

Empowered Communities Approach Framework

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket the people will live

<p>Empowered communities</p> <p>An empowered community is one where individuals, whanau and communities have the power and ability to influence decisions, take action and make change happen in their lives and communities.</p>		<p>Enabling council</p> <p>An enabling council is one where every opportunity is maximised for council to work in ways that empower communities.</p>	
<p>ECA principles</p>			
<p>Treaty partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in ways that are enabling and responsive to the aspirations of mana whenua, mataawaka, marae and other Māori organisations 		<p>Social inclusion and equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure everyone can participate in decision-making Prioritise activities that will increase opportunity and participation 	
<p>Collaboration – working more effectively together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work in joined up ways together with communities Demonstrate high levels of trust in the expertise of communities 			
<p>Outcomes</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities and local people have greater control and influence over things they care about People from diverse backgrounds are engaging meaningfully and participating in public and community life 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Māori development is enhanced by council working together with, mana whenua, mataawaka, marae and other Māori organisations Local initiatives are designed and delivered locally 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary and community groups have increased capacity and capability; they are inclusive and competent, committed to equity and connected to their wider community Community outcomes are improved through council and communities working together in joined up ways 			
<p>Key focus areas</p>			
<p>Integrate the empowered communities approach (ECA) across council to achieve local board and regional outcomes and community aspirations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure access to operational and technical expertise, skills and resources to implement the ECA across council Identify and address organisational barriers to community empowerment Improve community access to council information and resources Embed ECA principles in policy and practice Encourage and support more joined up and collaborative ways of working across council Develop learning opportunities and tools to support enabling ways of working 		<p>Build community capacity to do things for themselves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and deliver creative ways to build community capacity Identify and support communities to deliver capacity building themselves Develop new ways of capacity building that respond to Māori aspirations and world view Strengthen and support community-led initiatives Develop opportunities for empowering initiatives 	
<p>Increase diverse community participation in council decision-making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop innovative ways to engage with communities that have not traditionally participated in council decision-making Provide a range of tailored approaches to meet the needs of diverse communities Ensure inclusive participation and engagement practice across the organisation Identify, develop and support opportunities for communities to run engagement processes themselves Develop effective practice to involve mana whenua, mataawaka, marae and other Māori organisations in council decision-making 		<p>Develop and support community-led placemaking initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and apply tools to enable and support community-led placemaking Support local community building activities Support community-led planning and neighbourhood development initiatives through cross council collaboration 	
<p>Respond to Māori aspirations in practical and effective ways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all staff are competent and capable of being responsive to Māori Assist local boards to understand and be more responsive to the aspirations of mana whenua, mataawaka, marae and other Māori organisations Build stronger relationships and support marae Partner with Māori to ensure Auckland's Māori identity is visible, reflecting our point of difference in the world Partner with Māori to promote knowledge, heritage and identity 			

