

# Homelessness Update

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## Auckland Council strategic settings

- **The Auckland Plan**  
"Explore all options to reduce homelessness, in partnership between the Auckland Council, central government and the community sector."  
*Target: "End rough sleeping (primary homelessness) in Auckland by 2020."*
- **Operational response**
  - \$830,000 operating budget from Long Term Plan over 3 years (2015-18) for homelessness initiatives and to enhance the provision of emergency accommodation.
  - \$500,000 additional provision in 2018 approved by the Mayor to support cross-sector collaboration.
- **Policy response**
  - The Environment and Community Committee passed a resolution July 2017 agreeing that council's **position** on homelessness is that it will be "rare, brief and non-recurring"
  - The role will be to strengthen established levers including development of a regional cross-sectoral homelessness strategy, advocacy to central government, and partnerships.
- **Enforcement and Regulatory response**
  - Public safety and nuisance bylaw
  - City Watch contracts supported by Heart of the City

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## Policy Decision: Option 3 +...

**Position:** Homelessness is *rare, brief and non-recurring*.

**Role:** Strengthen established levers, with a focus on:

- strategic leadership, including a cross-sectoral homelessness plan
- inter-sectoral coordination in terms of a shared vision and goals
- systematic integration of homelessness into relevant policies and regulation
- development of a sustainable funding base
- monitoring and evaluation
- advocacy for central government social and affordable housing strategies which directly address homelessness
- working with the private sector and formalising partnerships with central government agencies and NGOs for the delivery of integrated health and social services.

**Implementation:** Plan including:

- establishing mechanisms to engage with cross-sectoral agencies
- analysis of relevant housing demand and supply
- a more detailed stocktake
- a shared purpose statement and high level, cross-sectoral plan
- costings
- a monitoring framework.

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## Operational response

- Convenes the Rough Sleeping Steering Group that meets monthly to provide strategic responses to homelessness
- Supporting the redevelopment of James Liston Hostel
- Funding to support homeless initiatives including the outreach services provided by Auckland City Mission and Salvation Army Waitakere
- Funding to Community Housing Aotearoa to support the coordination of the emergency housing sector
- Supporting local board responses to homelessness across Auckland including Glen Eden, Point Chev., New Lynn and Manurewa.

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## Housing First Auckland

- \$1 million contribution to supplement the MSD contract for the Housing First Auckland pilot
- \$375,000 contribution from Mayoral fund to primarily enhance data collection and design a region wide Point-in-Time homeless count.



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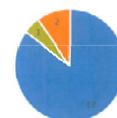
### Data snapshot of Housing First Whānau (participants) in the Auckland City Centre

This is a snapshot of all people (n=19) signed up with Housing First on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2017. The team are working alongside individuals rather than family groups.



Most participants are of Māori descent

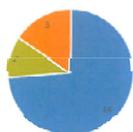
Ethnicity of Whānau (n=18)



■ Māori ■ Pacific ■ Pakeha

\*People can identify with more than one ethnicity

Gender of Whānau (n=19)



■ Male ■ Female ■ Transgender

On average participants have been homeless for 16 years

The shortest time homeless is 5 years and the longest is 30 years.

The average age of whānau is 45 years

The youngest is 22 and the oldest is 61.

14 whānau have 2 or more co-existing issues

- 9 have mental health issues
- 16 have substance use issues
- 10 have significant physical health challenges