

Attachment D - Work underway that benefits older Aucklanders and supports greater inclusion

Auckland Plan

1. The Auckland Plan is based on improving the outcomes of Auckland's diverse populations. The plan acknowledges the increased numbers and proportion of older Aucklanders and requirement for services and infrastructure that enable older people to fully participate in the community.
2. The Auckland Plan recognises that all Aucklanders must have the opportunity to belong, participate and succeed. The adoption of the plan shows that the council is committed to this outcome. The focus areas that benefit older people emphasis accessibility, community, equity and diversity.

Older Aucklanders: Quality of Life Status Report 2017

3. The report presents an overview of the social and economic status of 'older Aucklanders', defined as people aged 65 years and over and living in Auckland. This report was commissioned by the council to provide a baseline to guide future research and policy development.
4. Auckland is a great place to live for many older people. The majority of respondents rated their health as being good or excellent, belonging to one or more social groups and agreed they got on with people in their neighbourhood.
5. There are some areas of concern. Almost one in five respondents felt older people are not valued in society and did not think housing costs were affordable. These areas of concern may grow as the population increases and requires ongoing monitoring.

Investing in Aucklanders project

6. The Investing in Aucklanders project explores what could be done to make Auckland a more inclusive and friendly city for all. The project engaged with a wide range of Aucklanders including older people. The Seniors Advisory Panel have participated in the process and are supportive of the project.
7. Insights from this project and other research on Auckland's diverse populations will be used to inform council's policy, plans and service delivery. This will support positive outcomes for Auckland's diverse communities and demographic groups including older people.
8. The next phase of the project is to design a series of pilots to test interventions to increase inclusion. This could include working with others on a pilot to address loneliness and social isolation which is a health issue for older people.

Services that benefit older people

9. Auckland Council also delivers a range of activities that support older Aucklanders:
 - strategies and plans such as the Disability Operational Action Plan
 - programmes and services such as the sport and recreation programme 'Never too old'
 - Auckland Libraries mobile bus visits to pensioner housing and retirement villages
 - provision of housing for older people
 - Universal Design Manual ensuring universal access is built into developments for various life scenarios including older age
 - grants and funding to community organisations such as Age Concern.