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 - Earthquake Prone Buildings
 - Certificates for Public Use
 - Amusement Device Licensing & Inspection
 - Emergency Management Building Assessment



Final Version

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1. What this activity delivers

- Issue of Building Consenting, carrying out Building Inspections and issue of Code Compliance Certificates
- Issue of Compliance Schedules and audit the annual Building Warrant of Fitness regime
- Provide Building Regulatory advice including Eco Design Advice
- Provide Building Consent Pre-Application Consultation including Fire Engineering Brief Consultation
- Issue discretionary exemptions & certificates of acceptance
- Issue certificates for public use
- Issues Notices to Fix
- Maintain Building Consent Authority Accreditation Compliance
- Undertake periodic inspection of residential swimming pools
- Undertake Earthquake Prone Building assessment and notice issue
- License and inspection of amusement devices
- Building Claims Management
- Emergency Management Building Assessment

The activity also the full range of regulatory requirement under the Building Act covering both roles of Building Consent Authority and Territorial Authority.

Building Act consenting and compliance regulatory advice and response to public and elected member enquiries is also provided. This includes staff responses to public and elected member requests for information, media/LGOIMA requests, elected member enquiries, public enquiries.

Specialist **Eco Design Advice** is also provided on new home design and renovation. Our expert advisor advocates for creating healthier buildings, improving energy water and material use, minimising waste, and reducing the environmental impact of buildings.

As well as issuing the various consents and certificates the Unit operates a robust **discretionary exemption** process. This where the scope of the building work is marginally beyond the scope of a particular exemption, an application can be made to for a discretionary exemption. This means we can use our discretion in deciding whether the project needs a building consent.

Certificate of acceptance (COA) may be issued detailing the level to which unconsented building work complies with the building code. A COA provides building code certification on work that has been carried out without a required building consent, and that we have reasonable grounds to believe complies. It qualifies work that cannot be inspected, so is not as comprehensive as a code compliance certificate.

If it is intended to let the public use a building before a code compliance certificate is issued, a **Certificate for Public Use** (CPU) must be in place. We actively issue and monitor CPU expiry and compliance.

Residential swimming pools must be inspected every three years. (These mandatory inspections do not apply to small, heated pools where the barrier is a safety cover). We are responsible for ensuring the pools are inspected to check whether they continue to comply with the Building Act.

We review **earthquake prone building** (EPB) assessments and decide to issue an EPB notice and update the National Register.

All mechanical **amusement devices** at events (such as Ferris wheels, merrygo-round, and dodgem cars) must have a Certificate of Registration issued by Worksafe New Zealand. Before an amusement device is operated, the owner must apply to the Council for a permit to operate the device and have it inspected.



This activity includes the following services:

Services	Contributes to Community outcomes
Building Consenting – Receive & vet consent application for acceptance, process application for compliance with the building code.	A collaborative confident cityA cultural powerhouse cityA thriving prosperous city
Building Inspections & Code Compliance Certificates – Undertake inspections of building work at various stages during the build to assess compliance with consent, process application for code compliance certificate on completion of building work.	
Building Regulatory Public Advice – Provide advice to public enquires via phone, email, internet or in person in relation to compliance with various building legislation.	A collaborative confident city
Building Consent Pre-Application Consultation – Tailored pre-application guidance for projects that need a building consent.	A thriving prosperous city
Building Consent Authority Accreditation Compliance - Maintain and operate a quality assurance system to ensure continued accreditation as a building consent authority.	
Compliance Schedule & Annual Building Warrants of Fitness - Issue new and amend existing compliance schedules which identify specified systems. Undertake and audit regime of each building warrant of fitness.	
Building Related Claims Management – Actively manage and respond to potential and actual negligence claims against the Council.	A collaborative confident city
Periodic Inspection of Residential Swimming Pools - Residential pools are inspected in a three-year cycle to ensure they continue to comply.	
Project Information Memoranda – Receive and process applications for project information memoranda.	 A collaborative confident city A green liveable city A cultural powerhouse city A thriving prosperous city
 Discretionary Exemptions & Certificates of Acceptance - Process applications for discretionary exemption from the requirement for a building consent. Process applications for certificates of acceptance to legalise un-consented building work Certificates for Public Use - Process applications to permit public occupation of non-residential building yet to achieve code compliance certification. Earthquake Prone Buildings - (EPB's) request and review seismic assessments and decide to issue an EPB notice and update the National Register. Monitor upgrading of earthquake prone buildings and update National Register. Amusement Device Licensing & Inspection - Issue permits for and undertake inspections of amusement device rides (In addition to having Certificate of Registration from Worksafe NZ). Emergency Management - Building Assessment - Ensure sufficient staff are trained and recognised as Rapid Building Assessors. Respond to request for deployment of Rapid Building Assessors in National and Local Emergencies. 	 A collaborative confident city A cultural powerhouse city A thriving prosperous city



Interesting Statistics



Number of Commercial (Building Category) Consents Granted:

1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023: 727

1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022: 764

1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021: 728

1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020: 830

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019: 980



Number of Pools and Spa Inspections:

1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023: 2070

1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022: 2569

1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021: 1597

1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020: 1097

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019: 1150

Number of Building Consents Granted for Apartment Units:

1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023: 1233

1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022: 1162

1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021: 1717

1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020: 1351

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019: 1027



Interesting Inspections Statistics

BC Inspections Completed	FY2022/23	FY2021/22	FY2020/21	FY2019/20	FY2018/19
Residential (Building Category)	31871	27623	26994	21289	24959
Commercial (Building Category)	4216	3842	4363	4578	6508
Total:	36087	31465	31357	25867	31465



More Interesting statistics

Number of Residential Building Consents Granted:

1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023: 4287

1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022: 4340

1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021: 4067

1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020: 3676

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019: 3686



Number of Detached Dwellings Building Consents Granted:

1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023: 1482

1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022: 1610

1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021: 1370

1 July 2019 - 30 June 2020: 1278

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019: 1163



Amusement Device Inspections

We completed a total of

162

Inspections for Event Companies for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 April 2023



Summary Snapshot of Activity 2018 – June 2023

	FY 2022/23	FYI 2021/22	FY2020/21	FY2019/20	FY2018/19
Number of Building Consents Granted	1		1		
Residential	4287	4340	4067	3676	3686
Commercial	727	764	728	830	980
Total	5014	5104	4794	4506	4666
Number of new detached dwellings	1482	1610	1370	1278	1163
Number of new apartments	1233	1162	1717	1351	1027
Code Compliance Certificates Issued					
Residential	3431	3352	3807	3504	3781
Commercial	450	462	521	653	751
Total	3881	3814	4328	4157	4532
Certificates for Public Use issued	179	131	186	174	206
Certificates of Acceptance issued	192	170	212	172	210
Compliance Schedules	143	142	160	141	167
Exemptions (approved)	1892	2097	2051	2032	2057

What our community is saying

"Thank you for assisting us throughout the process, keep up the good work. Hats off to your team!" (May 2023)

"The council officers that I spoke to were awesome, very polite, took time to explain the questions I asked and overall, it was a pleasure dealing with the council. Very easy and informative. Very clear info was provided. Great experience" (April 2023)

"Great people. Excellent listeners and very competent. I was very surprised at how understanding Council staff were with my struggles... very supportive and showed great empathy and understanding. They made it easy for me to achieve my compliance requirements" (April 2023)

"Appreciated the good communication and knowledge of the inspector. Great experience to some I have had elsewhere in the country" (April 2023)

"As with all dealings with consent and compliance on this project, the staff and timely responses have been exemplary. I can't speak highly enough of the help given by the compliance team throughout, often outside of normal working hours to help meet an urgent deadline. Just a huge thank you to the team involved" (April 2023)

"Very helpful and assisted in getting the required information sent through. Thanks for being helpful and working with us to get this sorted. Greatly Appreciated for everyone's hard work" (January 2023)

"Very professional, knowledgeable, friendly. So easy to understand and deal with. Highly recommend. The staff I have dealt with have been amazing" (Sept 2022)

	Key Stakeholders	Key Customers
MBIE	NZIBI	Licensed Building Practitioners
IANZ	NZ Institute of Surveyors	Designers
FENZ	Plumber, Gasfitters & Drainlayers Board	Developers
Other BCA's	BRANZ	Building Owners
ADNZ	LINZ	IQP
ENZ	Environment Canterbury	Plumbers
NZIA	Worksafe	Drainlayers
Master Builders	Heritage NZ	Building Users
Master Plumbers		Engineers
Certified Builders		Surveyors
BOINZ		Heating Installers

Customer Satisfaction Survey Results





2. Why we deliver this activity

2.1. Community Outcomes: How this activity contributes

	Community Outcomes	Contribution*	Key contributions to achieving our community outcomes
(1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)	A collaborative confident city Our residents have the opportunity to actively participate in community and city life, have a strong sense of belonging and identity, and feel safe.	***	 We ensure new and altered buildings meet the requirements of the building code and are built with the requisite resilience to ensure that we create a safe, healthy, and sustainable place for people live in. We ensure that buildings have attributes that contribute appropriately to the well-being, health, and physical independence, particularly in regard to people with disabilities, of the people who use them.
2	A green, liveable city Our neighbourhoods and communities are accessible and well-connected, supporting our goals to reduce emissions, build climate resilience and protect and regenerate the environment, especially our indigenous biodiversity, water bodies and tree canopy.	***	 We provide a free Eco Design Advice service to promote the development of healthier buildings, improve energy, water, and material use, minimise waste, and reduce the environmental impact of buildings.
	A cultural powerhouse city Our diverse communities are supported to understand and protect their heritage, pursue their arts, cultural and sporting interests, and contribute to making our city a creative, cultural and events powerhouse.	*	We utilise principals set out in the Building Act to facilitate the preservation of buildings of significant cultural, historical, or heritage value.
	A thriving prosperous city Our city is a great place for people, business, and investment where we can all grow our potential, where enterprises are innovative and smart, and where together we raise productivity and reduce emissions.	***	 A well-functioning, easily accessible, and reliable building regulation service allows citizens to have the faith to invest in Christchurch. Effective building regulation services ensure developers feel part of a modern and robust liveable city which promotes strong communities and a prosperous economy.
	ontribution – what this means		
***		-	utcome – we measure our impact with specific levels of service
***		_	inity outcome – we measure our impact with specific levels of service for some elements
** *	This activity supports the Council's contribution to achiev This activity may provide incidental support to achieving	-	come – we measure our impact with specific levels of service if practicable



2.2. Strategic Priorities - How this activity supports progress on our priorities

	Strategic Priorities	Contribution*	How our strategic priorities influence the way we work
8	Be an inclusive and equitable city which puts people at the centre of developing our city and district, prioritising wellbeing, accessibility, and connection	***	We ensure new builds and repairs meet the minimum standards and are built with greater resilience to ensure that we create a safe, healthy, and sustainable place for people live in.
	Champion Christchurch and collaborate to build our role as a leading New Zealand city	*	 Effective building regulation services ensure developers feel part of a modern and robust liveable city which promotes strong communities and a prosperous economy.
	Build trust and confidence in the Council through meaningful partnerships and communication, listening to and working with residents	***	A functioning, easily accessible, and reliable building regulation service allows citizens to have the faith to invest in Christchurch.
(0)	Reduce emissions as a Council and as a city, and invest in adaptation and resilience, leading a city-wide response to climate change while protecting our indigenous biodiversity, water bodies and tree canopy	***	 We provide a free Eco Design Advice service to promote the development of healthier buildings, improve energy, water, and material use, minimise waste, and reduce the environmental impact of buildings.
\$	Manage ratepayers' money wisely, delivering quality core services to the whole community and addressing the issues that are important to our residents	***	A well-functioning, easily accessible, and reliable building regulation service gives citizens a quality, value-for-money service.
***	Actively balance the needs of today's residents with the needs of future generations, with the aim of leaving no one behind	**	 We provide a free Eco Design Advice service to promote the development of healthier buildings, improve energy, water, and material use, minimise waste, and reduce the environmental impact of buildings.
	ontribution – what this means		
*** ** **	This activity strongly supports the Council's contribution	to achieving this commo	utcome – we measure our impact with specific levels of service Inity outcome – we measure our impact with specific levels of service for some elements come – we measure our impact with specific levels of service if practicable e – it's not cost-effective to measure our impact



2.3. Climate Resilience Goals: How this activity supports climate resilience goals

Net zero emissions Christchurch

Key sources of greenhouse gas emissions from the Building Regulation activity includes:

Emissions from Council vehicles being used to undertake building inspections and site visits.



The Building Regulation activity is taking the following actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions:

Operational/embedded greenhouse gas emissions:

• Fossil fuel inspection vehicles are being phased out and replaced with electric vehicles.

Greenhouse gas emissions by users of services we provide:

• Remote inspection technology is being increasingly utilised, reducing the number of site inspections/visits.

We understand and are preparing for the ongoing impact of Climate change



Key climate risks for the Building Regulation activity includes:

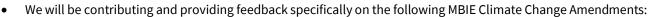
Maintaining knowledge and contributing to national building legislative changes

Options being considered to reduce the risks to the Building Regulation activity and the community posed by those climate risks include:

• Ensuring sufficient staff resource and time is available to adequately input to legislative change and train staff in new requirements.

We are guardians of our natural environment and taonga

Please describe a pilot project you will undertake in the next three years to increase understanding of emissions reduction options and building resilience to climate risks relevant to your activity.





- Make it mandatory for new and existing public, industrial and large-scale residential buildings (such as multi-storey apartment buildings) to hold energy performance ratings.
- $\circ \quad \text{Require those intending to undertake certain building or demolition work to have a waste minimisation plan.}$
- Change the principle and purposes of the Building Act, to clarify that change is a key consideration:

Please explain any levels of service changes in this LTP, or that may be required in the future as a result of climate change.

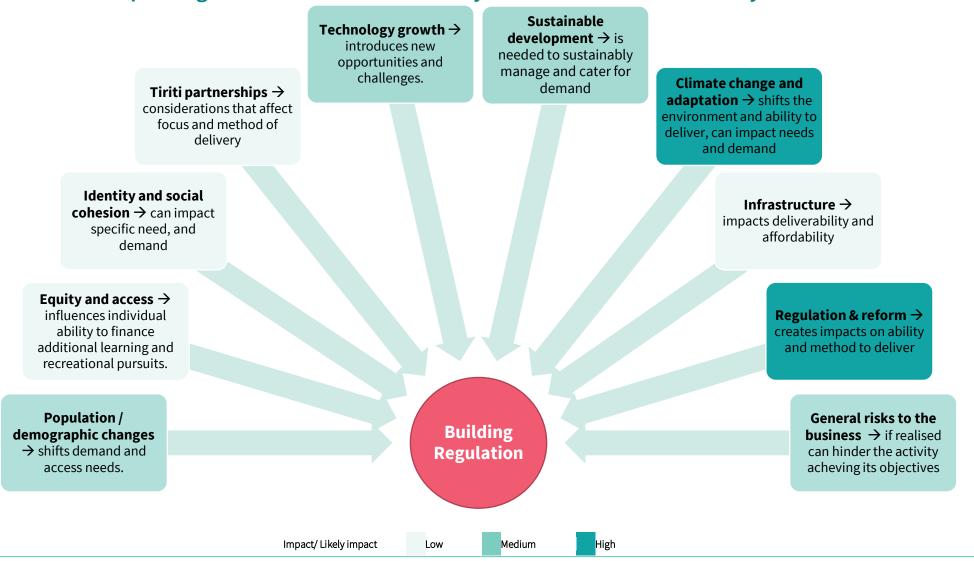
• This activity has no level of service changes that may be required because of climate change.



3. How we are planning for future impacts

There are various factors influencing current and future demand for the Building Regulation activity and the ability to deliver them. These are listed below.

3.1. Issues impacting current and future activity demand and deliverability.



3.2. The high impact issues and mitigations planned

The more prominent ones that in particular affect our Community Outcomes or Strategic Priorities are summarised on this page. For further details on issues, including the current status, future projections, likely impact and mitigations please see Appendix B.

Climate change and adaptation

This has the potential to impact how we operate in the short and long term by determining new operating models or standards that our services will be required to implement or be impacted by.

Mitigating actions to ensure we work closely with central government to understand and input into legislative changes so that we are aware of the impacts and timing of changes and our practices support them. This will include ongoing training and upskilling of staff.

Regulation and reform

This has the potential to impact how we operate in the short and long term. Ongoing national reform programmes may determine new operating models or standards that our services will be required to implement or be impacted by.

Mitigating actions to ensure we work closely with central government to understand and input into reforms so that we are aware of the impacts and timing of changes. This will include ongoing training and upskilling of staff.

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4. Our levels of service

Council's Levels of Service (LoS) measures enable us to monitor and report against our outcomes and service performance. See Appendix A: Levels of Service Details for more detail.

Services & Level of Service Statements, with Measures of Success and future year Targets

Level of Service statement	Measures of success	Performance Targets/Outputs					
(What we will provide)	(What our community can expect)	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027 - 34		
Building Consenting							
Receive and vet consent applications for acceptance and	Grant building consents within 20 working days (9.1.1)	The minimum	is to issue 95% of bo days from the da	uilding consents w te of acceptance	ithin 19 working		
process applications for compliance with the building code in a timely manner	Customer satisfaction with building consents process (9.1.4)	79%	80%	80%	80% - 85%		
Building Inspections and Code Complianc	e Certificates						
Undertake inspections of building work to assess compliance with the consent, and process applications for code of compliance certification Grant Code Compliance Certificates within 20 working days (9.1.7) Issue minimum 95% of Code Compliance days from the date of the code of compliance certification					within 19 working		
Building Consenting public advice							
Provide a public advice service to support building consenting customers	Provide a quality eco design service (17.0.37)	Pr	ovide free eco desi	gn advice to the pu	blic		
Annual Building Warrants of Fitness							
Undertake an audit regime of each building warrant of fitness, issue new and amend existing compliance schedules	Audit Building Warrant of Fitness to ensure public safety and confidence (9.1.9)		Audit 20% of build	ling stock annually	,		
Building Accreditation Review							
Maintain and operate a quality assurance system to ensure	Building Consent Authority status is maintained (9.3.1)	Buile	ding Consent Autho	rity status is maint	ained		



continued accreditation as a building consent authority		
Building policy		
Ensure public safety and confidence through requesting and reviewing seismic assessments, issuing EPB notices and updating the national register	Maintain a public register of earthquake prone buildings in Christchurch (9.3.5)	Update the Earthquake Prone Building Register whenever the Council becomes aware of a change of a building's earthquake-prone status
Building Regulation		
Prevent drowning of, and injury to, young children by restricting unsupervised access to residential pools	Pools are inspected in accordance with the legislative requirements in section 162D of the Building Act 2004 (9.0.7)	All pools are inspected in accordance with legislative requirements
Project Information Memoranda		
Receive and process project information memoranda applications in a timely manner	Process project information memoranda applications within statutory timeframes (9.4.10)	Process 99% of project information memorandum applications within 20 working days



5. How assets will be managed to deliver the services

This activity does not have assets.

6. Capital expenditure and key capital projects

This activity does not have capital expenditure and key capital projects.



7. Financial resources needed

7.1. Resources needed

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000's	LTP 2024/25	LTP 2025/26	LTP 2026/27	LTP 2027/28	LTP 2028/29	LTP 2029/30	LTP 2030/31	LTP 2031/32	LTP 2032/33	LTP 2033/34
Activity Costs Before Overheads by Service										
Building Consenting	8,268	8,331	8,453	8,559	8,643	8,701	8,807	8,841	8,965	9,190
Building Inspections & Code Compliance	6,359	6,747	6,929	7,016	7,239	7,470	7,652	7,878	8,064	8,188
Building Consenting Public Advice	1,088	1,137	1,168	1,204	1,243	1,283	1,317	1,358	1,390	1,411
Manage the Consent Preparation Process Meetings	157	164	169	174	180	186	190	196	201	204
Annual Building Warrants of Fitness	1,516	1,585	1,630	1,680	1,735	1,793	1,840	1,899	1,945	1,974
Building Accreditation Review	1,361	1,301	1,458	1,379	1,548	1,470	1,639	1,688	1,728	1,755
Building Policy	204	214	220	226	232	238	244	252	258	262
Claim Management - Building Related	153	160	164	169	173	178	183	188	192	195
Swimming Pool Inspections	257	270	277	286	296	306	314	324	332	337
Project Information Memoranda										
	19,363	19,910	20,469	20,693	21,288	21,625	22,186	22,624	23,074	23,515
Activity Costs by Cost Type										
Direct Operating Costs	1,212	1,244	1,391	1,180	1,332	1,233	1,389	1,417	1,445	1,472
Direct Maintenance Costs	24	25	26	26	27	27	28	29	29	30
Staff and Contract Personnel Costs	18,789	19,339	19,766	20,223	20,691	21,150	21,577	22,012	22,454	22,879
Other Activity Costs	136	136	143	146	149	155	158	162	165	168
Overheads, Indirect and Other Costs	9,603	10,265	10,519	10,928	11,468	11,935	12,307	12,936	13,229	13,320
Depreciation	41	31	30	26	20	17	6			
Debt Servicing and Interest										
Total Activity Cost	29,806	31,040	31,874	32,530	33,687	34,518	35,464	36,555	37,322	37,869
Funded By:										
Fees and Charges	25,933	26,685	27,272	27,899	28,541	29,169	29,781	30,377	30,984	31,573
Grants and Subsidies										
Cost Recoveries										
Other Revenues										
Total Operational Revenue	25,933	26,685	27,272	27,899	28,541	29,169	29,781	30,377	30,984	31,573
Net Cost of Service	3,874	4,356	4,603	4,631	5,147	5,350	5,683	6,179	6,337	6,296
Funding Percentages										
Rates	13%	14%	14%	14%	15%	15%	16%	17%	17%	17%
Fees and Charges	87%	86%	86%	86%	85%	85%	84%	83%	83%	83%
Grants and Subsidies	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Cost Recoveries	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Revenues	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Capital Expenditure										

7.2 Funding consideration and outcome

Section 101 Local Government Act 2002 - Funding Consideration. The following tables are based on the financials from the previous page.

Council funds the Building Regulation Activity predominately through fees and charges. This means that most funding comes from developers, mostly on the basis of user pays/ exacerbator pays.

This funding approach is based on applying the following main funding principles to determine the funding policy.

Funding principles considered for operating costs

Consideration for fur	nding method	Result	Implication
User-Pays	the degree to which the Activity can be attributed to individuals or identifiable groups rather than the community as a whole	High	Fund from Fees and Charges
Exacerbator-Pays	the degree to which the Activity is required as a result of the action (or inaction) of individuals or identifiable groups	High	Fund from Fees and Charges
Inter-Generational Equity	the degree to which benefits can be attributed to future periods	Low	Fund from in the year costs incurred
Separate Funding?	the degree to which the costs and benefits justify separate funding for the Activity	High	Fund from Fees and Charges

Outcome: Funding for operating costs

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Source	Proportion funded*	Funding Mechanisms
Individual / Group	High	Fees and Charges
Community	Low	General Rates

Funding of *net* capital expenditure

Net means after specific capital grants/subsidies/funding

Category of capex	How it is funded initially - Refer also to Financial Strategy	Proportion*
Renewal/replacement	Mix of rates and debt, but mostly rates – because the renewal / replacement programme is continuous. In future years, debt repayment is funded by rates.	Nil
Service improvement	Debt – because the benefits of capital expenditure on service improvement are received in future periods. In future years, debt repayment is funded by rates.	Nil
Growth	Development contributions and debt – because the benefits of capital expenditure relating to growth are received in future periods. In future years, debt repayment is funded by a mix of development contributions and rates.	Nil

Outcome: Initial funding for capital

Initial funding source	Proportion of capex funded*
Rates	N/A
Borrowing	N/A
Development Contributions	N/A
Grants and Other	N/A

^{*} Low = this source provides 0%-25% of the funding for this Activity, Medium = this source provides 25%-75% of the funding for this Activity, High = this source provides 75%-100% of the funding for this Activity

More information on the Council's Finance and Funding Polices can be found in the Financial Strategy and the Revenue and Financing Policy



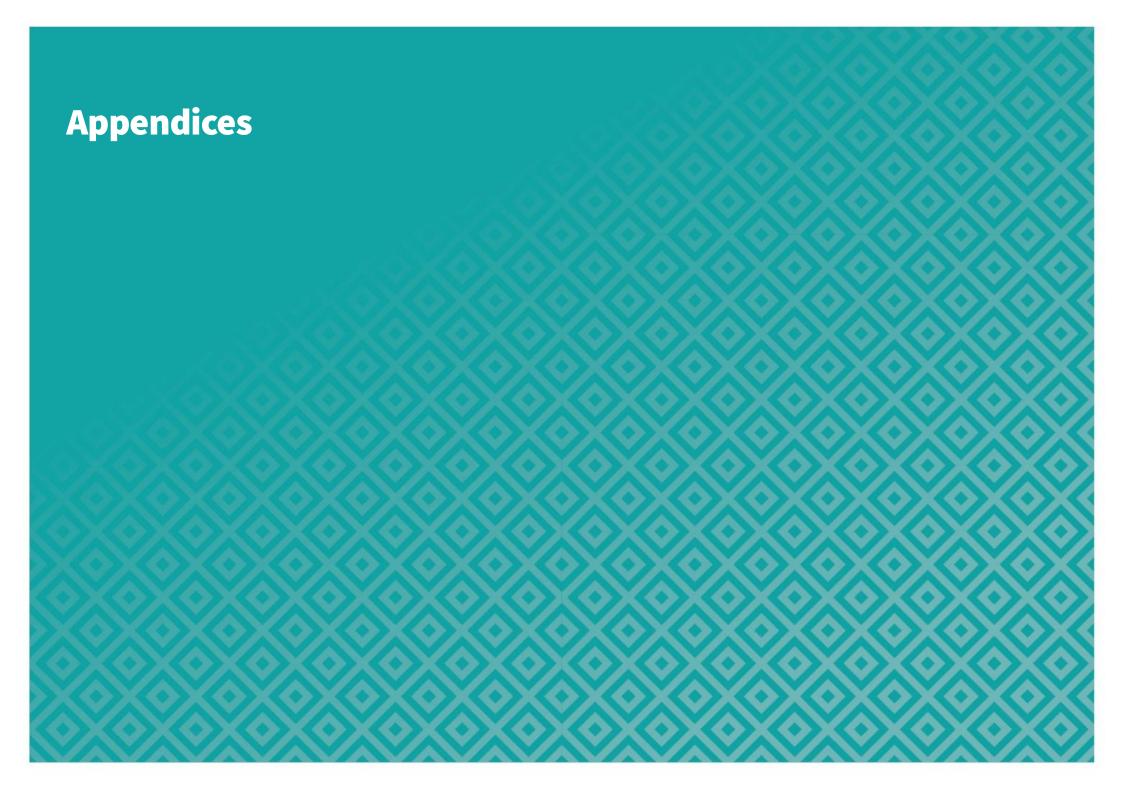
8. Possible significant negative impacts on wellbeing



This activity may have significant negative effects on social, economic, environmental, or cultural wellbeing of the local community, now or in the future.

Negative Effect	Mitigation
Social	
Customers may feel over regulated or frustrated at	Ensure meaningful public advise is provided explaining why the regulation is in place and how to
level of regulation	navigate. Be proactive in updated community of regulatory change
Economic	
Cost of compliance	Given the activity is predominately enforcing central government legislation, MBIE are currently
	undertaking a review on the Consenting System to ensure it remains fit for purpose.
Environmental	
Legislations does not keep pace with	There are a number of proposed amendments to the Building Act to support New Zealand's climate
environmental impacts	change goals, including,
	 Making it mandatory for new and existing public, industrial and large-scale residential buildings (such as multi-storey apartment buildings) to hold energy performance ratings.
	 Requiring those intending to undertake certain building or demolition work to have a waste minimisation plan.
	Changing the principle and purposes of the Building Act, to clarify that change is a key consideration.
Cultural	
Appropriate consideration may not be given to	Ensure staff are understand Building Act Principle 4(2)(d) the importance of recognising any special
various Building Act decisions.	traditional and cultural aspects of the intended use of a building:





A. Appendix A: Levels of Service detail

A.1. Continuous Improvement Review (S17A) – Recommendations for change

No Continuous Improvement Reviews (S17A) have been identified for this Activity.

A.2. Levels of Service: Performance measures in detail

Level of Service statement		LOS Measures of success (What our community can expect) Performance Targets/Outputs 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27 2027 - 34 Method of Measurements	Performance Targets/Outputs					Community	Historic		
(What we will provide)	LOS		Method of Measurement	Outcome	Performance Trends	Benchmarks	C/				
Building Consenting											
Receive and vet consent applications for	9.1.1	Grant building consents within 20 working days	The minimum		ouilding consents w late of acceptance	ithin 19 working	Reporting: Consent approval timeframes are monitored monthly and reported annually	A collaborative confident city A cultural powerhouse city A thriving prosperous city	2023: 61% in 19 working days 2022: 40.1% in 19 working days 2021: 86.6% in 19 working days 2020: 95.7% in 20 working days 2019: 95.8% in 20 days	Auckland 2018/19 - 60% 2019/20 - 82% in 20 days Wellington 2017/18 - 91% 2018/19 89% in 20 days	C
acceptance and process applications for compliance with the building code in a timely manner	9.1.4	Customer satisfaction with building consents process	79%	80%	80%	80% - 85%	Customer satisfaction survey results are reviewed monthly; reported on annually. Requests for contact are responded to as a priority. Results themed for common issues and reviewed regularly for resolution. Survey provides measure of customer satisfaction with each of the following services surveyed: completion of building inspections, issue of building consent, and issue of code compliance certificate	A collaborative confident city A thriving prosperous city	2023: 78.7% 2022: 81.5% 2021: 84.62% 2020: 82.5% 2019: 75.9%	Auckland: 2021/22 65% 2022/23 67% Wellington: 2021/22 70% 2022/23 70%	C
Building Inspections an	d Code Con	npliance Certificates									
Undertake inspections of building work to assess compliance with the consent,	9.1.7	Grant Code Compliance Certificates within 20 working days			Compliance Certific The date of accepta		Reporting: Legislative Requirement	A collaborative confident city A thriving prosperous city	2023: 81% in 19 working days 2022: 95% in 19 working days 2021: 98.5% in 19 working days 2020: 98.4 in 20 working days 2019: 98.3%	Wellington 2017/2018 91% 2018/2019 88 % in 20 working days	С
and process applications for code of compliance certification	9.1.12	Carry out building inspections		9	98%		Reporting: Quicker turn-around on inspections speeds the build process up	A collaborative confident city A thriving prosperous city	2023: 94% in 3 working days 2022: 94.3% 2021: 100% 2020: 100% in 3 working days 2019: 100%		М
Building Consenting pu	blic advice										
Provide a public advice service to support building consenting customers	9.1.8	Public advice is available, including building control phone and counter services to public, elected members and media, website and online services, printed publications, LGOIMA requests and input toward legislative review or interpretation	Between the hours of 8.00am – 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)			Building Control Phone Services Civic walk-in services Pamphlets, booklets, newsletters, Web Site and Online Services maintenance Legislative Requirement – Building Act 2004 – Regulation 7(2)(a)	A collaborative confident city A thriving prosperous city	2023: 100% 2022: 100% 2021: 100% 2020: 100% 2019: 100%		М	



Level of Service	Manageron of success		Performance Targets/Outputs						Historic		
statement (What we will provide)	LOS	Measures of success (What our community can expect)	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027 - 34	Method of Measurement	Community Outcome	Performance Trends	Benchmarks	C/M
	17.0.37	Provide a quality eco design service	Pı	rovide free eco desi	ign advice to the pu	ıblic	Provide free Eco Design advice services to the public Eco design service is available via appointment, phone, or walk-in. Attendance at Home shows, sustainability seminars etc	A collaborative confident city A green liveable city	2023: 320 consultations 2022: 323 consultations 2021: 337 consultations 2020: 334 consultations 2019: 368 consultations		С
Manage the consent pro	eparation p	rocess meetings									
Promote early advice that leads to higher quality building and resource consent applications, that lead to faster processing times	9.1.18	Customer satisfaction with building consenting pre-application service	90%	-	-	90%	Promote early advice that leads to higher quality building and resource consent applications that lead to faster processing time. Provide measure of customer satisfaction based on point of service survey Review quarterly survey results and feed common issues to issues register for resolution	A collaborative confident city A thriving prosperous city	2023: Not achieved 2022: Not Achieved 2021:91.78% 2020: 83% 2019: 91.78%		M
Annual Building Warrar	nts of Fitnes	s									
Undertake an audit regime of each building warrant of fitness, issue new and amend existing compliance schedules	9.1.9	Audit Building Warrant of Fitness to ensure public safety and confidence		Audit 20% of buil	ding stock annually	/	The Building Stock covered by a BWOF, and compliance currently stands at 5,201 (December 2020) and has been increasing by 200 per annum. The Building Act 2004 Section 12 requires Territorial Authorities to administer and enforce the provisions relating to annual building warrants of fitness	A collaborative confident city	2023: 198 audits 2022: 187 audits 2021: 199 audits 2020: 351 audits 2019: 456 audits	MBIE recommendation to audit 20 to 30% of building stock i.e., every building in a 3-to- 5-year cycle	С
Building Accreditation	Review										
Maintain and operate a quality assurance system to ensure continued accreditation as a building consent authority	9.3.1	Building Consent Authority status is maintained	Building Consent Authority status is maintained			Statutory requirement to comply with Council BCA Accreditation Regulations 2007.	A collaborative confident city A thriving prosperous city	2023: BCA status maintained 2022: BCA status maintained 2021: BCA status maintained 2020: BCA status maintained 2019: BCA status maintained	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment MBIE)/IANZ approval. Building Consent Authority' status is the benchmark	С	
Building policy											
Ensure public safety and confidence through requesting and reviewing seismic assessments, issuing EPB notices	9.3.5	Maintain a public register of earthquake prone buildings in Christchurch	Update the Earthquake Prone Building Register whenever the Council becomes aware of a change of a building's earthquake-prone status			Earthquake prone buildings will be appropriately identified and registered in accordance with MBIE legislation	A collaborative confident city A cultural powerhouse city	2023: The earthquake prone building register has been regularly updated as required	In accordance with legislation, identify and issue notices to non- priority buildings by 1 July 2022	С	



Level of Service statement		Measures of success		Performance T	argets/Outputs			Community	Historic		
statement (What we will provide)	LOS	(What our community can expect)	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027 - 34	Method of Measurement	Outcome	Performance Trends	Benchmarks	C/M
and updating the national register								A thriving prosperous city	2022: 614 2021: Updated Achieved 2020: Updated Achieved 2019: Updated Achieved		
laim Management – bu	ıilding-rela	eted									
Actively manage and respond to potential and actual negligence	9.3.2	Notify relevant building related claims to insurer	100% of know	n relevant building within relevan	g related claims no t Financial Year	tified to insurer	Report Annually: Insurance covers claims (excluding excess) wherever possible	A collaborative confident city	2023: 100% 2022: 100% 2021: 100% 2020: 100% 2019: 100%	Broker / insurer policy requirement: notification must be within financial year	М
claims against the Council	9.3.7	Respond to building related claims under the appropriate forum	High Court, and	that Council comp Dispute Tribunal r s of evidence, time	ules, including me	eeting acceptable	Report Annually: Claimants are treated fairly and reasonably. Council reputation is maintained. Costs to Council are minimised	A collaborative confident city	2023: 100% 2022: 100% 2021: 100% 2020: 100% 2019: 100%		M
Building Regulation											
Prevent drowning of, and injury to, young children by restricting unsupervised access to residential pools	9.0.7	Pools are inspected in accordance with the legislative requirements in section 162D of the Building Act 2004	All pools are in:	spected in accorda	ance with legislati [,]	ve requirements	Report Annually: Inspections are recorded throughout the year	A collaborative confident city A thriving prosperous city	2023: 2070 Pool Inspections 2022: 2569 Pool Inspections 2021: 1597 Pool Inspections 2020: 1097 Pool Inspections 2019: 1150 Pool Inspections		С
Project Information Me	moranda										
Receive and process project information memoranda applications in a timely manner	9.4.10	Process project information memoranda applications within statutory timeframes	Process 99% of p	project information 20 work	n memorandum a king days	oplications within	Timeframes are monitored and measured using computerised reports. Section 34 of the Building Act 2004 all PIMs issued within 20 working days	A collaborative confident city A green liveable city A cultural powerhouse city	2022/23: 99% 2021/22: 95.8% 2020/21: 100% 2019/20: 99% 2018/19: 99%	Waimakariri District Council LTP measure 100% within 20 working days	С
timety manner								A thriving prosperous city			



A.3. Levels of Service changes from Long-term Plan 2021-31, and why

Related Levels of Service (now known as Measures of Success and Targets) have been grouped together under Level of Service Statements. This provides a reduced suite of levels of service that are most critical and meaningful, rationalising the overall number to be presented in the LTP and included in future reporting to ELT, Council, and the community, while ensuring continued transparency of non-financial performance across services. Applying this process has resulted in no material changes to Measures of Success or Targets beyond those specifically set out below.

Deletions

Activity / Level of Service	Change from 2021-31 LTP	Reason/Rationale	Options for Consultation
9.1.15.2 (M) Provide Case Management Services	Deleted Level of Service for this	Level of Service moved to City	Consultation not required:
Target: 80% of customers	Activity	Growth & Property Activity	LOS retained in the LTP.

New

Activity / Level of Service	Change from 2021-31 LTP	Reason/Rationale	Options for Consultation
9.4.10 (C) Process project information memoranda	New Level of Service for this Activity	Level of Service moved from Land &	Consultation not required:
applications within statutory timeframes		Property Information Services	LOS retained in the LTP.
Target: Process 99% of project information		Activity	
memorandum applications within 20 working days			
9.0.7 (C) Prevent drowning of, and injury to, young	New Level of Service for this Activity	Level of Service reinstated from	Consultation not required:
children by restricting unsupervised access to		LTP2018-28, from the Regulatory	LOS retained in the LTP.
residential pools - Pools are inspected in accordance		Compliance and Licensing Activity.	
with the legislative requirements in section 162D of			
the Building Act 2004			
Target: All pools are inspected in accordance with			
legislative requirements			

Amendments

Activity / Level of Service	Change from 2021-31 LTP	Reason/Rationale	Options for Consultation
17.0.37 (C) Provide a quality eco design service	Target changed from Provide a	Target amended to clarify the eco	Consultation not required
	quality eco design service to Provide	design advice is free to the public	
	free eco design advice to the public		



B. Appendix B: Possible issues impacting the Activity & the mitigations planned

Information for future impacts was collated in preparation of the draft LTP 2024-34 to inform Councillor decisions and community consultation. This section was not updated for final LTP adoption.

B.1. Changing customer needs

Population / demographic changes (Medium impact)

Issue/driver	Present Position	→ Projection	Impact on services	Mitigating plans/actions
Population growth	392,100 in 2022	• 473,140 medium projections in 2054	• Increase of 81,040 over 32 years	•
Population growth (general and in specific areas)	Average additional 2,532 residents per year	 Average additional 1,000 homes required per year Plus, commercial development and other services 	Need to be resourced to meet demand	Plan to have sufficient resources to meet demand
Ageing population	Median age 37.3		Likely increase in demand for smaller houses and retirement village type accommodation	Plan to have sufficient resources to meet demand
Diversity	78% European	 Increased diversity – Māori, Asian Pasifika 	Increasing customers with English as second language	Plan to have staff who can do business in other languages
Shifts within city (e.g., growing communities, possible future managed retreat)		Likely movement of population away from locations at risk from effects of sea level rise – coastal and estuarine	Similar to EQs but over a long period as people move from at risk areas – results in similar demand to growth – new additional housing required	Plan to have sufficient resources to meet demand

Equity and access (No impacts)

This Activity has identified no possible equity and access issues impacting the Activity.



Identity and social cohesion (No impacts)

This Activity has identified no possible identify and social cohesion issues impacting the Activity.

B.2. Tiriti Partnerships (No impacts)

This Activity has identified no possible Tiriti Partnerships issues impacting the Activity.

B.3. Technological growth (Medium impact)

Issue/driver	Present Position	→ Projection	Impact on services	Mitigating plans
Changing technology		Technology will continue to evolve and there will be ongoing opportunities to embrace the latest developments	• Medium	Continue to review progress in advancements of technology including understanding how BIM and Digital Twins can be incorporated into operating procedures.
Digital divide		 Expected to increase as technology advances 	• Low	 Ensure that all customers have a means to access Building regulation services.
Digital security		The need for digital security will continue to grow	Medium	 Work with IT and follow their protocols to ensure that building regulations systems and processes are protected.

B.4. Resilience and environmental considerations

Climate change & adaptation (High impact)

Issue/driver	Present Position	→ Projection	Impact on services	Mitigating plans
Population movement due to managed retreat and adaptation			Workload peaksChanging standardsChanging to finished floor levels	 Managing resources Awareness of legislative and regulatory changes Ongoing training
Increasing numbers of extreme weather events change utilisation of physical and digital assets		Number of incidents expected to increase	 Workload peaks Disruption to internal technical service due to redeployment to event management Changing standards Increase requirement for rapid responders 	 Managing resources Awareness of legislative and regulatory changes Ongoing training

Sustainable development (Medium impact)

Issue/driver	Present Position	7	Projection	In	npact on services	Mi	tigating plans
Managing GHG emissions (per table above)		•	Council set the target of achieving net zero greenhouse emissions by 2045 (with separate targets for methane), and to halve our emissions by 2030, from 2016-17 levels.	•	Measures put in place to reduce the Unit's impact on climate change	•	Increase in the number of remote inspections. Move towards greater number of self-certifications.
Natural hazards	Natural hazards that may affect Christchurch and Banks Peninsula includes floods, effects from climate change, earthquakes and tsunami risks.	•	The effects of climate change will have a range of implications including more extreme weather events, sea level rise, fires and flooding in the future.	•	More extreme natural hazard events as a result of climate change will impact on how we will need to prioritise our work programme to ensure that Council Building Consenting remains fit-for-purpose to respond to the changing natural environment.	•	Ongoing training to ensure staff are aware and understand changes to standards.

B.5. Infrastructure (Low impact)

This Activity has identified no possible infrastructure issues impacting the Activity.

B.6. Regulations & reform (High impact)

Issue/driver	Present Position	→ Projection	Impact on services	Mitigating plans
Three Waters reform	Three Waters functions undertaken by local government	Three waters services functions undertaken at regional or pan- regional level	Need to incorporate three waters entity into building regulation processes	 Keeping up to date with latest proposals Work closely with Water Reform Team, NTU to understand latest proposals.
Resource Management reforms	Resource Management functions undertaken by local government	Resource management planning functions undertaken at regional level	Probably none	Keeping up to date with latest proposals
Future for Local Government	Building Regulation functions undertaken by local government	Building Regulation functions undertaken by regional, pan-regional or national entity	May change the way we deliver our services to the organisation	Keeping up to date with latest proposals

B.7. Identified Business Unit Risks

Business risks that could impact this activity have been considered. A summary of risks currently assessed as most relevant to the activity are listed below. Risks are recorded and periodically reported to the Executive Leadership Team and the Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Strategic priorities risk is associated with	Risk Description	Impact	Likelihood	Inherent Risk Rating	Controls / Mitigations Inherent	Residual Risk Rating
Champion Christchurch and collaborate to build our role as a leading New Zealand city	Loss of Building Consent Authority Accreditation Status There is a risk of: If we fail to comply with the Building Act 2004, then regulatory action could be taken against the Council, resulting in loss of accreditation and economic impact for the community.	Extreme	Highly Unlikely	Low	 Undertake monthly quality assurance reporting. Internal auditing by external contractor. Accreditation audit undertaken by IANZ March 2023 resulted in continued accreditation with risk score of Low. 	Low
Champion Christchurch and collaborate to build our role as a leading New Zealand city	Litigation & Reputation There is a risk of: If we don't establish, maintain, and follow proper processes for issuing building consents, then we could issue inconsistent building consents, resulting in potential for legal and reputational damage	Moderate	Likely	Medium	 Operation manual (The Vault) with associated related documents to ensure processing & inspection consistency. Use National Competency Assessment System to establish & maintain annual competency assessments of technical staff. Technical leadership matrix to support staff Audits undertaken of technical decisions on regular basis. 	Low
 Champion Christchurch and collaborate to build our role as a leading 	Poor Technical Decisions There is a risk of: If technical decision making is not compliant with the Building Act, then we could be issuing	Moderate	Unlikely	Medium	The Vault (Accredited Operations Manual) has associated related documents to ensure processing & inspection consistency.	Low

Strategic priorities risk is associated with	Risk Description	Impact	Likelihood	Inherent Risk Rating	Controls / Mitigations Inherent	Residual Risk Rating
New Zealand city	consents that are not compliant with building codes, resulting in financial and legal damage to the Council.				 Use National Competency Assessment System to establish & maintain annual competency assessments of technical staff. Technical leadership matrix to support staff. Audits undertaken of technical decisions on regular basis. 	
Champion Christchurch and collaborate to build our role as a leading New Zealand city	Recording of Technical Decisions There is a risk of: If we fail to document technical decision-making, then we will be unable to provide audit evidence.	Minor	Unlikely	Low	 Technical staff who have not fully established their competency work under supervision and have all decisions reviewed. Technical staff who are changing competency levels have technical decisions reviewed relevant to new competency level. Technical staff who operate fully with their competency area have three technical peer reviews per annum. 	Low
Build trust and confidence in the Council through meaningful partnerships and communication, listening to and working with residents	Poor Communications There is a risk of: If we fail to effectively communicate with stakeholders, then stakeholders might misinterpret or misunderstand our communication. This could result in processing delays and frustrations.	Moderate	Unlikely	Medium	 The Vault (Accredited Operations Manual) places an obligation of all staff to utilise the "Phone 1^{st"} principals. The Vault (Accredited Operations Manual) is provided with Strategic Stake holder policy. 	Low



Strategic priorities risk is associated with	Risk Description	Impact	Likelihood	Inherent Risk Rating	Controls / Mitigations Inherent	Residual Risk Rating
Build trust and confidence in the Council through meaningful partnerships and communication, listening to and working with residents	Lack of Technical Staff Resources There is a risk of: If we fail to attract and retain skilled and experienced staff members to process consents, then consenting will be delayed and not meet statutory time frames. This could result in reputational, economic & compliance impacts	Moderate	Highly Likely	High	Ensure measures to retain staff are consistently utilised, including servant leadership model, effective training (drawn from annual training needs assessment and competency assessments), relevant/competitive remuneration levels.	Medium
Champion Christchurch and collaborate to build our role as a leading New Zealand city	Lack of Technical IT Resources There is a risk of: If we fail to procure, implement, and maintain up to date technology to undertake essential building consent and territorial authority functions then our process will become outdated, not customer friendly, inefficient, incompatible with other Council systems and no longer being supported or maintained.	Moderate	Likely	Medium	 Continue to review progress in advancements of technology including understanding how these can be incorporated into operating procedures. Work closely with IT department to ensure that necessary upgrades are on the implementation programme. 	Medium
 Champion Christchurch and collaborate to build our role as a leading New Zealand city 	Change of Government There is a risk of: Changing government bringing in substantial changes to the building industry and how building consents are assessed and approved.	Moderate	Likely	Medium	 Keeping up to date with latest proposals When given the opportunity, work closely with central government to understand and input into the latest proposals. 	Low

