



BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Our work in the Built Environment area focuses on urban form and urban development. Work undertaken in this area deals with the relationships between built and natural environments, heritage issues, public amenity and the way people use the city.

The Council's new Sustainability Framework will ensure the growth of our city does not compromise the things that make Wellington a great place to live. One of our strategic goals, 'smart growth', reflects the need to plan ahead, so that as our city grows it keeps the natural beauty and drama that make people

want to live here. Over the coming year we'll be developing an urban development strategy for the city and a development strategy for the Wellington region.

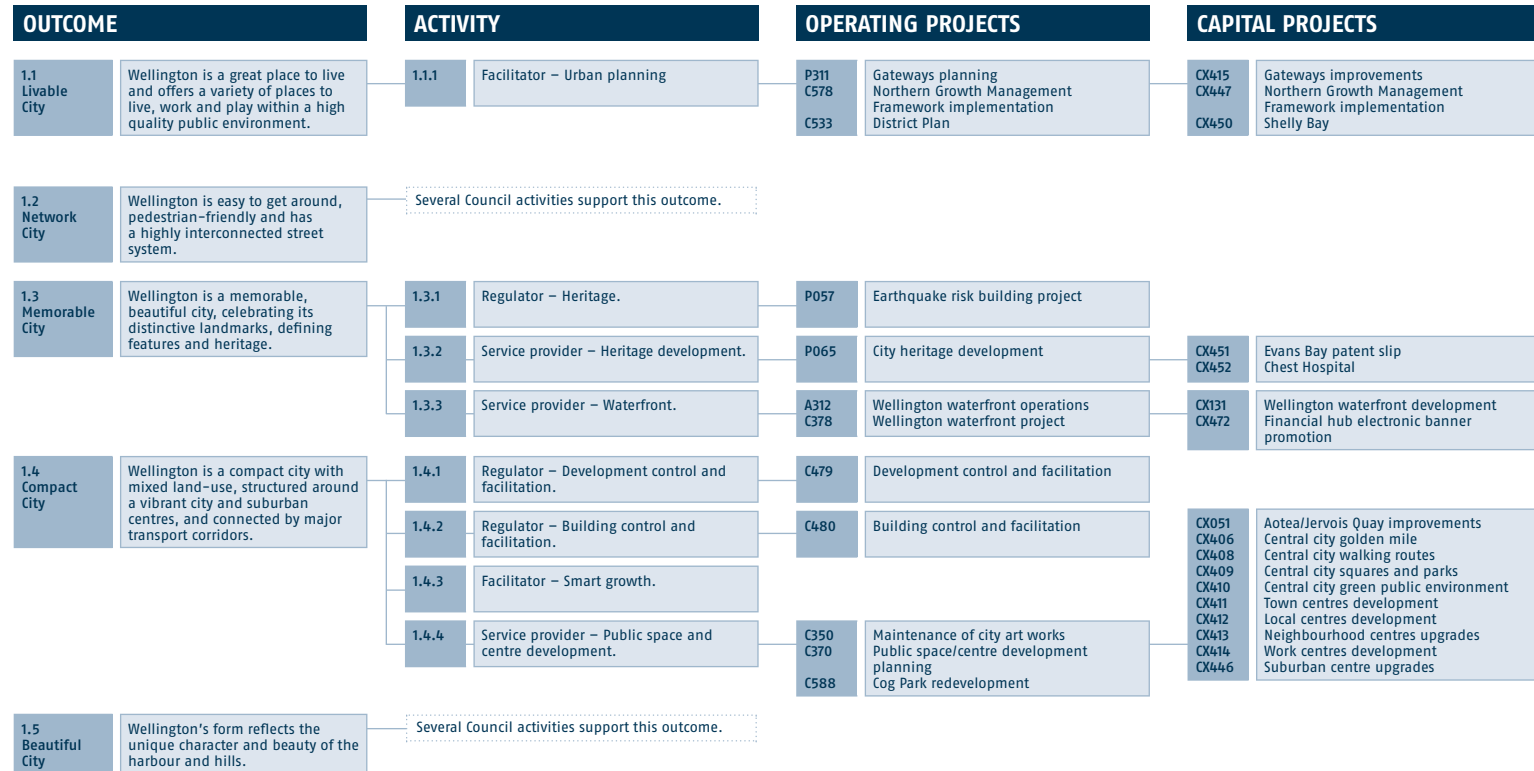
Working together

As Wellington continues to grow we have to ensure we protect the things that make our city unique – to do this we need to work collaboratively with developers and bring a regional perspective to our work. We'll be working in partnership with local communities as we undertake town centre upgrades and

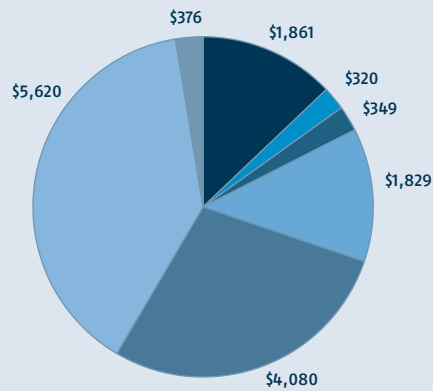
through our planning pilots. We'll also continue our relationship with the Wellington Sculpture Trust to add new pieces to our public spaces and we'll work with Wellington Waterfront to add to our award winning architectural waterfront landscape. We are also working with Weltec to ensure that we have well-trained staff to implement new Building Act requirements, and we have partnered with the New Zealand Stock Exchange in purchasing electronic signs as it makes its home in the historic Odins Building on the waterfront.



STRATEGY TREE – BUILT ENVIRONMENT

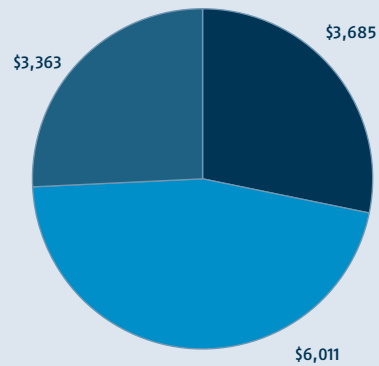


**BUILT ENVIRONMENT:
NET OPERATIONAL SPENDING (\$000)**



- Facilitator - Urban planning
- Regulator - Heritage
- Service provider - Heritage development
- Service provider - Waterfront
- Regulator - Development control and facilitation
- Regulator - Building control and facilitation
- Service provider - Public space and centre development

**BUILT ENVIRONMENT:
CAPITAL SPENDING (\$000)**



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What it costs

These graphs outline what it costs to provide the activities in this key achievement area. The cost of providing each of the programmes in this area is outlined at the end of this chapter.



1.1 OUTCOME: LIVEABLE CITY

We want Wellington to be a great place to live. We also want it to offer a variety of places where people can live, work and play in a high-quality environment.

City outcome indicator

The percentage of residents who think that Wellington is a great place to live.

The percentage of residents who think Wellington offers a variety of places to live, work and play.

1.1.1 ACTIVITY: URBAN PLANNING

Our urban planning work ensures the city develops in ways that don't compromise its natural environment or unique urban character. Our work deals with the relationships between the various elements that make up the city's urban form.

In the coming year we are making a number of internal changes aimed at strengthening our planning. These include:

- Bolstering our capacity to build collaborative partnerships that will contribute to Wellington's long-term economic growth and prosperity.
- Bringing our District Plan, resource consent, and compliance and monitoring staff together in one team to integrate our decisions on the city's urban form.

Activity performance measure

There is no Annual Plan performance measure associated with this activity.

1.2 OUTCOME: NETWORK CITY

We want Wellington to be pedestrian-friendly and easy for vehicles to get around. We have recently developed a transport strategy to support our objectives in this area. The various activities we undertake in the built and natural environment key achievement areas contribute to us meeting these objectives.

City outcome indicator

The percentage of residents satisfied that Wellington is easy to get around and pedestrian-friendly, and has a highly-interconnected street system.

1.3 OUTCOME: MEMORABLE CITY

We aim for Wellington to be a memorable, beautiful city that celebrates its distinctive landmarks and heritage.

City outcome indicator

The percentage of residents who agree that heritage buildings, areas, trees and objects contribute to the city's unique character.

The percentage of residents who agree that heritage buildings, areas, trees and objects contribute to their local community's unique character.

The percentage of New Zealanders who say that Wellington is attractive to visitors.

1.3.1 ACTIVITY: HERITAGE

We have a statutory responsibility to identify and protect local heritage sites. We value older buildings and work to make sure they are safe, both to preserve the city's architectural heritage and to reduce risk to people. This work includes offering financial and project management assistance with earthquake-strengthening of older buildings. In carrying it out, we meet our obligations under the Building Act 1991.

Activity performance measure

The percentage of heritage buildings that have been identified as earthquake-prone that have been strengthened.

Target 2004/05: 20%.

1.3.2 ACTIVITY: HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT

In order to promote Wellington as a place that celebrates its landmarks and heritage, we work with owners to aid restoration and protection of heritage assets. The District Plan ensures heritage buildings and sites of significance to tangata whenua are recognised and that controls are in place to manage changes to or removal of heritage buildings, areas, trees and objects.

In the coming year, we will devote more resources to identifying heritage buildings, upgrading our heritage website, having more staff available to deal with building owners, and developing design guides to help people who are renovating heritage buildings.

Activity performance measures

Resource consents granted for heritage buildings in respect to additions and alterations, measured as a percentage of the total number of heritage buildings listed in the District Plan.

Target 2004/05: No target has been set – this measure indicates monitoring capacity rather than performance.



1.3.3 ACTIVITY: WATERFRONT

The Wellington waterfront is a key area for the city. We oversee its development in line with a guiding policy, the Wellington Waterfront Framework. Management of waterfront development is carried out by a Council controlled organisation, Wellington Waterfront Limited.

Our role includes preparing an annual work plan that outlines short- and long-term development proposals for the waterfront. We are committed to a high level of public engagement and consultation.

Development of the waterfront offers opportunities to create fantastic spaces for Wellingtonians to play, live and work in. Improving the waterfront alongside Wellington city is a key focus for the Council.

In the coming year, we will increase our funding for Wellington Waterfront Ltd so it can implement the Waterfront Framework by 2007.

Activity performance measure

The percentage of residents who have visited the waterfront and how often.

Target 2004/05: Have visited the waterfront 96%; have visited monthly 75%.

1.4 OUTCOME: COMPACT CITY

Our aim is for Wellington to be a compact city with mixed land-use, structured around a vibrant city centre and suburban centres, and connected by major transport corridors.

City outcome indicator

The percentage of houses within 100 metres of public transport stops.

The compactness of the city, measured in terms of building density both in the inner city and suburbs (buildings per hectare).

1.4.1 ACTIVITY: DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND FACILITATION

The Council has a statutory responsibility under the Resource Management Act to ensure land and other resources are used sustainably. The District Plan, adopted in 2001 after public consultation, contains specific policies relating to land and resource use in the city.

Activity performance measure

The percentage of non-notified resource consents issued within statutory timeframes.

Target 2004/05: 100%.

1.4.2 ACTIVITY: BUILDING CONTROL AND FACILITATION

The Council has a statutory responsibility under the Building Act and the Resource Management Act to control building developments. This includes ensuring buildings are safe and sanitary, and do not threaten environmental quality or public health. Our Building Consents and Licensing Services Unit administers our responsibilities. Its work includes issuing and monitoring building consents. We have building guidelines to make sure buildings meet the required standards.

For the coming year:

- The Building Consents and Licensing Unit will begin an accreditation process to meet new Building Act requirements.
- We'll investigate setting up a regional building consents and regulation office covering Wellington city, Porirua city and Kapiti.

Activity performance measure

The percentage of building consents issued within statutory time frames.

Target 2004/05: 100%.

1.4.3 ACTIVITY: SMART GROWTH

The Council wants to make sure the city grows in ways that encourage high-quality development and produce the best long-term result for everyone. To do this, we will use appropriate controls to guide development, particularly in key areas of the city.

Activity performance measure

There is no Annual Plan performance measure associated with this activity.

1.4.4 ACTIVITY: PUBLIC SPACE AND CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

We fund work to develop the street environments and other public areas in the city and suburbs. We aim to make these areas attractive and safe.

In the coming year, our plans include:

- carrying out design work for an upgrade of Civic Square
- consulting people in Island Bay about improvements to Shorland Park and the surrounding area
- investigating hosting a conference in 2005 on urban design and development.

Activity performance measures

1. The percentage of residents who agree that the central city is lively and attractive.
Target 2004/05: 85%.
2. The percentage of residents who agree that their local suburban centre is attractive.
Target 2004/05: 75%.

1.5 OUTCOME: BEAUTIFUL CITY

Our aim is for Wellington's form to reflect the unique character and beauty of the harbour and hills. We want to enhance its special character and to protect it for generations to come. The various activities we undertake in the built and natural environment key achievement areas contribute to us meeting these objectives.

City outcome indicator

The percentage of residents who agree that Wellington's form reflects the character of the harbour and hills.

2004/05 CAPITAL SPENDING FOR BUILT ENVIRONMENT

<i>Council Plan 2003/04</i>	<i>Project description</i>	<i>Expenditure 2004/05</i>
<i>(\$000)</i>		<i>(\$000)</i>
409	CX415 Gateways improvements	110
325	CX447 Northern Growth Management Framework implementation	3,500
75	CX450 Shelly Bay	75
809	1.1.1 Facilitator - Urban planning	3,685
1,105	CX451 Evans Bay patent slip	-
659	CX452 Chest Hospital	-
74	CX463 Heritage trails	-
1,838	1.3.2 Service provider - Heritage development	-
1,453	CX131 Wellington Waterfront development	5,531
557	CX156 Oriental Bay beach upgrade	-
290	CX454 Clyde Quay/Oriental Bay	-
-	CX472 Financial hub electronic banner promotion	480
2,300	1.3.3 Service provider - Waterfront	6,011
666	CX051 Aotea/Jervois Quay improvements	1,414
477	CX406 Central city golden mile	570
300	CX408 Central city walking routes	120
277	CX410 Central city green public environment	281
1,125	CX411 Town centres development	96
-	CX412 Local centres development	30
88	CX413 Neighbourhood centres development	272
315	CX414 Work centres development	525
67	CX446 Suburban centre upgrades	55
200	CX456 City gateway	-
3,515	1.4.4 Service provider - Public space and centre development	3,363
8,462	Total for 2004/05	13,059