# Strategic Priorities progress report:

# **ENABLING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**

#### PRIORITY ACTIONS FROM THE STRATEGIC PRIORITY ACTION PLAN

- Increase the engagement and contribution of volunteers
- Activation of community facilities and council assets
- Increasing Community partnerships
- Embed active citizenship in Council projects wherever possible
- More citizens are actively involved in Council and Community Board decision making
- Targeted funding which builds connected communities
- Increase in number of candidates and voters in local body elections

## ANY DECISIONS, OPPORTUNITIES OR RISKS TO FLAG

- **DECISION**: a key decision in the coming year will be the adoption of the Strategic Funding Framework
- **OPPORTUNITY**: Council staff want to be able to seize the opportunities created when community groups identify projects we could delivery in partnership
- **RISK**: delayed decisions/changes to scheduling have the potential to hold back progress on the funding framework
- RISK: the ability to resource identified opportunities

THE 2 KEY INDICATORS WE ARE TRACKING <a href="ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/20182028-vision/strategic-priorities/enabling-active-citizenship-and-connected-communities/">ccc.govt.nz/the-council/how-the-council-works/20182028-vision/strategic-priorities/enabling-active-citizenship-and-connected-communities/</a>

#### **Volunteering**

- 16 percent of Christchurch residents took part in voluntary or unpaid work within the past 12 months (SNZ General Social Survey 2016).
- Levels of unpaid work and volunteering in the City have remained the same since 2001.



#### **KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

- ✓ Elected members encouraged active citizenship and participation in Long Term Plan consultations.
- ✓ Strategic Funding Review underway with elected members and Council staff. Process will involve engagement with community stakeholders.
- ✓ The delivery of over 30 local community-based events attracting approximately 70,000 people.
- ✓ Assessment of 244 applications for Neighbourhood Week events which bring people together at a neighbourhood level.
- ✓ Provision of advice, support and capacity building to over 200 community organisations.
- ✓ 13,412 submissions made on 61 consultations from July 2017 to June 2018.
- ✓ 60 council facilities are managed by community groups.
- ✓ Launch of the Multicultural Strategy and one year celebration.
- ✓ Community Board Plans in place for all Boards, targeting activities which align to the Council's Strategic Framework.

# **KEY MILESTONES THIS YEAR 2018/10**

- Develop volunteering project outcomes (October 2018)
- Develop community facilities network plan
- Coordinate collation and reporting of volunteer activity across Council
- Council project reports identify opportunities for citizen involvement in the project (October 2018)
- Council staff facilitate citizen involvement in Council projects
- Showcase outcomes of active citizenship and extend to further projects (September 2018)
- Elected members' engagement with citizens in communities is reported monthly
- Review of residents' satisfaction survey questions
- Council Delegations to Community Boards
- Community Preparedness and Resilience Planning

### **Participation and Contribution**

• At least 41% or respondents understand how Council makes decisions

## Sense of Community

- 58 percent of Christchurch residents feel a sense of community in their neighbourhood.
- 72 percent think it is important to have a sense of community in their local neighbourhood.















