

**Christchurch
City Council**



Te Haumako; Te Whitingia Strengthening Communities Together Strategy



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What is the Christchurch City Council?



The Christchurch City Council looks after the services that make Ōtautahi / Christchurch and Banks Peninsula a great place for everyone to live.



The Council looks after services like:

- local roads and footpaths
- waste water – what happens after you flush the toilet
- rubbish / recycling collection services.





The Council also looks after services like:

- libraries
- museums
- pools
- parks / reserves
- playgrounds
- sports fields
- checking that food in cafes is safe
- dog registration -- money that is paid by owners to the Council
- Civil Defence – for example being ready if there is an earthquake or flooding.

Te Whakakitenga – Our Vision



Vision means looking at what the Christchurch City Council wants to see for the city in the years to come.



The vision for Ōtautahi / Christchurch and Banks Peninsula is:

Active and connected communities owning their own future.



Active / connected means people / services working well together.



Future means in the years to come.

Ngā Mātāpono – Principles and Values



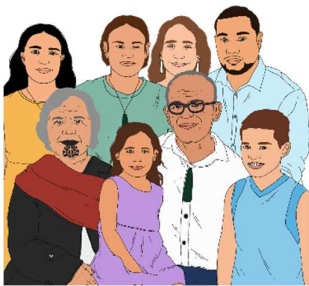
Principles / values are ideas that are important to the way we:

- live our lives
- do our work.



The principles / values that are important to the work we do at the Christchurch City Council are:

- working in a way that follows Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi
- thinking about future generations / people
- working in partnership with everyone.

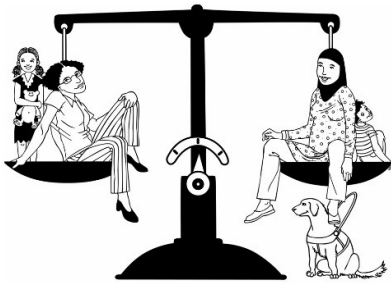




Some more principles / values that are important to the work we do at the Christchurch City Council are:



- having good relationships with people
- working in a way that is **inclusive** across the whole Council



- looking for ways that make things equal / fair for everyone
- valuing people's:



- time
- knowledge / things they know
- skills.



Inclusive means to include everyone in decisions being made.



This whakataukī / proverb shows that Christchurch City Council understands the importance of:

- working in **partnership** with **Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga**
- respecting Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi.





Partnership means Māori and Christchurch City Council working together with other people in a way that supports Māori people.



Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga represents 10 rūnanga / Māori groups in Canterbury.

What is the Strategy about?



This Easy Read document is a **summary** of Christchurch City Council's **Strengthening Communities Together Strategy**.



A **summary**:

- is shorter than the full report
- tells you the main ideas.



Strengthening means to make something stronger.



The **Strategy** is a plan of how to make Ōtautahi / Christchurch and Banks Peninsula a better place for everyone to live.



In this Easy Read document we will call the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy the **Strategy**.



The Strategy has been written around 4 **te pou / pillars** that show how the Council wants to work alongside the community over the next 10 years.



Te pou / pillars are like the groups of things the Council wants to see happen.



For Māori **pou** are pillars like upright poles of light that are used to keep the sky and earth separated.

By keeping them apart it means that:

- the natural world can flourish / grow
- people can prosper / do well.



The 4 Te Pou – Pillars



Te Pou Tuatahi – Pillar 1: Te Tāngata – People

In the Strategy pillar 1 is:

Actively promote a culture of equity by valuing diversity and fostering inclusion across communities and generations.



This means Christchurch City Council wants to see a community that **everyone** can be a part of:

- now
- in the future / years to come.





Te Pou Tuarua – Pillar 2: Te Whenua – Place

In the Strategy pillar 2 is:

Support and help build connections between communities to foster a sense of local identity, shared experiences and stewardship.



This means Christchurch City Council wants a community where everyone:

- feels like they belong
- shows kaitiakitanga / takes care of:
 - places / spaces
 - parks / land.





Te Pou Tuatoru – Pillar 3: Te Mahi – Participation

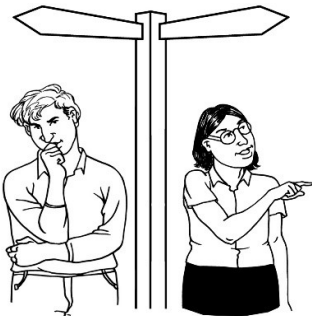
In the Strategy pillar 3 is:

Residents and groups in the wider community are socially and actively engaged and able to initiate and influence decisions affecting their lives.



This means Christchurch City Council wants a community where everyone:

- can have their say about decisions that are important in their community / where they live
- can understand the decisions that are made by Council.





Te Pou Tuawhā – Pillar 4: Te Takatū – Preparedness

In the Strategy pillar 4 is:

People feel safe in their communities and neighbourhoods and work together to understand, adapt and thrive in the context of change and disruption.



This means Christchurch City Council wants a community where everyone:

- is ready if there is an emergency like an earthquake or flooding
- plans for future changes
- supports connections between people in the area they live.



Whakatinanatanga – Implementation



Whakatinanatanga / implementation means how Christchurch City Council will do the things in the Strategy.



To implement the Strategy Christchurch City Council will work in partnership with:

- the community
- **key stakeholders**
- organisations.



Key stakeholders are people / groups that have a lot of interest in the decisions that Council makes.



Christchurch City Council will:

- give updates at meetings that people go to
- have a community newsletter that shares the things they are working on
- collect data / information to show how things are going
- invite the community to share their stories about how they think things are going
- write an update every year of how things are going
- update the Strategy / implementation plan in 2027.



Where to find more information



You can find the full Strengthening Communities Together Strategy on the Christchurch City Council **website**:

www.ccc.govt.nz



You can contact the Christchurch City Council by:

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