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# Strong communities

## Strong sense of community

### What this means for our district:

- Citizens have strong sense of belonging and are actively involved in the life of their city
- Communities are supported to undertake activities that activate their communities
- Vibrant and resilient community and volunteer groups provide support, encourage participation and mobilise resources
- People have strong social networks
- Appropriate services are available within local communities

### Why it's important to us:

Quality of life depends to a large extent on the informal caring and supportive networks at a neighbourhood level. Formal and informal relationships between people, whether living in the same local area or not, encourages a sense of belonging and supports social cohesion.

## Active participation in civic life

### What this means for our district:

- Our communities share a spirit of citizenship and participate in civic matters
- The community's goals and aspirations are reflected in council activities
- Māori have opportunities to contribute to the decision-making process
- Youth are engaged with civic matters
- Communities have positive relationships and experiences when engaging with the Council

### Why it's important to us:

The Council wants to encourage a sense of citizenship amongst residents, and involve them more deeply in decision making. Effective engagement is crucial to strong, connected communities. It helps build shared understanding and trust within communities, increases confidence in decision making and leads to better decisions.

## Safe and healthy communities

### What this means for our district:

- People feel safe in their homes, neighbourhoods and the central city
- Community facilities and public places are safe, healthy, and welcoming
- An increasing proportion of people participate in active recreation and sporting activities
- Equitable access to parks, open spaces, recreation facilities, and libraries across the city
- Christchurch is well prepared for natural hazards and can respond and recovery quickly
- Increased public awareness and understanding of natural hazards and climate change, and their associated challenges

### Why it's important to us:

Feeling safe from crime is important for health and wellbeing, and for perceptions of the city. The Council also has public health obligations (e.g. disposal of wastewater, alcohol licensing etc.). Christchurch is vulnerable to natural hazards, with potential for significant harm to people and property. Building understanding is vital to addressing these issues.

## Celebration of our identity through arts, culture, heritage, and sport

### What this means for our district:

- The city's heritage and taonga are conserved for future generations
- Arts and culture thrive in the city
- Sites and places of cultural significance to tangata whenua are respected and preserved
- Cultural and ethnic diversity is valued and celebrated

### Why it's important to us:

Communities grow stronger when people feel their culture and heritage is celebrated. It is essential that links with the past are conserved as the city continues to grow and change. The role arts, culture, and sport play in the life of the city needs to be recognised. As tangata whenua, Ngāi Tahu have rich cultural associations with places and resources in the district, including settlements, urupā (burial grounds) and places for mahinga kai (food and resources).

## Valuing the voices of children and young people

### What this means for our district:

- Children and young people are specifically targeted during community engagement on issues which affect them
- The views of young people are valued and contribute to decisions on long term challenges facing the city (e.g. climate change, natural hazards, environmental, red zone etc.)
- Youth are engaged with civic matters

### Why it's important to us:

In order to build a positive future for Christchurch, the views of children and young people need to be heard. They will inherit the city, and bear the consequences of decisions made today. Climate change, natural hazards and environmental issues are all long term challenges which our young people will face throughout their lives. Given the intergenerational nature of these issues, young people need to be involved in the decision making process. Young people have shown creative leadership post-quake and made positive contributions to the community through the Student Volunteer Army and other initiatives. Involving young people in civic matters will provide valuable insights now, and help develop active citizens for the future.

# Liveable city

## Vibrant and thriving central city, suburban and rural centres

### What this means for our district:

- More people, including families, live in the central city
- The central city is a place residents, workers, and visitors enjoy being
- The central city is a diverse and prosperous business centre
- Well-designed public spaces enhance the central city and draw people in, day and night
- Suburban and rural centres are well-designed and meet the needs of the community, providing appropriate local services, employment, and opportunities for social interaction

### Why it's important to us:

The Christchurch Central Recovery Plan vision is for the city centre to be the thriving heart of an international city. A vibrant residential population helps support business growth and development, and creates a high level of activity day and night. The recovery of the central city is vital for the economic recovery of Christchurch as a whole, and the success of the wider region. Suburban and rural centres play an important role in providing accessible services for communities and are a focal point for social and economic activity. Well-designed centres are people focused, providing social hubs which meet the needs of the community.

## A well connected and accessible city

### What this means for our district:

- We have a fully integrated and reliable transport system that is responsive to the needs of citizens and adapts to new technologies.
- An increased proportion of journeys are made by active, public, or shared transport
- Residents have equitable access to public transport and cycleways across the city
- Improved transport safety

### Why it's important to us:

An efficient, integrated transport system offering a range of travel choices is necessary to be a globally competitive city with excellent quality of life. Active travel modes, and public and shared transport, have many benefits including: reduced congestion and energy dependence, less need for new roads, enhanced health and wellbeing through increased physical activity and social interaction.

## Sufficient supply of, and access to, a range of housing

### What this means for our district:

- There is sufficient housing supply to accommodate residents
- Affordable housing options are available
- Housing location and density are in line with urban development targets
- Good quality housing
- A range of different housing types are available to meet residents needs

### Why it's important to us:

Adequate housing is a basic requirement for a liveable city. For communities to thrive, people must have access to adequate housing to meet their needs. Affordable options are needed to ensure all have access to housing in our city. Good quality housing is required for healthy communities and provides greater energy, water and waste efficiency.

## 21st century garden city we are proud to live in

### What this means for our district:

- Residents are proud of the city and celebrate its identity
- Public places and buildings incorporate green spaces and vegetation
- Area of green coverage/biomass within the urban boundary

### Why it's important to us:

As we rebuild our city, we need to retain and build upon our garden city heritage in new and innovative ways. As development intensifies in the future it will be important to ensure a network of green spaces in the city which will benefit residents and visitors alike. The community has shown increased interest in community gardens and orchards. Garden cities are more sustainable and liveable cities. Research has shown the public health benefits of people living and working in areas which are full of plants and green spaces.

# Healthy environment

## Healthy waterways

### What this means for our district:

- Water quality in our rivers, streams, lakes, and wetlands progressively improves
- Waterways and beaches are safe for recreation
- An increasing proportion of our waterways support mahinga kai

### Why it's important to us:

Residents value healthy waterways. Surface water quality is essential for supporting ecosystems, recreation, cultural values and the health of residents. Minimum water flows in streams and rivers are necessary to protect the health of waterways and safeguard drinking water supplies.

## High quality drinking water

### What this means for our district:

- The secure supply of safe drinking water is maintained in sufficient quantities to provide for the community's reasonable needs
- Water quality in aquifers is protected from the effects of land use
- Communities demonstrate a commitment to water conservation, promoting water quality

### Why it's important to us:

Public water supplies must meet New Zealand Drinking Water Standards. The public health implications of contaminated water necessitate the protection of Christchurch's drinking water.

## Unique landscapes and indigenous biodiversity are valued

### What this means for our district:

- Indigenous biodiversity and ecosystems are protected
- Significant landscapes and natural features are enhanced
- The range of indigenous habitats and species we have are improved
- People feel a connection with, and responsibility towards the natural environment

### Why it's important to us:

The natural environment is important to residents and a drawcard for visitors. Urban growth, agricultural activities, and exotic/pest species have reduced indigenous biodiversity. It is important that the Council is proactive in working with the community to protect our unique landscapes and biodiversity.

## Sustainable use of resources

### What this means for our district:

- Energy is used efficiently, with a greater proportion from renewable sources
- Water is used efficiently and sustainably
- Each person and organisation works towards zero waste
- We transition to being a low carbon city

### Why it's important to us:

A growing population will put strain on our natural resources. It is vital that we ensure resources are used efficiently and sustainably for future generations. A sustainability focus will allow us to begin transitioning Christchurch to a low carbon city.

## Prosperous economy

### Great place for people, business, and investment

#### What this means for our district:

- Christchurch residents enjoy a high quality of life
- Christchurch is recognised for its ease of doing business
- We have highly skilled and educated workforce
- Christchurch has a reputation for innovation and creativity, and is an attractive place for entrepreneurs

#### Why it's important to us:

The attractiveness of a city derives from the social and economic activities and services on offer, a highly skilled workforce, and the quality of the physical and built environment. These contribute to the look and feel of the cityscape, people's sense of/attachment to place, and economic growth within the city.

### An inclusive, equitable economy with broad-based prosperity for all

#### What this means for our district:

- Increasing economic resilience for low-income households
- Increased levels of income equality
- There is an increase in Christchurch businesses acting in a socially responsible way
- Christchurch has a thriving 'social enterprise' sector

#### Why it's important to us:

The ultimate objective of economic growth is a sustained, broad-based improvement in living standards. Income inequality and insecurity is raising interest in a more socially-inclusive approach to prosperity. As technological disruption and automation bring potential job change or loss, there is further risk of inequity and insecurity.

### A productive, adaptive and resilient economic base

#### What this means for our district:

- Christchurch has globally competitive businesses driving exports and generating wealth
- Christchurch is recognised as the global gateway to the South Island and Antarctica
- There is adequate and appropriate land for commercial, industrial and agricultural use

#### Why it's important to us:

A strong economy is generally regarded as necessary for improving quality of life. It is expected that cities will need more adaptive, resilient, and more diverse economies in the future to thrive in a rapidly changing global environment.

### Modern and robust city infrastructure and facilities network

#### What this means for our district:

- Council infrastructure is able to function following an extreme event
- Christchurch's infrastructure supports sustainable economic growth
- Equitable repair of infrastructure across the city

#### Why it's important to us:

Modern, reliable and effective city infrastructure is important for sustainable economic activity. The ability for the district's infrastructure to bounce back after extreme events will prevent major disruption and make this a safer and more desirable place to live and work.