

Date: Thursday 7 April 2016
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301-305 Queen Street
Auckland

Regional Strategy and Policy Committee

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Memo

10 March 2016

To: Regional Strategy and Policy Committee
From: Kataraina Maki, General Manager, Community and Social Policy

Subject: Update on policy work concerning Auckland's older population

This memo is to inform committee members of the following investigations being undertaken into Auckland's older population (aged 65 years or older):

- Ageing Auckland issues paper
- Seniors housing issues paper
- Quality of life indicators research.

The proportion of older people living in Auckland is a changing demographic trend, with more proportionate growth anticipated in this age group than any other. Investigations are underway to ensure Council is prepared to respond to the potential issues and opportunities a growing older population might present.

Ageing Auckland issues paper

Ageing Auckland is an issues paper scheduled for completion by April 2016. This is a desktop investigation focussed on developing an evidence based understanding of the issues and opportunities regarding older Aucklanders.

The paper will seek to answer the following questions using information currently available:

- What insights can be gained into the experiences of older Aucklanders now?
- How are these likely to change into the future?
- What is known about the difference diversity makes (ethnic, age, physical ability, income etc.) to the experiences of people aged 65+, and what are the implications of this? Is a more targeted approach warranted?
- How can national and international frameworks and initiatives, such as the New Zealand Positive Ageing Strategy and the World Health Organisation, assist us with understanding the issues facing older Aucklanders and opportunities for responding to these?
- What ability does Auckland Council have to respond to the issues identified? Is a more integrated approach warranted?

Seniors housing issues paper

Work has also commenced on a desktop investigation into housing issues for seniors. Scheduled for completion by April 2016, this paper will provide an evidence based understanding of the potential issues facing seniors in retirement now and in the future. This paper focuses particularly on 'vulnerable seniors' defined as those entering retirement without home ownership or significant assets to support retirement.

Quality of life indicators research

Research has been commissioned that will enable the measurement of the quality of life of older Aucklanders. This work will create a baseline data set on the quality of life of older Aucklanders with a view to measuring this over time and developing a regular report on their status. It will be completed mid-late 2016.

This research aligns with the following action in the Auckland Plan:

- *Develop an annual report on the status of older people in Auckland, which includes indicators from the New Zealand Positive Ageing Strategy, and their overall contribution to Auckland (Addendum table 6, Priority 3, Action 5).*

Next steps

Findings from the Ageing Auckland and Seniors housing investigations will be used to inform future updates of the Auckland Plan.

Staff will also be updating the Seniors Panel on all workstreams outlined in this memo at their May 2016 meeting.

Other related matters

At their October 2015 meeting, the Community Development and Safety Committee requested that staff report back with information on the process and cost of becoming an age-friendly city. Staff understand that this request was exclusively concerned with the World Health Organisation (WHO) age friendly accreditation. Empowered Communities staff are providing the Community Development and Safety Committee with this information in time for their March 2015 meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.



Kataraina Maki
General Manager, Community and Social Policy

Memo

11 March 2016

To: Regional Strategy and Policy Committee
From: Kataraina Maki, General Manager Community & Social Policy

Subject: 'I Am Auckland' Progress Update Project

Purpose:

To inform the Regional Strategy and Policy Committee of the 'I Am Auckland' progress update project.

Background:

In September 2013, Auckland Council and the Youth Advisory Panel adopted 'I Am Auckland' as the strategic action plan for children and young people. The council and the panel agreed to work collaboratively to co-deliver the plan. This plan sets out the council's goals and action areas to make a significant positive change in the lives of Auckland's children and young people. 'I Am Auckland' is due for a progress update in 2016.

Project Overview:

The purpose of the 'I Am Auckland' progress update project is to assess council's achievements and progress towards implementing the goals of 'I Am Auckland'.

The project is engaging with the wider council family, including council controlled organisations, local boards and the Youth Advisory Panel to:

- build a picture of council's current action and investment in children and young people
- create a baseline summary of 'I Am Auckland' outcomes and findings to-date
- refresh the city-wide children and youth demographic context
- establish the level of uptake and identify gaps in implementation of the Plan across the council family and how activities align with the Plan's goals
- profile the key achievements, successes and positive outcomes including several case studies

Next Steps:

The progress update investigation phase is underway. Community Policy is facilitating a stocktake and current state workshops across the council. This will result in a current state report that will be delivered to this committee in August/September 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.



Kataraina Maki
General Manager Community & Social Policy