

D DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

The City Council will facilitate democratic governance for the residents of Christchurch by:

- D1 Creating and maintaining mechanisms for citizens' participation in decision-making and policy development.
- D2 Protecting the rights of all citizens.
- D3 Developing cross-sector networks at local, regional, national and international level which will deliver positive outcomes for the people of Christchurch.
- D4 Providing leadership and advocacy in partnership with public, private and voluntary agencies which ensure the city's interests are reflected in regional and national decisions.
- D5 Developing a fair, cost-effective regulatory framework which protects health and safety, maintains environmental standards, and promotes business and social opportunities.

E ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Council will improve and sustain essential infrastructure services which will:

- E1 Ensure high quality utilities (water supply, sewerage, and waste and stormwater management) meet the reasonable service demands of residents at efficient prices.
- E2 Develop a network of roads, cycleways, footways and passenger transport to provide both for personal mobility and the needs of commerce and industry.
- E3 Design projects to enhance environmental and social sustainability and otherwise avoid or mitigate, where possible, adverse effects of both natural and technological hazards on people, property and the environment.
- E4 Where possible recognise and report on social, environmental and economic impacts and benefits.

F FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

The Council will practise good financial stewardship by:

- F1 Applying financial policies which maintain or enhance the value of the Council's asset base.
- F2 Ensuring that financial assets, liabilities and cash flows are sustainable in the long term.
- F3 Operating under accounting procedures which
 - are consistent with generally accepted accounting practice
 - comply in all respects with external financial reporting requirements
 - enable the true costs of goods and services produced to be determined.
- F4 Maintaining a controlling interest in those trading activities where it is critical that they are managed in a way that has regard, not only to commercial requirements, but also to wider social and economic objectives.
- F5 Operating a funding and charging system which ensures that Council services are accessible to all residents.
- F6 Assess whether programmes and activities are achieving the desired outcomes in the most effective, efficient and financially prudent manner.
- F7 Continuing to improve efficiency in the delivery of Council activities and programmes and measuring the value created through efficiency gains.

G TREATY OF WAITANGI AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY

The Council will recognise the Treaty of Waitangi and value cultural diversity through

- G1 Protecting the rights of tangata whenua under the Treaty of Waitangi.
- G2 Maintaining mutually acceptable consultation procedures with the tangata whenua.
- G3 Considering and protecting the aspirations of all people in all the planning and delivery of all Council activity.

