbourne in April 2017, These

demands include (1) Improving health outcomes for all, (2) fighting inequity as the primary driver for poor health, and (3) demanding political, social, environmental and economic change across all sectors for better and more sustainable health.



Submission to Wellington City Council on the 2017-18 Draft Annual Plan

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Submission: The United Community Action Network, UCAN, is committed to advocating for the Wellington City Council (WCC) to becoming a fully accredited Living Wage Employer.

UCAN is a health advocacy group that is committed to ensuring the voice of people on low-wage and no-wages are able to get their voice heard. Increasing there are significant barriers that people have to face in navigating health services and UCAN attempts to ensure these voices are heard by those who make the wide-reaching decisions.

In 2016 UCAN launched the second UCAN Charter for Health. This document is co-written, and in consultation, with Professor Don Matheson, a GP who has played a significant role in establishing the Union Health movement along equity-based principles such as access to health care is a human right. The 2016 UCAN Health Charter identifies access to a Living Wage as one of six key determinants to ensure everyone has access to health as a fundamental right.

The stories UCAN hear tell us that the lacks of access to basic resources are a familiar experience for many living on low incomes.

We know an adequate income is the key component to accessing healthy housing, health-promoting food options, the ability to visit a GP and then buy medication, and to be able to encourage and nurture children or dependents in the care of the wage earner. However without that adequate income, opportunities to participate in the health and well being of a whanau, family and community are severely reduced. An income that is pegged below the Living Wage rate can therefore appears as active denial to the services and resources to support a healthy and well community flourish.

UCAN has been committed to supporting the Living Wage campaign to ensure the WCC pays the employed staff, and also the contracted workers already on a Living Wage. This has been bold and mana-enhancing action.

Now it is time for the WCC to bring the other contracts on board and pay these workers a fair and equitable rate as identified by the Living Wage movement Aotearoa. These other WCC contracted workers, such as landfill, cleaning and waste workers, receive less than a Living Wage, “the gap between rich and the poor is rapidly growing... this is bad for our health” (UCAN Health Charter 2017). To close this gap will send a positive statement that this Council is committed to value-based governance in which the most vulnerable is cared for. This will also enable the WCC to obtain the proud status of being the first Living Wage accredited city council.

UCAN supports unreservedly the WCC to move swiftly to becoming an accredited Living Wage employer.

Annual Plan Submission by the Makara/Ohariu Community Board

Submitters:

Makara/Ohariu Community Board

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410 Makara Road

Makara

The Board agrees in principle with the 3 year work programme development providing that the impact on rates is kept to a minimum.

However in particular the Board wishes to comment on the following aspects.

Resilience

It is seen as vital to ensure that the road network within the Makara and Ohariu Valleys, and in particular the Takarau Gorge Road is maintained to a good standard because the access through Karori to Makara and Ohariu to Johnsonville provides a potential alternative access route in and out of Wellington in the event of a major disaster. It is therefore most important in the Board's view that the Takarau Gorge Road is kept in good repair.

Communication

There are areas with both the Makara and Ohariu Valleys which has little or no coverage for cell phones and broadband. Bearing in mind that most of the area is within 10 km of central Wellington yet even now, without a national emergency, communication can best be described as "patchy". Wellingtonians who use the area for recreational purposes are by and large unaware that in the event of any accident or emergency, there is little or no access to call for assistance.

Growth

While we support the concept of growth within the Wellington area, we consider that it is important for the Greater Wellington community, that the rural identity and amenities which are to be found within both Makara and Ohariu are retained and enhanced, and that appropriate steps are taken to ensure that urban encroachment is kept to a minimum and within the current Rural Guidelines. We take this view because firstly these areas are used by a substantial number of Wellingtonians and overseas visitors for recreational activities, and secondly we see it as important to have such facilities in close proximity to a major urban base so people do not have to travel substantial distances to engage in such activities.

This would involve the development and maintenance of walking tracks, horse riding, cycling and trail riding tracks in consultation with the residents.

It would also mean that Makara and Ohariu add to the image of a clean, green inclusive city as they form approximately 63 % of the land area of Wellington.

More Sustainable

We support the Council initiatives on developing Predator Free Zones, and would like to see it extended into the rural areas. Local residents are already active in this endeavour, and assistance from WCC and GWRC would be most welcome.

We support the Council engaging and consulting with communities so that the Rural Area of Makara and Ohariu feel part of the city and not detached from it.

Thank you for the opportunity to make these submissions.



WELLINGTON RUGBY REFEREES ASSOCIATION

Dear Mayor, Councillors, CEO

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission from the Wellington Rugby Referees Association (WRRA).

Background

The WRRA was founded in 1894 and we have 160 members in our Association, of which 130 are active referees. We appoint referees to Rugby Union fixtures all across the Wellington Region, including the Wairarapa and Horowhenua districts on occasion. During the winter season we appoint referees to over 150 matches a week, and over a calendar year we provide referees for over 3,000 fixtures. Each match usually has at least 44 people involved and this does not include coaches, managers, volunteers, supporters and spectators.

The WRRA is an Incorporated Society and has Charitable Trust status. Most of the rugby matches our referees are involved in range from age grade junior rugby to senior men's and women's club rugby.

All our referees are volunteers, with our youngest referee being 12 and our oldest who is 72. The association also has a number of members who are referee coaches and organisers within the Association. We don't have a clubroom, and instead use a room each week at the Petone Working Men's Club during our winter season.

Operation of the WRRA

For the past three years, like many community organisations, we have found it difficult to find income to support the operation of our Association.

Each year we need to find funding for:

- Uniforms (referee jersey, shorts, socks, tracksuit etc)
- Whistles, lanyards, cards and other ancillary gear
- Assistant Referee flags
- Communication Equipment (for Ref's to communicate with AR's)
- Cameras, CD's, USB's for coaching and development
- Referee development and training programmes
- Interchange programmes (hosting and sending refs around the country for development purposes)
- Dress & Polo shirts, ties
- Referee Coach jackets, beanies
- Recruitment and retention of referees

The total expenditure to run our Association ranges between \$50-60,000 per annum.

Our main sources of funding are sponsorship, membership fees, and grants through lotteries, gaming trusts and other funding organisations. However, over the past three

years we have struggled to find a major sponsor after our last sponsor went into liquidation mid-way through their commitment.

Our Proposal

Recently, the Association met with stakeholders involved with the ‘Live Well’ Wellington Region Sport and Active Recreation Strategy, and Nicky Sherriff from Sport Wellington who currently leads the strategy.

Live Well has been adopted by the Hutt City Council and will be coming before the Wellington City Council and all other Councils in the region over the next 2-3 months. Part of the focus of this strategy is to increase participation in sport and active recreation in order to:

- Contribute to improved mental and physical wellbeing
- Support individual development and achievement
- Positively impact social and community development

The strategy also includes a document focusing on supporting volunteers within the sport and recreation sector.

Given that the WRRA operates on a regional level with matches all across the Wellington region, we believe a partnership between our Association and City Councils would help promote and implement the goals outlined above across all our communities in the Wellington region.

We are approaching all of the City Councils in the region with this proposal.

What the Wellington City Council will receive from WRRA:

- Your Council’s logo printed on the front and back of our referee match jerseys. This will be along with the other Councils who partner with us. This will provide significant exposure to a minimum of 60-80 people per match, with 3,000 matches per annum.
- A message (alongside the logos) agreed upon by Live Well stakeholders to promote the strategy’s vision.
- Your Council and the strategy would receive promotion through our Website, Social Media Accounts, Social Functions, Weekly Training Sessions.
- Representatives would be nominated from our Association to become ‘Live Well’ ambassadors to help with education across the region.
- Monthly updates and annual reports back to the Council.
- A commitment from our Association to work with other stakeholders on regional initiatives that promote sporting organisations to work more closely together.

What we are requesting from City Councils across the region:

- A commitment of funding for the 2017/18, 2018/19 & 2019/20 financial years to assist with the operational costs of running the WRRA.
- We are asking for a modest amount from each City Council and have taken into account each Council's size and our involvement as an Association in each City.

The amounts we are requesting:

Wellington City Council - \$10,000 per annum for 3 years

Hutt City Council - \$8,000 per annum for 3 years

Upper Hutt City Council - \$6,000 per annum for 3 years

Porirua City Council - \$6,000 per annum for 3 years

We acknowledge that there are significant funding pressures on each Council as you work through setting your Annual Plan. However, we do see a partnership between the Wellington City Council and our Association as being of major benefit to Wellington and the rest of the region. This partnership can help act as a vehicle for regional cooperation and promote people and families to get active.

For our Association, this partnership will go a long way towards us being able to focus on recruiting new referees and retaining old ones. Currently we are losing more referees than we gain, and not being able to appoint 1 referee to a match means that on most occasions 44 people can't play rugby that day.

This is the first time we have approached the Wellington City Council, and rather than ask for a lump sum to support our Association, we would like to have an innovative long lasting partnership that will benefit the Wellington City Council, our Association, sport and active recreation across the region, and the health and wellbeing of people in our community.

We will be speaking to this proposal, and look forward to meeting you during your hearing.

Yours Sincerely,

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Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 & 3 year Work Programme

Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

We want to hear your views on the Draft Annual Plan 2017/18. You can answer these questions online at wellington.govt.nz/haveyoursay, email your thoughts to annual.plan@wcc.govt.nz or post this form to us (no stamp needed). Tell us what you think by 5pm, 19 May.

Guidelines

Please ensure that your feedback is on the topic. Council will not be able to consider feedback that is not on the topic regardless of how the feedback is delivered. Should you wish to speak to your feedback you can talk to your councillor or participate on-line in virtual forum(s) in May 2017. Council will also be running in May 2017 a forum with stakeholders focused on the 3 year work programme. Please indicate in your feedback if you are interested in speaking about the 3 year programme.

Privacy statement - what we do with your personal information

All submissions (including name and contact details) are provided in their entirety to elected members and made available to the public at our office and on our website. Personal information will also be used for the administration of the engagement process including informing you of the outcome of the engagement. All information collected will be held by Wellington City Council, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

Section 1 – your details

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as an individual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
on behalf of an organisation. Your organisation's name:	

*mandatory field

Section 2 – Feedback

*Please note if you use more than the text boxes provided, your text will not show if printed. If you do have additional comments please include when emailing, posting or submitting online.

Changes to Long-term Plan

Please provide feedback here on your views on any of the changes key initiatives for 2017/18 (see page 10-15 of the "Building a Better City" document).

Apology, but we have had a scan in our computer and lost a lot of files so attaching copies of relevant comments on Page 16 2017/18 Financial Overview we have made in earlier submissions.

Changes to Council Fees

Please provide feedback here on your views on the proposed changes to Council fees? (Sewage/Disposal Networks; Swimming Pools; Sports Fields; Marinas; Building Consents & Facilitation and; Public Health).

*Page 13 - Support raise the living wage
16 - " Johnsonville library upgrade
16 - Kumutoto Public Space - should be consulted
see over*

3 year work programme

1. The Goals - Are these the goals that the Council should focus on in the next 3 years? (More Resilient; Smarter Growth; People Focused; More Sustainable; Improving the Way We Work) See page 7 of the "Building a Better City" document.

Agree Disagree Neutral

Comments

The attached refers to "Focus area 3" but unfortunately have lost the recent emails re cutting of grass verges, hillside banks, play areas etc.

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Over many years we have made submissions to Council plans and yet again of concern is the comment on Page 3 - "THIS IS AN AMBITIOUS PLAN"! It is hard to find any reference to the basics most ratepayers expect ie. Regular cutting of grass verges, hillside banks, and play areas, cleaning of gutters and drains of leaves, and in particular cabbage tree leaves, which do not compost down and block drains. However, we are pleased to read on Page 8 - Current Services - "We will maintain existing levels of service for pools, recreation centres, sportsfields and other Council-funded facilities"

Revitalise Civic Square ... We totally support the strengthening of the Town Hall and have made previous written and oral submissions on this subject and agree that the 100 year old Town Hall is not only a Category 1 Heritage building but its acoustic quality makes it one of the world's top venues for performing and recording music. In an oral submission March 27th 2014 I quoted from a music review by John Button on a Chamber Music Concert during the NZ Festival about the unsuitable size of the Michael Fowler Centre and I understand he has repeated his concern at the recent performance of the Brodsky Quartet where it was hard to hear the programme unless you were right in the front.

3. The Focus Areas - Do the Focus Areas include activities/priorities that will benefit Wellington in the next 3 years?

Yes to all Yes to some Unsure No to some No to all

Please specify which Focus Area you are commenting on.

Comments

Engagement with you

Do you have any ideas on how Council could enhance engagement with you and/or the community in the future?

As stated in our written submission on the 3rd March 2016 we would like to refer you to our written submissions made in March 2014, August 2014 and April 2015 and email 1st February re Annual Plan 2016/17.

In August 2014 we had no problem with the proposal for a Hilton hotel incorporating a Convention Centre but we did not support the provision by ratepayers of the funding of \$2million a year over 10 years to sustain this project. We questioned has the council done any research to show how many conventions with 1200 participants are being held every year in New Zealand, a convincing business case is needed. The benefits to ratepayers are illusory whereas the commercial community will be the main beneficiaries if indeed the economics prove viable.

Then in April 2015 we followed up and said we were still waiting for the reply to how many conventions of a 1,000 or more would be held a year and at what cost and pointed out there is already so much on offer at the Michael Fowler, Town Hall (which we have covered many times with our concern at the delays to restore this heritage treasure which is world renowned for its acoustic qualities), Opera House, St James, Te Papa, TSB Arena and Shed 6 (in October 2012 approval was given for \$6million plus for a temporary convention facility while the Town Hall was to be seismically strengthened), not to mention the many excellent hotels available like the Inter Continental and Amora.

However, all this is now history and as we said in March 2016 our concern was the meeting held by the council on the 8th December 2015 (public excluded) when the subject was a proposal to bring forward by five years for the city to spend \$134 million on a new building to house a Movie Museum and a council owned and operated Convention Centre. This plan was reported on the 11th February 2016 in the Dominion Post and we can only question again - 67 new conference events will be held in Wellington - that is more than one a week and where have these figures come from?

Would also like to refer you to an article by Patrick Smellie in The Listener February 26th 2015 where he quoted an article by Texan academic Heyward T Sanders where he says "how limited and elusive the returns from convention centre investments have proven to be in the USA, despite a kind of arms race among cities to build more of them" (copy attached for all to read)

With regard to the Movie Museum would refer you to the DomPost 11.02.16 editorial under the heading - NEGOTIATING FAIR MUSEUM LEASE VITAL- where it questions WHAT IS A FAIR LEASE DEAL? THE COUNCIL MUST ENSURE IT DOESN'T GET TRAMPLED ON.

However, do we need another movie museum as on the 29th February 2016 there was an article in the Dompost under the heading "KUDOS FOR WETA TOURS" and the English Guardian has ranked Weta alongside Warner Bros studios in Los Angeles and the Leavesden studios near London as being one of the 10 best places for movie buffs to visit. We would recommend a visit to the Weta Workshop website which shows all that is currently available. Again we question whether 310,000 people a year will visit the museum with an entry fee of \$35 (just across from Te Papa which is free).

We have read the Strategic Priority Summary of the Draft Play Spaces Policy October 2016 and agree that with the increasing intensification of buildings in the suburbs and many new apartment buildings in the Central Business District we need to ensure that not only are more new green spaces provided but existing ones are upgraded and maintained.

The Play Space document states that wherever possible there will be provision for kick about space and nature play. We would agree and given its close location to the CBD Workers and apartment residents in the area, Civic Square and Jack Iott Green are large appropriate locations for keep fit classes and kick around areas. The slope down from Civic Square to the JIG should be utilised to provide natural climbing areas, a slide, hop scotch path for children and comfortable seating for grandparents, parents and library users and workers in their lunch hour.

We have also noted the comments on Page 11 of Wellington Play Spaces Policy October 2016 Draft "What do people want from play spaces in Wellington" and the top five most engaged activities (from a list provided) included things like free play, trees and sliding on banks). In regard to this we are totally opposed to the flattening of the current playground at Frank Kitts Park and moving it closer to the street and the southern end of the TSB Arena and Shed 6.

The current area for the Lighthouse slide and other equipment provide views out to the harbour and plenty of sunshine whereas the area proposed is in the shade at certain times of the day and trucks, vans, cars are to be seen delivering or collecting goods from exhibitions etc held at these venues. Only minor improvements are needed with the provision of more play equipment where the swings are now.

Over many years we have spoken with families and comments were "awesome" and they love to picnic under the trees and the children love the undulating grass surrounding the play area where they can roll and tumble down the slopes. Also very popular is the "bouncy" and small hired electric cars during the holidays.

On the Upper Lawn and open space in the amphitheatre families can be seen kicking footballs, playing cricket and watching boats on the lagoon and kayaks on the harbour.

We therefore feel that the \$5.5m to redevelop this Park would be better spent on more play spaces in the CBD and suburbs not to forget the playground at the Basin Reserve.

The City is a prime recreation hub for shopping, leisure, entertainment (ie the amphitheatre in Frank Kitts Park is so popular day and night) and the open spaces are place for people to move around and meet, socialise, watch, shop, sit, walk and generally participate in city life. With a steady trend towards inner city residential living, often in apartments with little or no private outdoor space, these parks also serve as "local neighbourhoods".