

# **Draft Ōtautahi Christchurch Community Strategy Hearings Panel MINUTES ATTACHMENTS**

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**Date:** Monday 6 December 2021  
**Time:** 9.32am  
**Venue:** Draft Ōtautahi Christchurch Community Strategy, held  
by Audio/Video Link

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# Draft Ōtautahi Christchurch Community Strategy

Hearings Panel  
6 December 2021



## Ōtautahi Christchurch Community Strategy



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## Our key priorities

### Access and Equity

We will work to better understand and respond to those factors that exclude people from fully participating in their communities and across Council services.

We will improve the capture of consistent and relevant data, set clear targets and partner with communities and others to ensure more equitable and inclusive opportunities for all.

### Public Safety

We will improve community safety, with a specific emphasis on the central city after dark.

We will encourage community led activities that increase volunteering in local neighbourhoods.

We will support the activation of public spaces and places to increase inclusion and belonging.

### Active Citizenship

We will ensure that the community's priorities, values, aspirations and concerns are incorporated at all levels of the organisation through policy development, planning, decision making, service delivery and review.

We will improve our engagement processes so people and communities are fully informed and able to authentically shape and influence their futures.

### Resilience

We will support and enable communities to respond to the impacts of climate change and emergencies, with a particular emphasis on underrepresented or vulnerable communities.

## Public consultation – our engagement approach

- Extended the Have Your Say consultation period by 2 weeks
- Direct contact with stakeholders, Newsline, Facebook and printed copies
- Promotional poster translated into over 12 languages
- Involvement of the Community Support, Governance & Partnerships staff
- Additional consultation resources to support discussions and workshops
- Responding to initial feedback with an overview document and short video
- Community discussions and workshops contributed to the consultation feedback



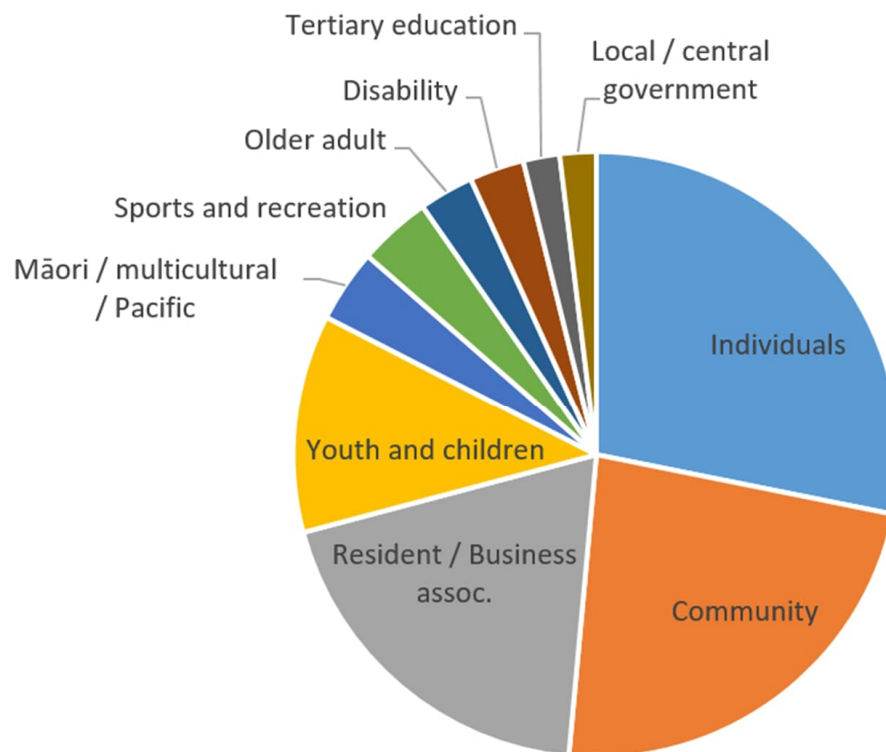
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## Who we heard from



Sectors represented in the submissions and feedback

## Key themes

- Universal support for the strategy's pillars, priority areas and objectives
- Implementation is important
- Monitoring and reporting needs to be clear and relatable
- Our rural communities have unique needs
- Concern over high-density development in neighbourhoods
- Safety is not just a central city priority
- Accessibility and affordability are very important
- Concern that Council does not listen and decisions are predetermined – tell us how what we said made a difference
- Formal consultations need to be more innovative and accessible
- Support for whole of Council approach and recognition of local relationships with Council staff

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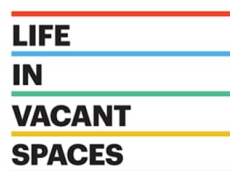


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| Claire Phillips   | We have community advisors. Happy to sit down with any group to support them with their funding applications. When we don't know one another it is hard to extend that hand. But this is a start and hopefully we can meet in person and have more conversations.   |
| Nina Oberg (Chat) | The council did have a Pacific advisory group? anyone know what happened to it?   |
| Claire Phillips   | There was a PRG but after the earthquakes noone knows what happened with it. There are definitely opportunities to revisit something like that again.   |
| Nina Oberg (Chat) | Are there any plans to have dedicated Pacific engagement roles.   |
| Claire Phillips   | Not a dedicated role that I know of. It would be more about encouraging more people to work in council and how can we do that better. Can be raised with the engagement team  |
| Poe Kairua (Chat) | Great idea Mark with the possibility of Pacific advisory group - can we ensure that we have all Pacific Island groups are represented, with the 3 realm countries must be on board.   |
| Milika Faitotonu  | Tongan homework group of 20+ that come together Monday and Tuesday. We go to libraries and make lots of noises. But we can't sing and dance and we need to find somewhere else. Back looking for somewhere where they will accept us. We asked if we can wait at the library but they said no we have to wait til 5.30pm. So we made lots of noise over there. Had to wait outside on a cold windy day. Had to do 3 loads bringing them back and forth. Staff in libraries need PD on Pacific peoples. Looks like we have been pushed around and we are facing challenges around here being pushed from there to there. We are aware of the other facilities but if Council do not understand Pacific, there is no point because they still will not understand who we are. Can be frustrating when we are trying to help the children to excel. We are currently at [REDACTED] High due to restrictions. |
| Claire Phillips   | Happy to have a conversation offline and look at other available facilities.  |
| Poe Kairua        | Cook Islands community are very much like the Tongans. Have always been there for Council to beat the drums. For the last two years have not been able to find anywhere that will house us due to the noise as the drums are too loud. However, in order for us to be culturally expressive we need to be able to beat our drums and teach our culture and language but we need a facility that will accept us. We've been working with some people in council but we have not been able to come up with anything to share our culture. How do we continue to facilitate that space especially for our NZ born that don't have language and culture and for our language that is endangered? But not only for us but also our future generations. We need a space that will let us be expressive. We want somewhere stable. We need to be teaching how to hit the drums and how to dance.                 |

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| Pastor Nu Telea     | Sense of belonging in the city. One of the issues is the need of a space that can be used by the community that is representative of all Pacific. But also the affordability of the current spaces. I don't know how many Pacific have been to the new hot pools but probably not many due to cost. If council were to engage with Pacific some of the existing events would not be in the back streets but in the heart of the city. This is the second largest secondary event in the South Island. Also other tournaments and event that have gone on throughout the year because of people volunteering. Appreciate your desire but the proof is in the pudding. We need to talk the talk and see the action. If you hear from all our communities you will hear their issues and challenges.  |
| Nina Oberg          | When working in the CCC one of the things we faced was all the barriers. One being financial barriers. I still costs money to hire out rooms. Might be \$50 but when looking at reoccurring programming and a lot of the voluntary work that Pacific peoples do, they come out of their own pockets and so that becomes difficult and for them to engage with Council. Without the engagement role specific for Pacific, it is difficult to know exactly who to go to safely about funding opportunities. There is a lack of cultural competency within Council on all levels about how to engage with Pacific communities. Without dedicated roles, it continues to use staff for their access to community. But also it burns them out. Might be Pacific coming in during the weekends and not getting paid but do not get paid and it takes time away from families etc. They also do not have the right avenues to the people that will get things off the ground. Good that funding is included but what are the guarantees that Pacific will have access to funding and how will Council ensure that our people are equipped to access and apply for funding and if there are people, will they be culturally competent. The story of Milika and the Tongan group is one of many. We are sick of the meetings and no output. |
| Maria Godinet Watts | The thing that I am sad about is that the many things that have been spoken about are the same issues that were happening 20 odd years ago. And yes - Polyfest will be in North Hagley next year.  |

| Participant Detail         | Comments  |
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| Pastor Nu Telea            | Questions regarding engagement and council:<br>How many of Council staff are of Pacific descent?  |
| Claire Phillips            | 2% of Council staff are of Pacific descent<br>2% of Council staff are of Maori descent<br>84% are European  |
| Pastor Nu Telea            | I suggest that that could be the reason as to why there is a lack of desire to engage with Council. In terms of equality, equality of opportunity is a big deal. What really has to be part of the conversation is pathway for Pacific into the offices for Council. Representation is really important and we need strong representation of Pacific but that won't happen if there are not clear pathways. For the strategy, I would suggest that we need a strategy also to get Pacific in Council so that there Pacific voice is around the table. |
| Claire Phillips            | Local Govt elections are coming up next year so there are opportunities to support and encourage people to stand. Open to working with community and the Ministry to help people understand the process.  |
| Maria Godinet Watts (Chat) | What is the delivery process plz  |
| Claire Phillips            | The strategy is one thing and implementation is another. Hoping that the strategy sits above and across the whole of Council. But it will be in the action plans that will be required. We have a multi-cultural action plan, a youth plan and are working on a disability plan. A Pacific action plan would be good as well but community and Council will need to work together. Hoping that this will be the first of many opportunities to discuss what that would look like and what success would look like to the community.                   |
| Nina Oberg (Chat)          | <b>Are there any Pacific peoples in the select committees for funding</b>   |
| Claire Phillips            | We don't have committees for funding. Elected members make decisions for funding. Staff make recommendations. It's not like COGS where there is a community selection panel. It has been raised though. The strategy will drive the funding priorities. One of the actions that will fall out of this will be to review our funding and it has been raised that there should be community representation.   |

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| Siale Faitotonu      | Tongan translation was perfect. You talk about participation. Council need to look at why Pacific are more involved in politics. When they have problems, they look to go to the local MP. Why not the local reps first? Man years ago there was a meeting among the Tongans and the word was try to engage in local politics. Council need to extend their hand to Pacific community. How can we get Pacific to engage? Teach them who their local representative is and communicate. I live in Church corner because it is the highest point in Christchurch and for earthquakes, nothing happened here. I think their needs to be education for Pacific on the history of Otautahi for Pacific. Place is Canterbury - Otautahi. I have been 37 years.  |
| Claire Phillips      | You talked about local government elections. Our Council secretary has offered to do a Zoom meeting with the community on how to run and who's who. She's happy to work with community on that and it would be great to see more Pacific representation.  |
| Nina Oberg (Chat)    | <b>Do we have Pacific representation on the Multicultural advisory group?</b>   |
| Claire Phillips      | Yes we do. We have Losana and Maaria Pasene.  |
| Tu'uauato Mark Tulia | It's great to have a strategy and it is great to leverage off. Pick up on Maria's point where it is all about the implementation. It would be good to have that group to be able to help the council to co-design the implementation plan because without good implementation it doesn't work. Loved seeing that funding is included in the document that is allocated to the objectives. The first pillar speaks about people but it is in that volunteering voice. I would like to support what the others have said as it would be good to see in the strategy some commitment from the council to support the election of diverse representation in the council. I want to see our people getting paid. If you can work with the lady to work in educating our communities on how to get elected that would be great. We need commitment from the council to come the other way and to help us get that representation on there. A lot of smart Pacific people from young to elders out there that can provide that voice but the doors have not been opened. |
| Claire Phillips      | My job is to bridge bond and link and this will not be the last part of the conversation.   |
| Nina Oberg (Chat)    | <b>1.2 says Pacific Groups are supported through Strengthening Communities Funding. How will this be guaranteed? Will this be a percentage?</b>   |
| Claire Phillips      | Apply - Nothing is guaranteed but anything with Pacific wanting to build and strengthen their communities would be great. Are there any pan-Pacific organisations doing community development?  |
| Ropeta Mene-Tulia    | Aranui Trust would be the closest but a lot of current providers are in the social services or health areas or new ones around STEM. Could be small ones that are still at grassroots levels. I can see how this talanoa and action plan can inform part of that vision too.  |



Ōtautahi Christchurch Community Strategy 2021  
LiVS Submission - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

# What is LiVS?

Charitable trust that seeks:

*“To regenerate and activate  
Christchurch Ōtautahi by facilitating the  
use of vacant spaces for creative,  
innovative or educational projects that  
benefit the community”*

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# Who are we?

- Established in 2012
- Funded by Council
- Seven trustees & 1 employee
- International examples
  - Renew Adelaide, Australia
  - Meanwhile Space, London UK

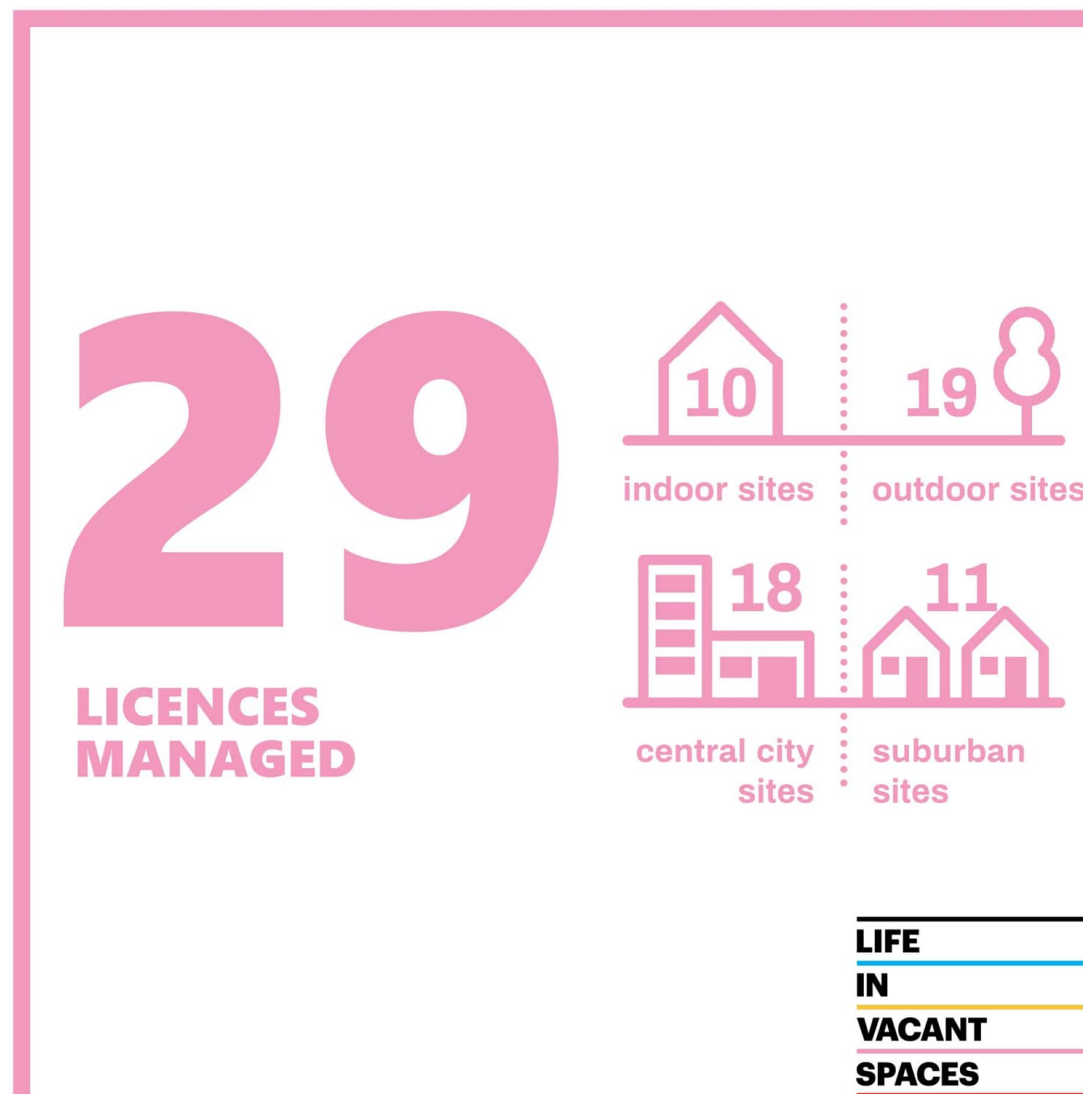
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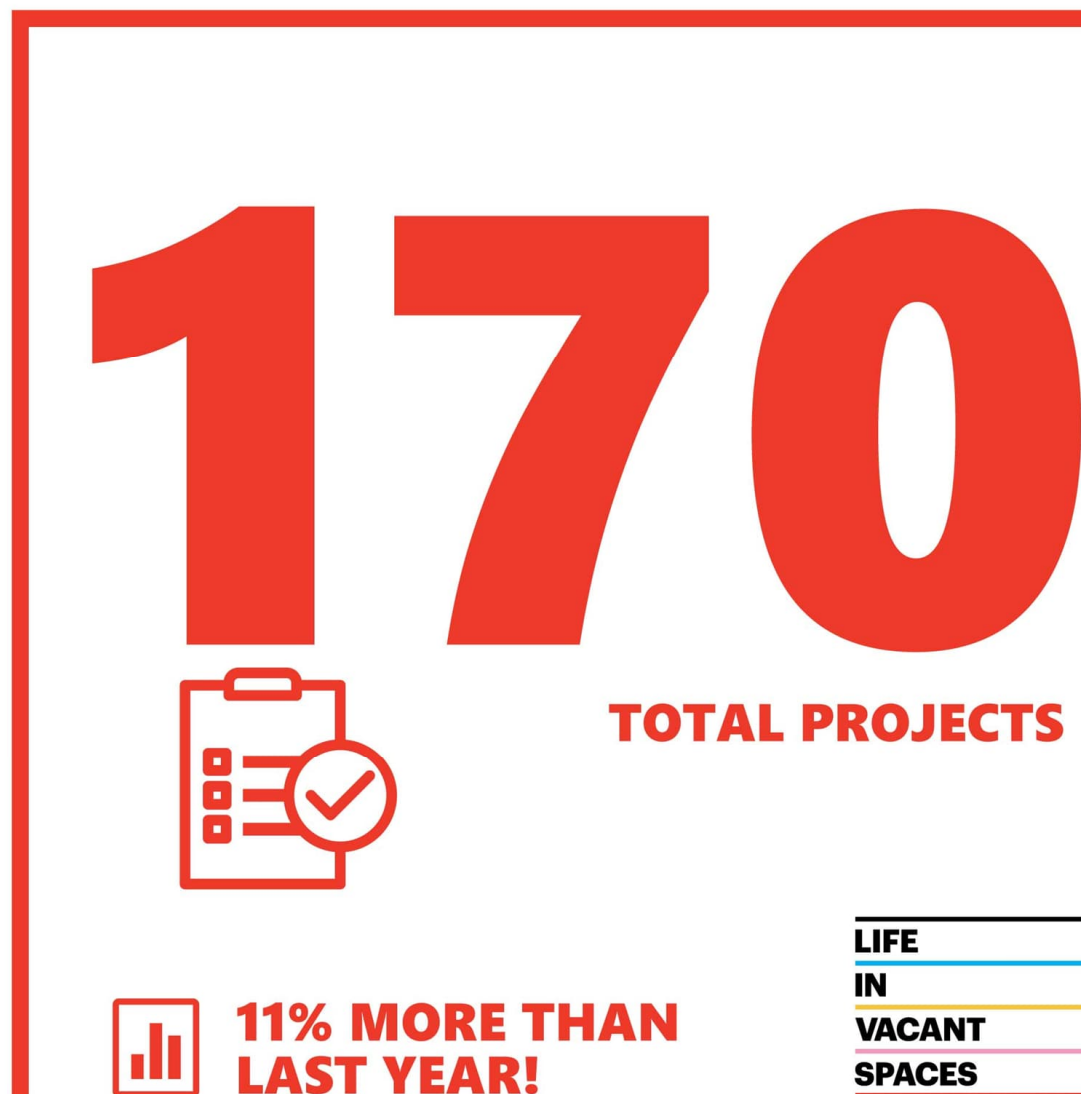


# What do we do?

- Find spaces – external & internal
- Organise leases & legal agreements
- Offer advice and project support
- Make sure insurance is covered
- Help people jump through hoops...
- Curate spaces & activities

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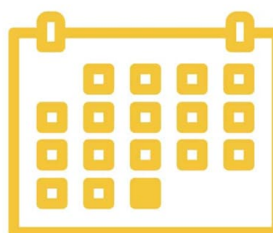
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valued at approximately \$2.8million

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**DAYS OF  
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that LiVS supported  
to make happen



**54% MORE THAN  
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## Community projects





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## Artist installations & studios





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## Festivals & conferences





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## Community recreation



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Innovative entrepreneurs





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Central city vacant spaces



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## Suburban vacant spaces





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- Strongly support focus on *Place*
- Place is where communities touch the ground...
- Opportunity to get involved...
- Sense of ownership...
- Improved perceptions of safety...



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- Support emphasis on partnership & collaboration
- Engaging communities in the process of '*creating places*' is what LiVS & transitional partners do
- Supporting communities to feel connected to their neighbourhood through involvement





- Think broadly about which communities & groups – including youth & artists
- Think about how to reach them – is an arms length model more effective?
- Ōtautahi's transitional partners are here to help...

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- Support community activation of places & spaces – but include both private and public spaces
- Support community led activation & management of facilities but extend this to public spaces
- Suggest adding activation of vacant sites or buildings to increase community engagement

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Questions?

## Waihoru Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board

## Draft Ōtautahi Christchurch Community Strategy

December 2021



Te kaupāhō (Presenter): Karolin Potter – Chair  
Lee Sampson – Deputy Chair

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## We strongly support:

The Council's commitment to building, in partnership with others, inclusive, safe and strong communities.

This aligns with our Community Board Plan's vision.

But we urge the Council to make some key changes.



## Our suggestions:

- Allocate resource so burden to deliver strategy doesn't fall unfairly on communities.
- Employ a diverse range of people.
- Support community groups to be sustainable and undertake succession planning.
- More clearly link strategy to other strategies and legislation.
- Support diversity and accessibility in more nuanced manner.
- Change "resilient communities" to "strong communities."
- Change strategy name to "Ōtautahi Community Strategy."