

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

A vision for Christchurch as we want it to be	Indicators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christchurch people enjoy belonging to their local community, to their city and to Canterbury. All people - of whatever background - feel welcome here. The unique position of the tangata whenua is acknowledged and respected. Children are nurtured, young people are encouraged and the elderly are respected. Neighbours help each other and join together to achieve shared aims. People are free from the threat of crime or injury. Everyone has access to good housing, health care and education and to sufficient resources for their well-being. Everyone has opportunities for fun, sport, recreation, art and culture. Unique characteristics - including heritage buildings and natural features - are preserved. The beauties of our garden city - its trees, flowers and open spaces - are enhanced. The quality of air, water and soils, of hills, plains, streams and open spaces is improved. Convenient and efficient transport is available for individuals and for business. Christchurch has a thriving economy and full employment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfaction with Christchurch as a place to live, work and spend time (Residents' Survey). Participation by Maori in Council decision making bodies and processes. Participation in community based activity (Residents Survey). Crime rates (NZ Police). Casualty rates (Road Survey Report). Multiple Hardship Index. Household expenditure on housing, health care, and education. Sport and spare-time activities (Residents Survey). Heritage buildings, places and objects listed in City Plan. Number of sites in city that have natural value. Satisfaction with building, alterations, extensions or developments (Residents Survey). Total hectares of parks per head of population (Parks Database). Number of high smog days (CRC). Quality of water from aquifers and in rivers, streams and coastlines. Satisfaction with transport networks (City Streets Survey). Labour force participation rates. Regional Economic Activity (National Bank).

Strategic Goals

The following goals have been identified as being vital to the community and Council

- A. Community Cohesion and Wellbeing**
Provide or facilitate the delivery of services and opportunities in order to enhance the safety, health and wellbeing of Christchurch people.
- B. Economic Development**
Foster opportunities for sustainable economic development in order to generate employment and income and enhance the quality of life of all residents.
- C. Environmental Sustainability**
Conserve and where practicable restore the natural environment and develop the built environment to enhance the distinct character of Christchurch and maximise the quality of life for current and future generations.
- D. Democratic Governance**
Provide high quality consultative leadership and advocacy to ensure that Christchurch residents achieve their desired outcomes.
- E. Financial Stewardship**
Maintain an asset and investment base and ensure that appropriate levels of income match commitments to expenditure in order to support long term goals.
- F. Essential Infrastructure**
Maintain and improve the physical and service infrastructure of the city in order to generate wealth, promote health and safety, reduce hazards and facilitate social opportunities.
- G. Treaty of Waitangi and Cultural Diversity**
Respect the unique position of tangata whenua and value the contribution of all peoples in Christchurch.