

Homelessness policy project

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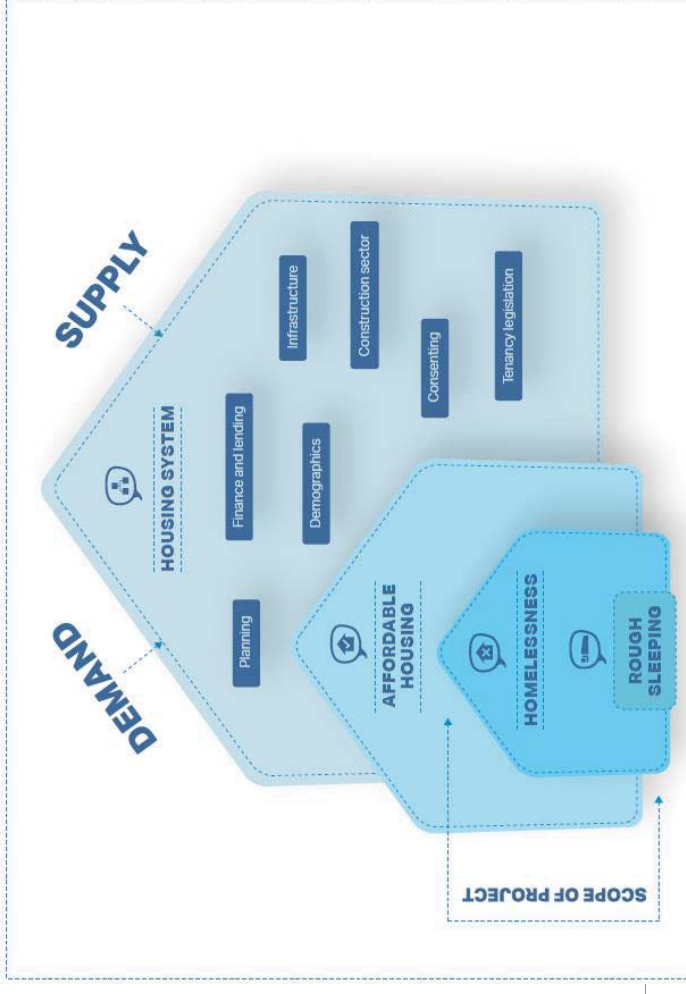
- Scope and approach
- Auckland scale
- Understanding determinants
- Council's current activities
- System mapping
- Council's options

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Scope and approach

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- Council’s “role and position in addressing homelessness”
- Includes **all forms of homelessness**:
 - without shelter (e.g. sleeping rough or in vehicles)
 - in temporary accommodation (e.g. emergency housing)
 - in shared accommodation temporarily (e.g. “couch surfing”) or
 - in uninhabitable housing (e.g. garages).
- Recognises that the **council is only one stakeholder**
- Takes an **integrated view of homelessness** within the broader housing system



Methodology

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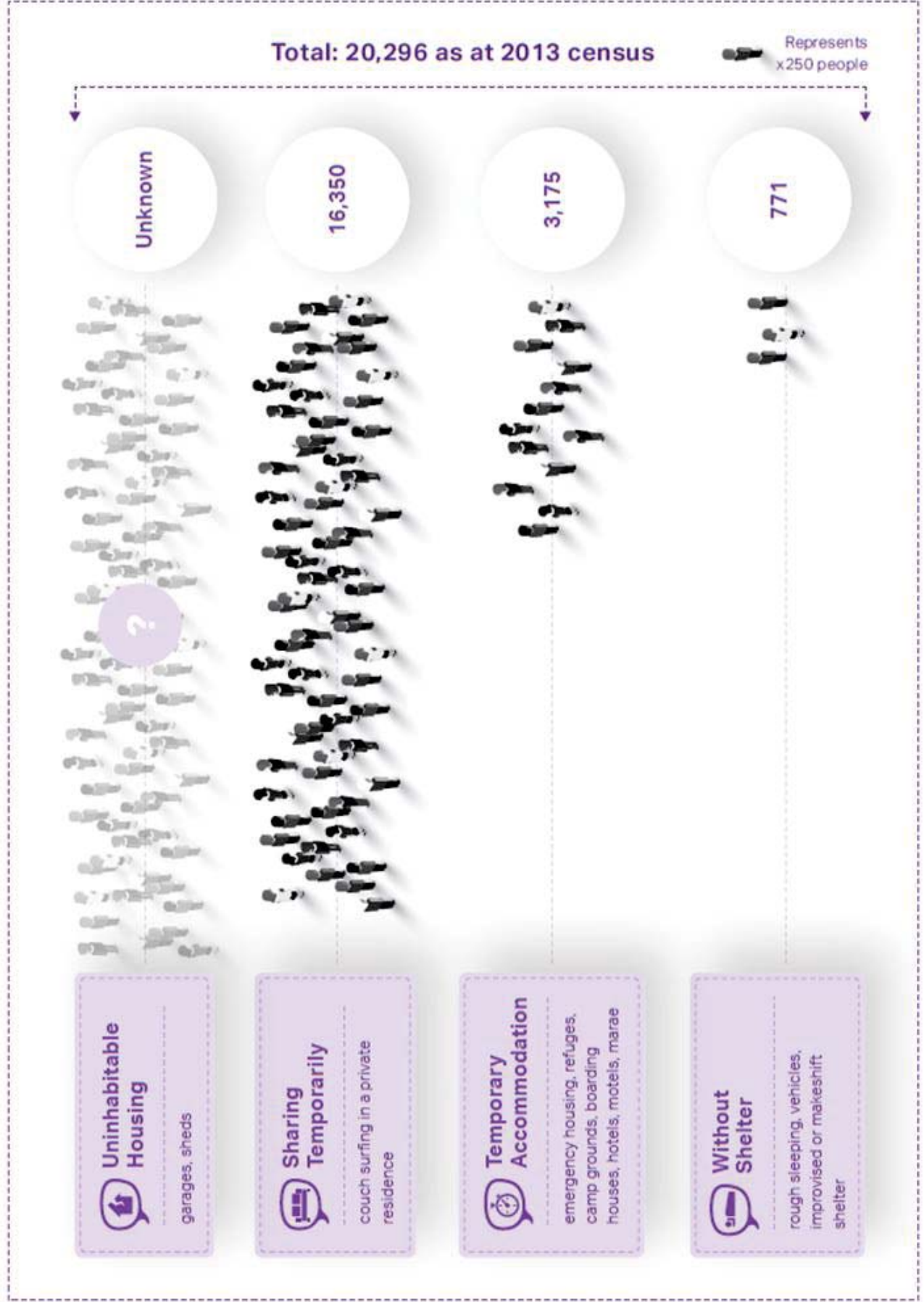
- Review of the literature and data
- Stakeholder interviews
- International and national case studies
- Current response in Auckland, including council activities
- Systems analysis

In order to:

- Describe the nature and scale of the issue in Auckland, including from a Māori perspective
- Understand the determinants
- Identify best practice and what works
- Identify gaps and opportunities in Auckland
- Develop options for Council's position and role

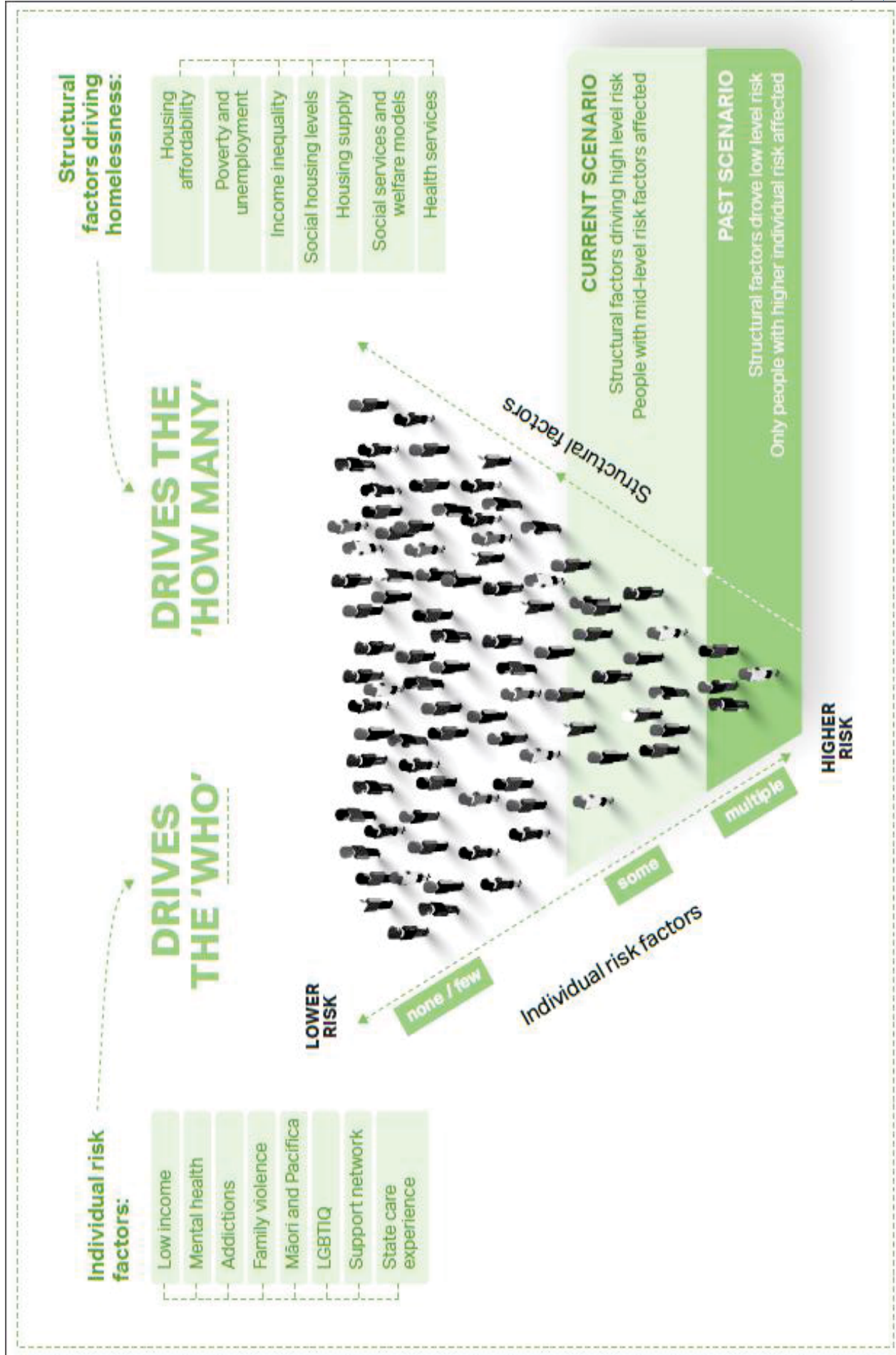
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Auckland Scale



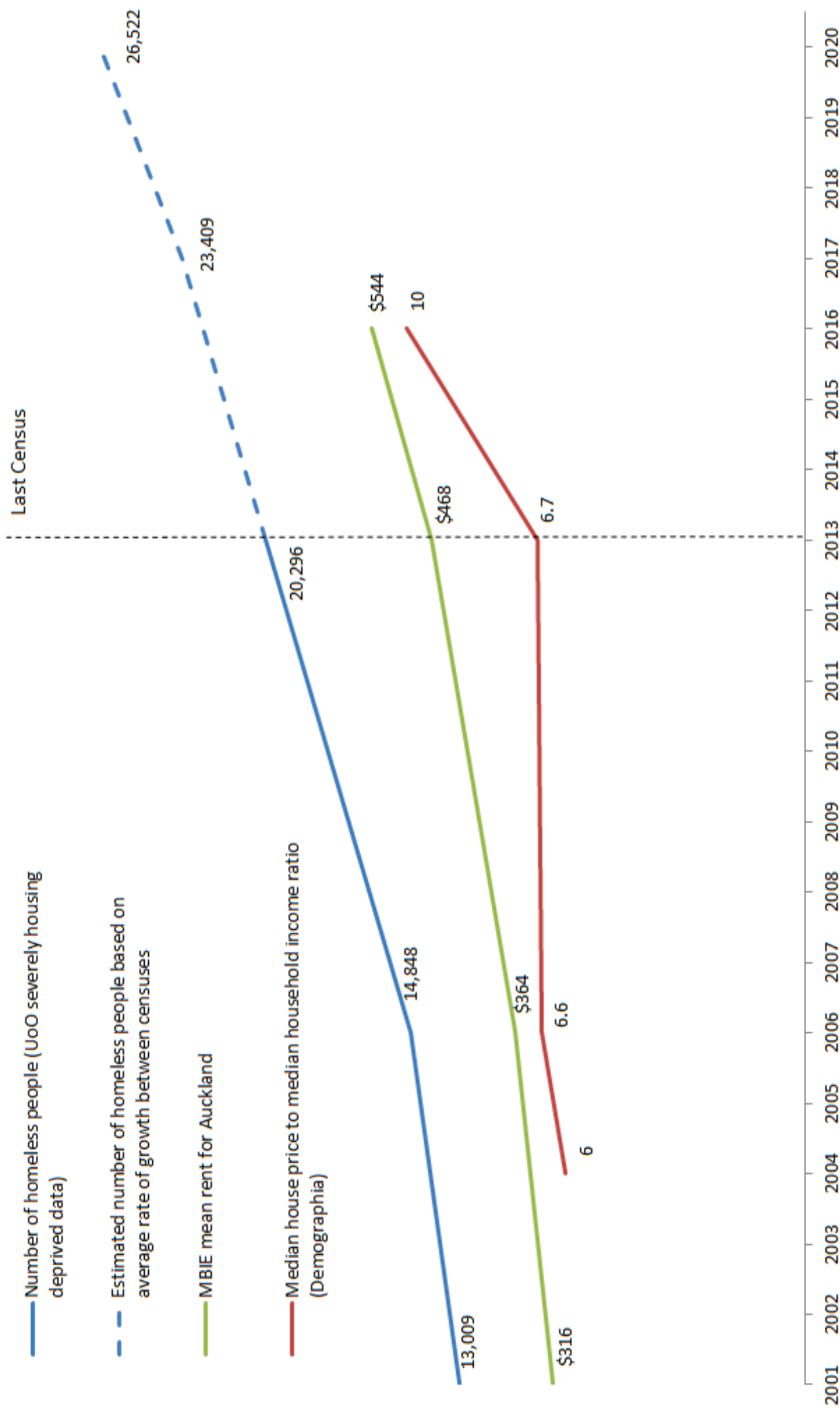
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Council's current activities

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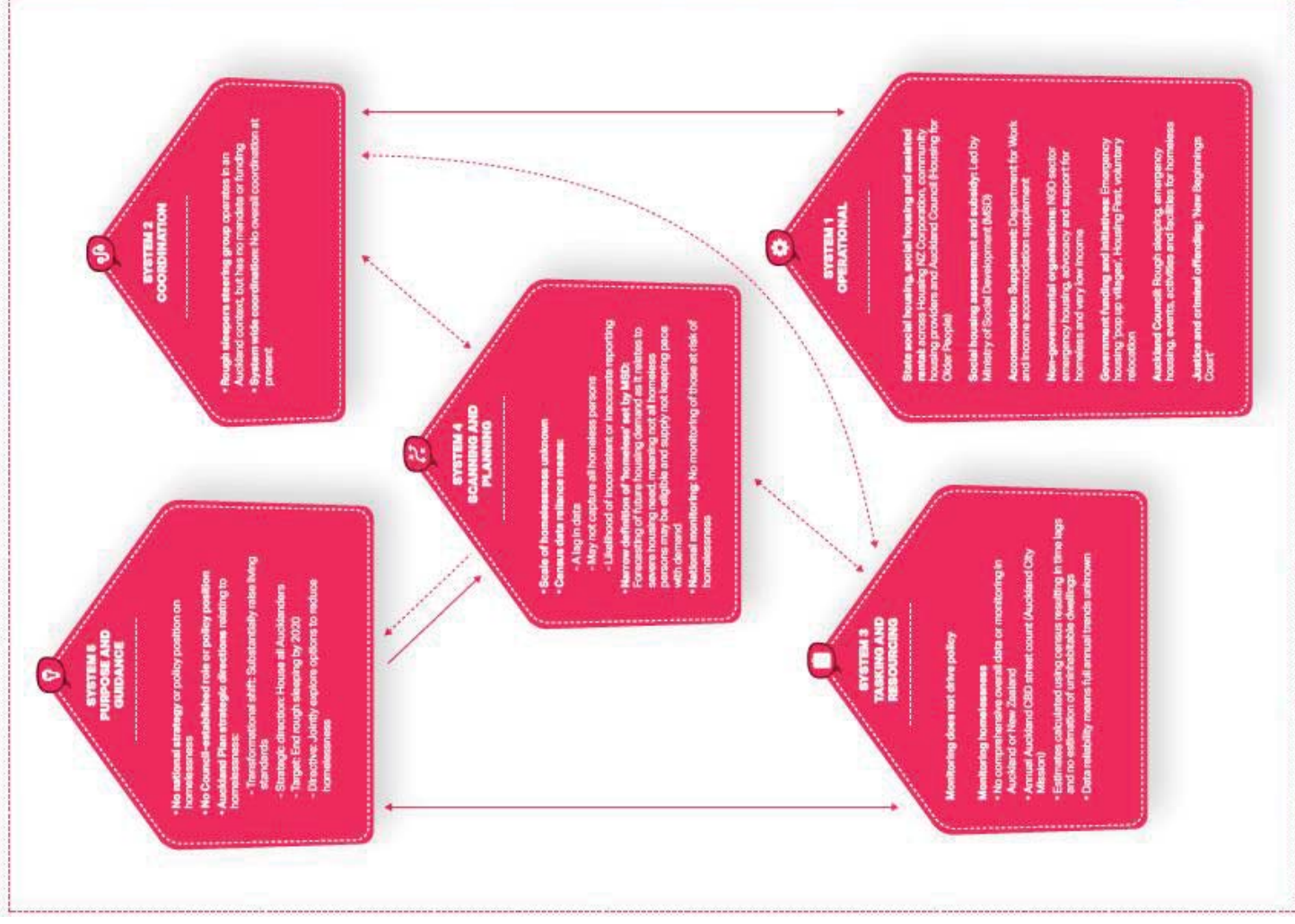
- Strategic leadership
 - No policy position
 - Auckland Plan target
- Monitoring
 - RIMU research
- Coordination
 - Operational level (2 FTEs)
 - Inter-agency cooperation, e.g. Rough Sleepers Steering Group
- Policy and regulation
 - Māori Housing Action Plan
 - Planned work includes affordable housing, renting
 - E.g. building compliance (boarding houses), PSN bylaw
- Asset provision
 - Housing for older people
 - Public spaces & facilities, e.g. lockers, showers, libraries
- Funding
 - Housing First \$1m
 - James Liston Hostel upgrade \$2m
 - LTP operational \$830k
 - Mayoral budget \$500k
- Focus mainly on improving
- Little focus on ending, preventing



Systems mapping

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- Gaps in each area of the system
- No guiding policy or direction
- Data and monitoring gaps
- Coordination issues
- Ending and preventing



Council's options: Position and role

Potential Position	Potential Role
Do less: Low tolerance	Regulatory/enforcement focus
Status quo: Case by case	Maintain current approach
Do more: Responsive	Strategic leadership, coordination, monitoring
Do a lot more: Progressive	Affordable housing and possibly social support

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