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Wellington City Council**

Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Ordinary Meeting of Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee Ngā Meneti | Minutes

9:30am Rāpare Thursday, 23 Whiringa-ā-rangi November 2023
Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Pōneke | Wellington



PRESENT

Mayor Whanau (via audio-visual link)
Deputy Mayor Foon (via audio-visual link)
Councillor Abdurahman (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Apanowicz (via audio-visual link)
Councillor Brown
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Chung
Councillor Free (via audio-visual link)
Pouiwi Hohaia
Pouiwi Kelly
Councillor Matthews
Councillor McNulty
Councillor O'Neill (Chair)
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Randle (via audio-visual link)
Councillor Wi Neera
Councillor Young

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson declared the meeting (hui) open at 9:30am and read the following karakia to open the hui.

**Whakataka te hau ki te uru,
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga.
Kia mākinakina ki uta,
Kia mātaratara ki tai.
E hī ake ana te atākura.
He tio, he huka, he hauhū.
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Cease oh winds of the west
and of the south
Let the bracing breezes flow,
over the land and the sea.
Let the red-tipped dawn come
with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost,
a promise of a glorious day

1.2 Apologies

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Matthews

Resolved

That the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee:

1. Accept the apologies received from Councillor Free Councillor Apanowicz and Pouwi Hohaia for early departure.

Carried

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Secretarial note: Councillor Chung declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 3.2 Future Council Accommodation, and agreed to leave the meeting at that item.

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Abdurahman

Resolved

1. Approves the minutes of the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2023, having been circulated, that they be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record of that meeting.

Carried

1.5 Items not on the Agenda

There were no items not on the agenda.

1.6 Public Participation

1.6.1 Don McDonald

Don McDonald addressed the hui regarding ticket responses from WCC / public facilities

1.6.2 Natalia Fareti and Anthony Carter – Pacific Advisory Group

On behalf of the Pacific Advisory Group, Natalia Fareti and Anthony Carter addressed the hui regarding the Pacific Advisory Group annual report.

2. General Business

2.1 Te Toi Mahana Quarterly Performance Report

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Wi Neera

Resolved

That the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee:

1. Receive the attached Performance Report.

Carried

The hui adjourned at 10:40am and returned at 10:57am with the following members present: Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohāia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Mayor Whanau, Councillor Wi Neera and Councillor Young.

(Councillor Abdurahman returned to the hui at 10:59am)

(Councillor Randle returned to the hui at 11:06am)

2.2 Responding to Homelessness – Approval to amend the Housing Action Plan 2023-2025

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Matthews

Resolved

That the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Agree to amend the Housing Action Plan 2023-2025 to include six additional actions that strengthen the Council's response to homelessness (as outlined in *Table 1*).
- 3) Note that progress on these actions will be included in the Housing Action Plan 6-monthly report to Kōrau Tūāpapa Environment and Infrastructure Committee (scheduled June 2024).
- 4) Authorise the Chief Executive and the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee to make minor changes to reflect any amendments and make edits, as required, before publishing the updated Housing Action Plan 2023-2025.
- 5) Agree to continue work on a fully developed Action Plan by the end of 2024 with a commitment to develop a full strategy by 2025 noting that this will require a reprioritisation of the existing strategy and policy work programme to fit the work in, and that options for this will be brought back for decision in due course.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 FrankAdvice Handout

Secretarial note: The motion moved with changes, supported by officers and marked in red.

Secretarial note: A division was called for. The motion was voted in parts the division for which was as follows:

Clause 1- 4

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman (Deputy Chair), Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill (Chair), Councillor Pannett, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

Against:

Councillor Randle

Majority Vote: 16:1

Carried

Clause 5

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman (Deputy Chair), Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Free, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill (Chair), Councillor Pannett, Councillor Wi Neera

Against:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Randle, Councillor Young

Majority Vote: 9:8

Carried

Secretarial note: In accordance with standing order 19.1, the chairperson accorded precedence to some items of business and announced that the agenda would be considered in the following order:

2.1 Te Toi Mahana Quartely Report

2.2 Responding to Homeslessness – Approval to amend the Housing Action Plan 2023-2025

3.1 Waterfront Precint

3.2 Future Council Accomodation

2.3 Freedom Camping Rules Update 2023

2.4 Te Awe Māpara – Community Facilites Plan

2.5 Actions Tracking and Forward Programme

3. Public Excluded

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Matthews

Resolved

That the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, exclude the public from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
3.1 Waterfront Precinct	7(2)(g) The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege. 7(2)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.
3.2 Future Council accommodation	7(2)(b)(ii) The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. 7(2)(i) The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	s48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7.

2. Direct officers to consider the release of the publicly excluded information relating to 3.1 Waterfront Precinct by 30 November 2024.
3. Direct officers to consider the release of the publicly excluded information relating to 3.2 Future Council Accommodation by once negotiations on the preferred option have been completed.

Carried

The hui went into public-excluded session at 11:14am returned from public-excluded session at 12:21 pm

(Councillor Free left the hui at 12:21pm)

(Councillor Apanowicz left the hui at 12:24pm)

2.3 Freedom Camping Rules Update 2023

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Matthews

Resolved

That the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Agree to recommend to the Council that it adopts the updated freedom camping rules of the Public Places Bylaw 2022 as Attachment 1.
- 3) Note the submissions (Attachment 2) and the summary of the public submissions and the officers' response on the proposal to extend the four-day limitations for freedom camping to the whole city (Attachment 3).
- 4) Delegate the Chair of the Committee and the Chief Executive Officer to include any amendments agreed by the Committee and make any editorial changes as necessary to the report, including the updated freedom camping rules of the Bylaw.

Carried

The hui adjourned at 12:28pm and returned at 1pm with the following members present: Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Mayor Whanau, Councillor Wi Neera and Councillor Young.

(Councillor Chung returned to the hui at 1:05pm)

(Councillor Young left the hui at 1:05pm and returned to the hui at 1:07pm)

2.4 Te Awe Māpara - Community Facilities Plan

Moved Councillor Abdurahman, seconded Councillor Wi Neera

Resolved

That the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee:

- 1) Receive the information.
- 2) Receive the submissions which have been circulated separately.
- 3) Note the feedback provided and thank the submitters for their considered and valued input into the development of the plan.
- 4) Note that the plan has been updated to reflect consultation feedback (see summary of submissions in **attachment two**).
- 5) Note that the plan includes an estimated cost of \$2.4 million to undertake the 44 deliver and facility investigation actions over the next 30 years and this will be included in the 2024 Long-term Plan budget.
- 6) Adopt Te Awe Māpara (Community Facilities Plan) (**attachment one**).
- 7) Note that the financial provisions of implementing any outcomes of the actions will be incorporated into the Long-term Plan process.
- 8) Note that the following two policies will be revoked on adoption of Te Awe Māpara:
 - The Community Facilities Policy 2010
 - Public Conveniences Policy 2002.
- 9) Authorise the Chief Executive and the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee to make minor changes to reflect any amendments and make edits, as required, to Te Awe Māpara before publishing.

Carried

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For:

Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman (Deputy Chair), Councillor Brown, Deputy Mayor Foon, Pouwi Hohaia, Pouwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews, Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill (Chair), Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Wi Neera

Against:

Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Young

Absent:

Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Free

Majority Vote: 12:3

Carried

(Councillor Brown left the hui at 1:28pm)

2.5 Actions Tracking and Forward Programme

Moved Councillor O'Neill, seconded Councillor Matthews

Resolved

That the Kōrau Mātinitini | Social, Cultural, and Economic Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Carried

The hui concluded at 1:31 pm with the reading of the following karakia:

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui	Draw on, draw on
Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua	Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind
I te ara takatū	
Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga	Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace)
Kia wātea, kia wātea	Let this all be done in unity
Āe rā, kua wātea!	

Authenticated: _____
Chair

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL PACIFIC ADVISORY GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT – July 2022 to June 2023

Noa'ia, Malo ni, Mauri, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni Sa Bula Vinaka, Kia orana, Hafa Adai, Halo oloketa, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, and warm Pacific greeting from the Pacific Advisory Group

Background

The Wellington City Council Pacific Advisory Group (PAG) is one of five Council community advisory groups providing a broad range of advice and connection to specific Wellington communities.

PAG brings its Pacific knowledge and insight into Council on how the needs of Wellington's Pacific communities can be addressed in the context of Council's roles and priorities.

While PAG is not seen as representing all Pacific people in the City, members utilise their significant support and leadership roles within their ethnic and local communities to enhance the responses and services the Council provide.

PAG's membership includes representatives from; Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Melanesia, Micronesia, Niue, Tonga, Tokelau and Tuvalu.

Introduction

This Annual Report covers the engagements and activities undertaken by the Wellington City Council Pacific Advisory Group (PAG) for the period July 2022 – June 2023.

This past year has seen outgoing members, as well as a broad range of topics discussed and presented at PAG.

We have been working to embed and maintain a strategic approach to advising and supporting the Wellington City Council (WCC), especially following the 2020 Review of the Advisory Groups.

We have contributed to various council strategies, plans and consultations, and have fed back Council information to our respective communities.

We have maintained our practise of building whanaungatanga in our agenda format, continuing to share knowledge and information about our respective cultures and selves, to build and strengthen our relationships not only amongst members, but also with Council staff and those who engage with PAG. It sets the tone for the meeting and helps to build effective partnerships and stronger engagement.

We acknowledge our outgoing PAG members for this past year, and are grateful for their contributions, time, and support. They have been strong advocates for PAG, and we will continue to build on the momentum that they helped to build.

We are also excited to welcome our new/incoming PAG members and are especially pleased to fill what has been a long vacant position for the Micronesia community.

It will be an exciting year ahead, and we look forward to working with Council.

Advisory Group Membership – as at 30 June 2023

Name	Pacific Nation	
Natalia Fareti	Samoa	<i>Co-chair</i>
Anthony Carter	Samoa	<i>Co-chair</i>
Gerron Ale	Tokelau	
Jope Berwick	Fiji	
Maria Clark	Niue	
Mino Cleverly	Samoa	
Sunia Foliaki	Tonga	
Kira Hundleby	Melanesia	
Maikali Kilione	Fiji	
Jocelyn Kua	Tokelau	
Lisa Pouvalu	Tonga	
Sandra Tisam	Cook Islands	
Senia Bartley	Tuvalu	

Jocelyn Kua, Lisa Pouvalu, Sunia Foliaki and Mino Cleverley came to the end of their second consecutive terms on PAG and had their final meeting in June. Gerron Ale tendered their resignation. PAG therefore recruited for 9 vacancies in July and successfully filled 7 of those positions.

- Laauli Joseph Seupule – Samoa
- Inangaro Vakaafi – Niue
- Āpeāfusua Katalina Semisi - Tokelau
- Suliana Vea – Tonga
- Fiemalie Pe Fale – Tonga
- Nesleen Pentani Hamilton – Melanesia
- Nathaniel Rigler - Micronesia

Remaining vacancies:

Tokelau: 1

Tuvalu: 1

Cook Islands: 1

We also welcomed back the remaining members as returning representatives. Anthony Carter and Natalia Fareti were voted in as the new Co-Chairs in August 2021.

In May/June 2022, we sought applications to fill existing vacancies on PAG (two for Tuvalu, and one for Micronesia). We were excited to welcome our newest member of PAG:

- Senia (Nia) Bartley - Tuvalu

Being representatives for our respective communities has been and is, an honour for all of our PAG members, and we all stand committed to bringing our communities' voices to the Council table.

PAG Meetings held - 12

Chair, Deputy Chair, and Council Democracy Officer/s meetings held – 10



Caption: (L-R) Gerron Ale (outgoing), Mino Cleverley (outgoing), Natalia Fareti, Senia Bartley, Tino Vaireka (outgoing), Sandra Tisam, Maria Clark, Anthony Carter.



Caption: Laauli Joseph Seupule (incoming), Maikali Kilione, Nathaniel Rigler (incoming), Nesleen Hamilton (incoming), Fiemalie Pe Fale (incoming), Āpeāfusia Katalina Semisi (incoming), Maria Clark, Senia Bartley

PAG continues to build on the recommendations that the Advisory and Reference Group Review report of June 2020, including:

- Continued support co-designing alongside Council staff, to shape PAG work programs
- Continued consistency of democracy officer representation
- Attendance at PAG meetings by a senior Council staff officer.

A previous recommendation PAG have made to Council, is about closing the feedback loop, back to PAG. It has often been the case that PAG have provided insights and feedback on Council consultations and presentations, but it has been unclear if and how those insights and feedback from PAG have been taken into account. We would encourage Council to promote proactive use of the feedback loop process that PAG understands was established i.e. a feedback form for Council staff to complete, after presenting to PAG.

We thank Council and staff who have proactively engaged with PAG as early as possible in the co-design process for strategies and plans, so that Pasifika perspectives are actively considered and incorporated.

PAG Activities

The below outlines the subjects that were presented and discussed at PAG meetings over the past year.

- Let's Get Wellington Moving – Joint Advisory Group meeting
- Advisory Group induction – Joint Advisory Group meeting
- Local Elections 2022
- Fale Malae Design options and Frank Kitts Park Development

- Open Spaces Recreation Strategy
- Te Awe Māpara | Community Facilities Plan project
- Connecting Te Mahau / NZ Police
- Mataaho Aronui – 10-Year Māori Strategy
- Tukuihotanga Cultural Heritage Strategy

It has been a varied array of topics discussed, and it was particularly memorable being able to support the Fale Malae project and its progress. We hope to remain closely involved with that project and process – it has made leaps and bounds from its genesis, which heavily involved PAG.

We acknowledge the incoming Councillors as well, following local government elections, and thank those outgoing for their service.

Summary

The Pacific Advisory Group have continued to present their own, and reflect community, feedback to Council. It has been an ongoing two-way dialogue, with our members providing updates about recent, current, and upcoming events, initiatives, challenges and opportunities of our respective Pacific communities to Council.

Likewise, Council staff have provided relevant and useful information about consultations, strategies, events and plans, that our PAG members have been able to share in turn with their respective communities.

We have had a few of our members come to the end of their two consecutive terms, and we farewelled them in June 2023. We thank them for their many contributions, and ongoing support for not only PAG, but also Council, and for advocating for their respective communities. We would especially like to thank the former Chair, Jocelyn Kua, for her leadership and guidance through some critical times especially during Covid-19.

We continue to advocate for our communities, and thank the Council for their ongoing support. A special thanks to our Democracy Advisor, Alisi Folaumoetu'i, and our supporting Council senior staff. Also to our outgoing Councillor Teri O'Neill for her support and advocacy for PAG. It was wonderful to have her solid support and hearing from her the updates about Council activities and processes, especially from a Councillor perspective. We felt well informed and also confident that our views were being shared and advocated for at the Council table as well. Thank you Councillor O'Neill!

Ngā mihi nui to all our Council and PAG aiga!

Anthony Carter and Natalia Fareti
Co-Chairs of the Pacific Advisory Group

The impact of Council's investment in homelessness

For the five financial years from 2018/19 to 2022/23

\$6,107,000

invested in services between
2018/19 to 2022/23

Estimated

3,400 people

reached by these services between
2018/19 to 2022/23

\$3.10 SROI

average social return on investment
(SROI) across these services

Council investment
accounts for an
average of

7%

of providers' income
in any given year

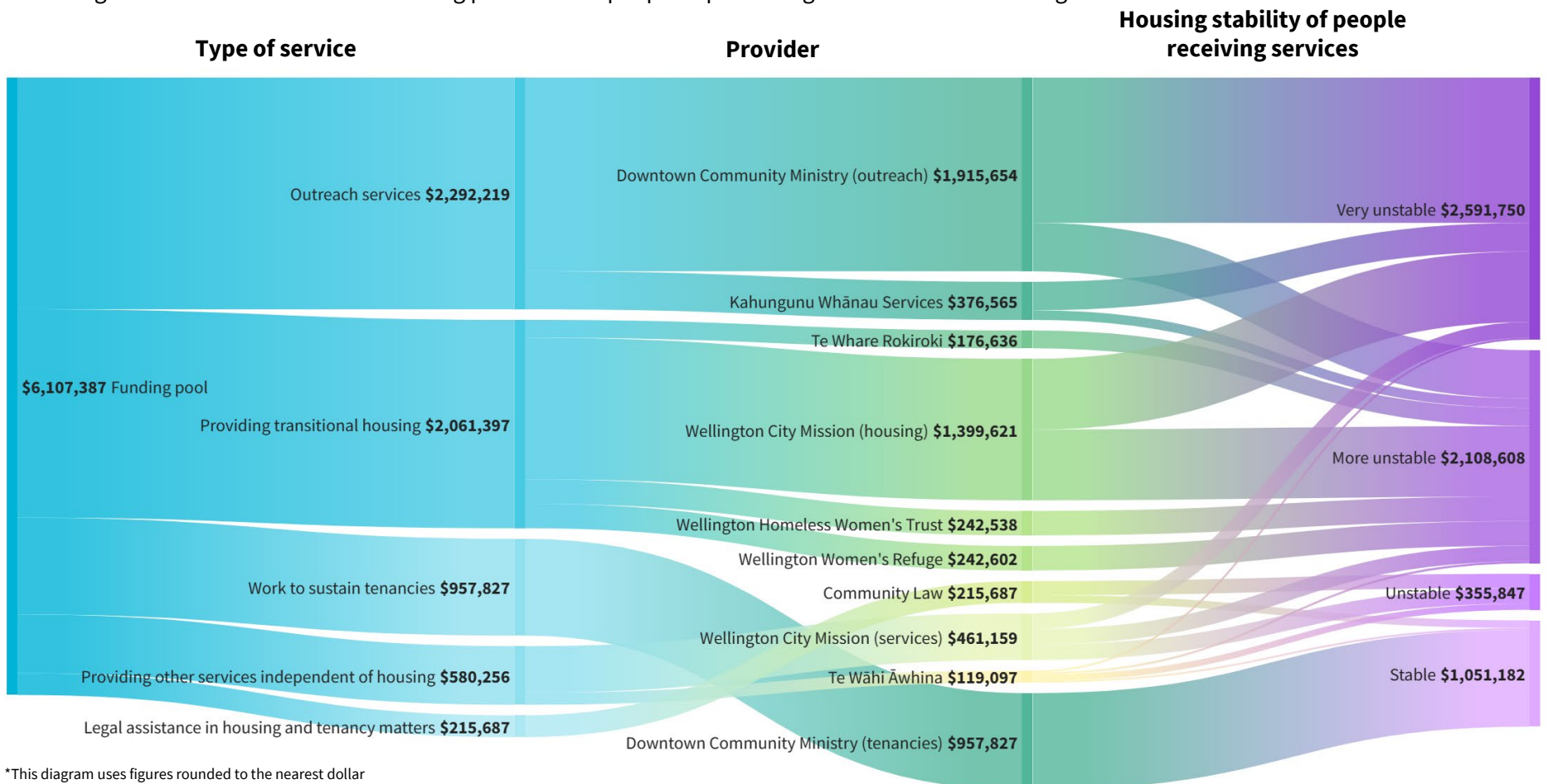
Council invests in five main types of services: outreach services, transitional housing, sustaining tenancies services, other services (independent of housing), and legal assistance in housing matters

Council's investments are generally in line with the evidence of what works to address homelessness - these types of services have been demonstrated to effectively address homelessness in other places

The services that Council invests in are delivering what they set out to achieve, and in ways that are in line with best practice

Based on our engagement with similar city Councils in New Zealand, **Wellington City Council is seen as a Council that is leading the way in investing in programmes and services to address homelessness**

The diagram* below shows how the funding pool flows to people experiencing homelessness in Wellington:



Based on our findings, **we recommended that Council take a more strategic approach to funding services**

We have identified four elements that would be required for a strategic approach, and the associated actions for Council:

- 1. Change the funding models(s):** This could include grouping funding for support for people experiencing homelessness with other connected investment (i.e., social housing, Hāpai Ake Community Wellbeing team), ring-fencing funding for services for people experiencing homelessness so providers that deliver different services are not competing, or establishing an innovation fund.
- 2. Reprioritise funding:** This could include ring-fencing portions of the funding envelope for specific populations (i.e., kaupapa Māori services, services for women), or choosing to direct more funding to NGOs that are less financially stable than others.
- 3. Improve data collection:** This could include real-time data collection, a shared repository between WCC and NGOs, or include exploring the use of different models of collecting data about people who experience homelessness, such as the collection of demographics to support investment decisions.
- 4. Take a leadership and coordination role:** This could include establishing strategic governance and processes to lead and coordinate investment and services for people experiencing homelessness in Wellington. This would enable NGOs to influence decision making (or make decisions together with WCC), encourage collaboration, and enable more strategic advocacy to central government as a collective.