

Executive Summary

This report outlines the Council's activities and gives a consolidated financial view for the period 1 October 2010 to 31 December 2010.

It presents detailed information for each activity by strategy area. Its purpose is to inform and provide assurance that each activity is being carried out to plan, with explanations where there are variances. The report also provides assurance that the Revenue and Financing Policy targets are being monitored.

The Council aims to keep residents and stakeholders informed of progress in terms of services and activities outlined in the Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) and whether or not we have met our performance targets. The following comprise some of the key highlights for the quarter:

Highlights

- The 2010 local authority election was successfully held in October.
- The Mayor also hosted a 'Meet the Mayor and Councillors' day at Te Papa and more than 60 organisations sent representatives to meet with the Mayor and Councillors.
- The Wellington Museums Trust has been advised by Creative New Zealand that the theatre and the biennial Capital E National Arts Festival will receive Arts Leadership investment in recognition of their ability to create and distribute high-quality theatre for children.
- Supported the annual Mayoral Concert, the Diwali Festival, Champ Wag n Walk, Pelorus Trust Sky Show, Santa Parade and New Year's Eve - and The New Zealand Community Trust Summer City programme for 2011 was completed in addition to many smaller community events.
- Lonely Planet named Wellington the 'Coolest Little Capital in the World' and '4th Best City to visit in 2011'.
- 190 events were held during the quarter including 26 concerts and four multi-day conferences with 300 or more attendees.
- Te Ahumairangi lookout was formally opened.
- 6700 plants for road reserves were collected and distributed.
- Completed a 400 household trial of the new kerbside recycling service.
- The Nest won a local NZ Institute of Architects Award and also achieved Gold Reserve at the Master Builders national Gold Awards.
- Zealandia won the prestigious international Virgin Holidays Responsible Tourism Award for 'best conservation of wildlife and habitats'.
- We sent representatives to the Māori Language Awards ceremony in Rotorua in October as finalists in two categories – Māori Language Week and Local Government.
- High levels of enrolments in our learn-to-swim programme with 4222 people participating in the programme.
- The first stage of the Golden Mile project was completed with the opening of the two-way bus route on Manners Street.
- Maintained traffic signals and CCTV equipment to provide a safe and efficient transport system. Traffic signal equipment operated satisfactorily for over 99% of the time.
- The Great Harbour Way was launched with a ride from Queens Wharf to Shelly Bay along the new Balaena Bay cycle lane.
- Work on the Wellington 2040 spatial structure plan has reached final draft stage. Space Syntax is in the final stages of completing a report on the Wellington movement network. It will be presented in March 2011.