

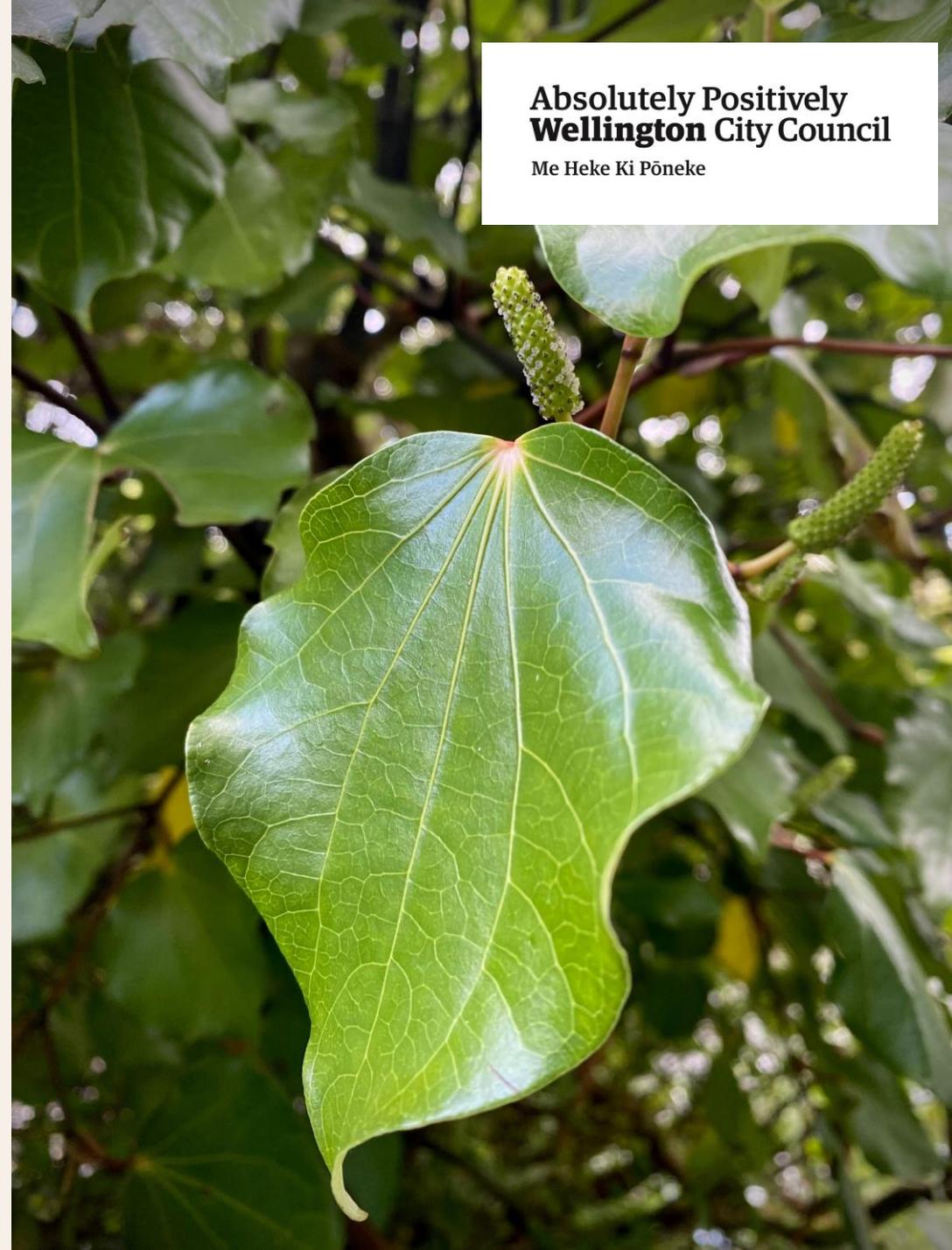
MUFPP Asia-Pacific Webinar: Governance

Te Anamata ā-Kai o tō Tātou Tāone Our City's Food Future

Wellington City Council's Action Plan for creating a sustainable, equitable, and resilient food system in Wellington City.

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Wellington, New Zealand
Te Whanganui-a-Tara, Aotearoa

- Capital of Aotearoa New Zealand
- According to Lonely Planet, we are the coolest little capital in the world
- Population of around 220,000 residents (+ growing)
- Unique set of challenges and opportunities in food systems:
 - Known for its quirky cafes and collective of delicious restaurants
 - History of māra kai at local pā sites
 - Earthquake and supply chain risks

Wellington City Council (WCC)

City Vision: “An inclusive, sustainable, and creative capital for people to live, work, and play”

MUFPP Signatory: Mayor Andy Foster signed on to the MUFPP October 2021 as the first city in Aotearoa.

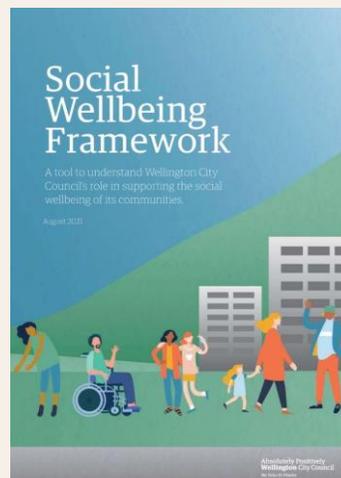
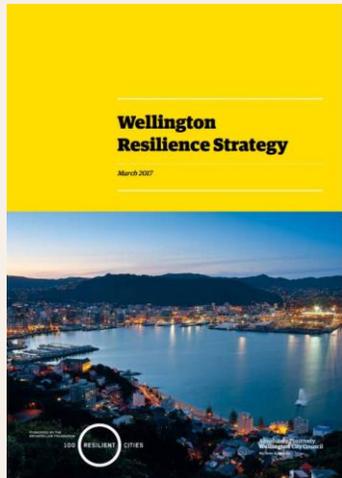


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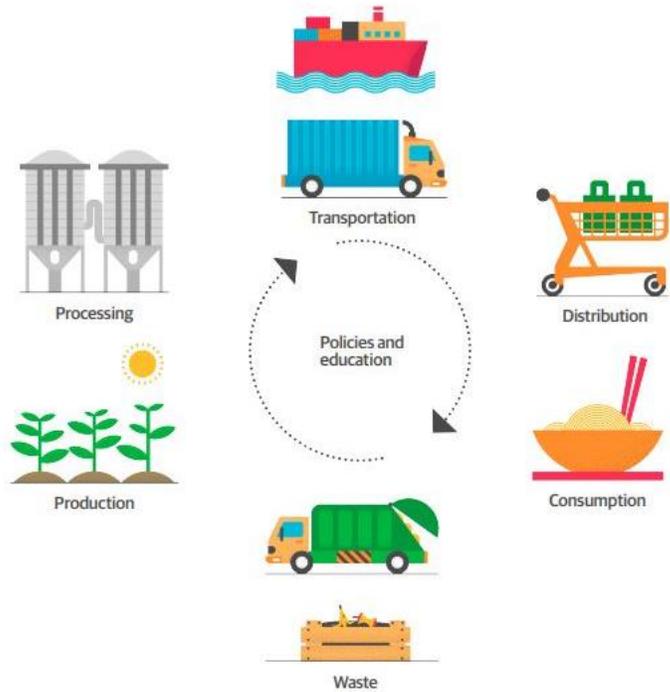
Three (+ 1 upcoming) foundational documents...

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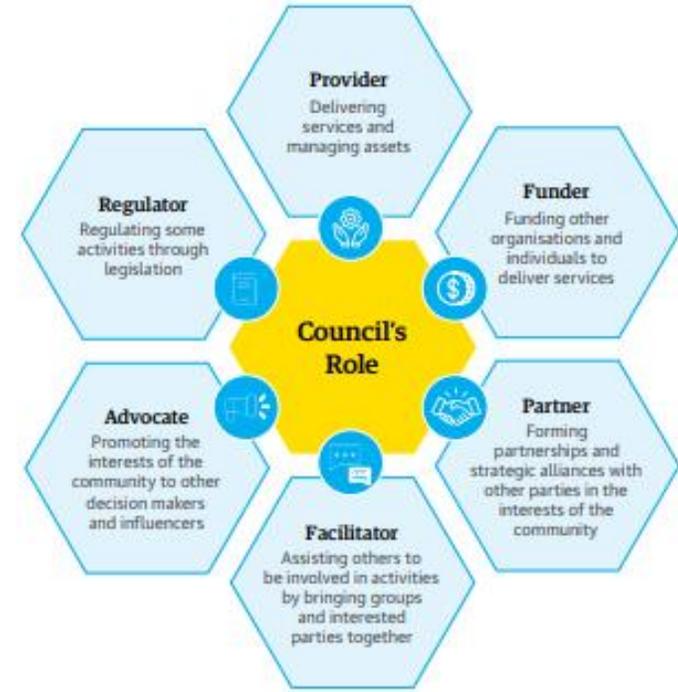
our mandate as a Local Government entity to feed our residents in a time of Civil Emergency



- All speak to how effective response work takes resilient systems and communities
- Resilience Strategy & Te Atakura specifically state the importance of sustainable food networks
- All 4 show Wellington’s focus on the four wellbeings that support communities to thrive: Social, Cultural, Environmental, & Economic



A food systems action plan examines all parts of the food system (as above), and actions one can take to improve it.



WCC used our Social Wellbeing Framework (as above) to assess our levers to enable food systems change in our communities.

Why did WCC create a food systems Action Plan?

Why is it key to develop a food policy, strategy, or action plan?

- Creates a committed framework and road map for the city government around Food Systems decisions
 - Encourages systems thinking
 - This is even more important with the climate change, COVID-19, and global impacts our communities are increasingly facing
- Publicly communicates the direction Wellington is going in:
 - inviting collaboration and innovation with multiple stakeholders – mana whenua, community, businesses, NGOs, central government, etc. to create Our City's Food Future



Our *vision*

**All Wellingtonians
have resilient
access to good
food, produced in
a way that respects
people and our
planet - now and
in the future.**

Nā tō rourou,
nā taku rourou
ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket
and my food basket
the people will thrive



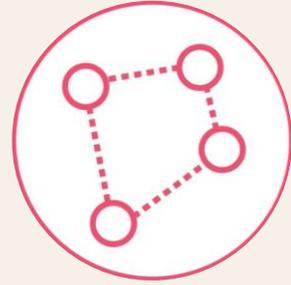
The focus areas*: an integrated, coordinated approach



Everyone in Wellington has dignified and secure access to nutritious and culturally appropriate food.

Proposed goals:

- a. An increased percentage of our residents have 15 minutes walking access to good quality, affordable, and diverse food.
- b. Increase the square meterage of food growing spaces.



We are confident that we have the resources and whanaungatanga to respond effectively to emergencies.

Proposed goal:

WCC has a thorough, inclusive Emergency Food Provisions Response Plan.



Mana whenua and Māori are activating kai and soil sovereignty in relation to the cultural landscapes.

Proposed goal:

An increase in mana whenua and Māori-led kai and soil sovereignty projects.



Our climate-responsible food culture is reversing the effects of climate change.

Proposed goals:

- a. An increase in our residents' access to composting infrastructure.
- b. An increase in climate-responsible food initiatives.



We enable a lively and prosperous local food economy, by supporting our food businesses and environmentally friendly job pathways.

Proposed goal:

An increase in Living Wage incorporated models.

**Please note these are still to be formalised*

How did we decide the priorities in the Action Plan?

City vision: An inclusive, sustainable and creative capital for people to live, work and play

Ratonga Whanaungatanga Hapori/Community Services

We ensure Wellington is a safe, tolerant city with strong social infrastructure supporting communities of place, ethnicity and identity.

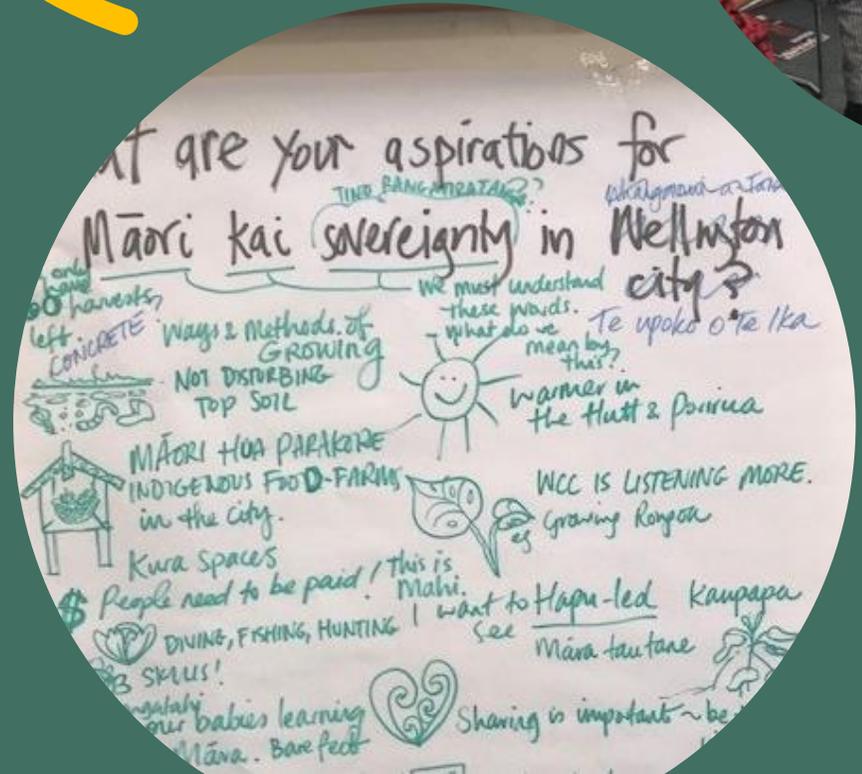
We also ensure the city can deliver an effective CD Welfare Response for people and animals in an emergency event.



Values of WCC & Community Services:	Gaps analysis:	Community engagement:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People & Partnership focused • Data driven • Social infrastructure • Emergency Welfare Response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioned reports around Wellington's food system • COVID-19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal officers • Sustainable Food Network • Māori Kai Sovereignty Wānanga

Māori Kai Sovereignty Wānanga

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi is a signed agreement between the government of New Zealand and Māori, the indigenous population in Aotearoa.
- To honour this in the Action Plan, we took a Te Tiriti approach by hiring an expert in Māori Kai Sovereignty to facilitate with 45-50 experts in the region (including school children) to hear their aspirations around Māori Kai Sovereignty for Wellington City
- These were the foundations and actions that were embedded into the Action Plan
- Reminder of the importance of relationships and supporting community towards their own aspirations
- Nominated for a Local Government Excellence Award





Lessons learned

- As systems work may be new, clarify early on what “food systems” is and the importance of a systems approach for communities
- The earlier you can engage (and engage authentically), the better
- Relationships are key & make a stronger document
 - Internal staff:
 - Co-create actions both Internal staff supports engagement and buy-in...and you may even have action recommendations!
 - Find your internal champions - it elevates and further integrates the work throughout
 - Community:
 - Co-create actions with community groups for similar internal reasons – but be clear on what is in scope and what their role can be to avoid over-promising
- Scope out your data sources for monitoring earlier in the process
- Clear funding pathways for internal staff and external organisations
- Ensure a “living document”, so the document can be adjusted to reflect community priorities and needs
- MUFPP has excellent recommendations for focus areas, actions to implement, and monitoring and evaluation frameworks if you want inspiration



Improve the biodiversity of our City

Environmental benefit of increased soil health and carbon sequestration

Increase property and neighborhood values

Improve public health & reduction in health care costs

Economic benefits of being able to live, work, and visit a green and growing city

Stronger regional infrastructure for disaster and emergency response & preparedness

Places of connection and refuge that enhance community resilience

Promote low-carbon food choices and healthy lifestyles

Store and filter rainwater to reduce pressure on stormwater infrastructure

Economic benefit of affordable, quality food nearby

Increase in food & economic innovation

Connect people to their food and culture

Increase access to day-to-day nutrition and food security

Elevate the aspirations of mana whenua

Increase in zero waste & composting infrastructure

Places to learn and experience joy & wonder

Elevating the kai histories of mana whenua

Protecting our taonga

Opportunities for environmentally friendly job pathways

The benefits of Our City's Food Future

Any additional pātai (questions) or opportunities to connect, feel free to contact me via the information listed below.

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