



# Housing Action Plan 2023-2025

As our population grows, we want to make sure everyone has access to safe and affordable quality housing.

The Housing Strategy 2018 sets out the long-term outcomes for housing over ten years. Refer to the Strategy for these outcomes. The Housing Action Plan captures the priority programmes of work the Council will deliver to meet the vision of 'All Wellingtonians well-housed'.

## Strategic Partnerships

We're working with many partners to deliver this Plan and housing outcomes for the city.

Over the three years of the Plan, we will continue to develop these partnerships with Takai Here partners Kāinga Ora, universities, community housing providers, development community, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Ministry of Social Development, and Te Puni Kōkiri.

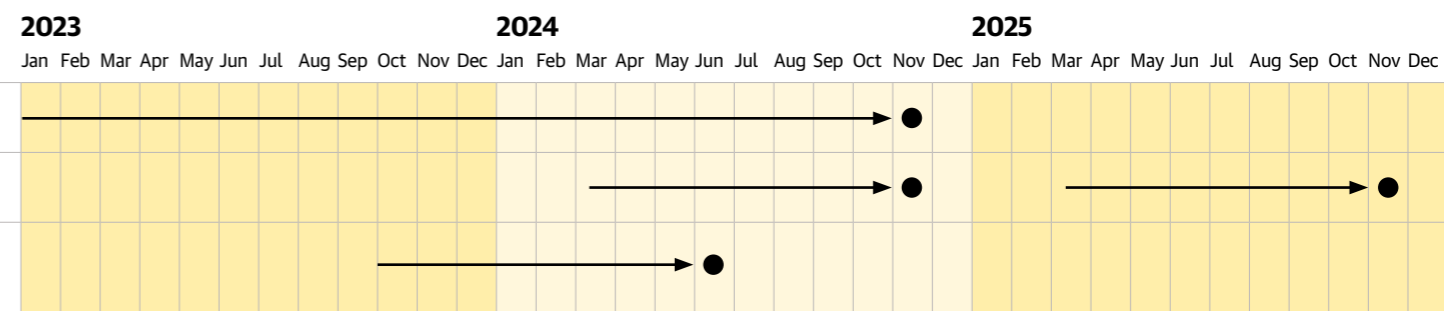
★ Six monthly reporting/review ● Target date for project milestone → Project works ongoing

## Rental Housing

Report back to the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee on the pilot programme agreed with MBIE to inspect rental properties (Nov 2024) to assess whether additional resourcing is needed to run the scheme on a permanent basis

Organise two meetings annually between the Council and renting organisations to evaluate the health of homes in the city with a report going to the Committee outlining the experience of renters once a year (Reports due Nov 2024 and Nov 2025)

Provide a stocktake of legislation and standards pertaining to renting that need to be amended and advocated for by elected members, for example reform of the Residential Tenancies Act, Income Related Rent Subsidies and the Health Act (by Jun 2024) that will improve the quality of life for renters



## Affordable Housing

This programme focuses on being prepared and open to maximising opportunities for greater provision of affordable housing supply.

Te Kāinga programme targets 1000 affordable units delivered or under contract by Jun 2026

First Te Kāinga building, Aroha (52 units) and the second building, Te Aka (54 units), reached full occupancy (Feb 2023). The third, Te Pu (106 units), was complete and operational in Mar 2023 with a target to reach full occupancy (Dec 2023)

Investigate best practice delivery vehicles for affordable housing throughout New Zealand and internationally through entities such as Council Controlled Organisation. Complete Jun 2024

Evaluate council assets and underutilised land for future housing development opportunities given intensification changes to the Council District Plan, including land for papakāinga style transitional housing (complete Dec 2024)

Housing Development projects include joint ventures with various partners, specifically prioritising opportunities with mana whenua. Projects will achieve accessibility targets and Homestar 6 for new builds and, where feasible, for large-scale retrofits, these include:

- Owen Street, Newtown (10 units, long-term affordable) - pre-development planning, potential access to government funding (Aug 2023) with construction start end 2023 and project complete end 2025
- Old Johnsonville Library - remove development barriers to increase attractiveness for future development (completion end of 2023)
- St Johns, Karori - continue with the disposal process of the site to achieve affordable housing outcomes (Mar 2024)

Convene regular quarterly meetings to provide a forum for the Council, Wellington universities, polytechnics, and organisations representing young people not in tertiary education to keep connected and address affordable student housing and housing for young people in the city (beginning May 2023)

Work closely with the Urban Development Team as future housing development opportunities emerge from the Let's Get Wellington Moving strategic programme; the Plan will be updated as these opportunities progress (ongoing)

Advise on how local and central government can encourage more co-housing developments in the city by the end of 2024 from a policy, consenting, and funding perspective

Advocate to the government for financial support to scale up the Te Kāinga programme (ongoing)

Advise on how to scale up the Warm Up Wellington and the Home Energy programmes to improve the environmental performance of more Wellington homes in time for the Long-term Plan 2024

Advocate to government to undertake the requisite analysis to support the development of a more culturally diverse finance system with appropriate services and products, and to identify barriers (by Jun 2024) that stop people getting into housing because of a lack of these services and products

