

**Auckland Council's
position and role in
improving, ending and preventing
homelessness**

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Scope

- Policy work to determine council's position and role in improving, ending and preventing homelessness
- Excludes interventions to address housing system supply and demand
- Definition - homelessness along a continuum:
 - without shelter, e.g. sleeping rough or in vehicles
 - temporarily in accommodation such as emergency housing, refuges, boarding houses, motels
 - temporarily in shared, private accommodation, e.g. couch surfing,
 - in uninhabitable housing, e.g. garages.
- Improving, ending and preventing

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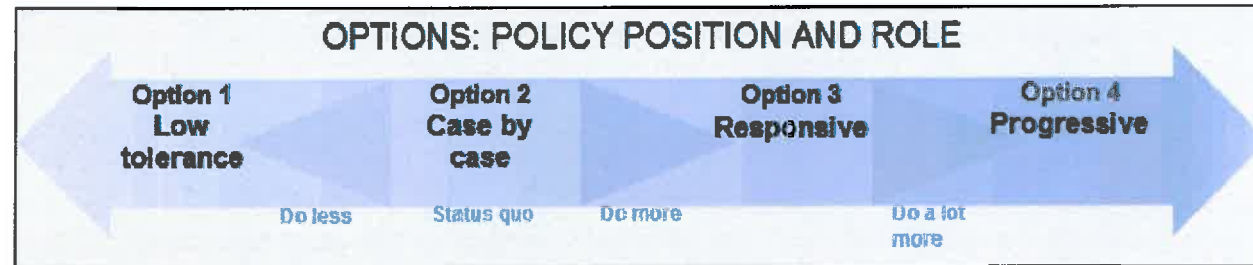
Problem

- 2013: 20,296 → 2017: 23,409 → 2021: 26,522
- 52 per cent of homeless people (NZ) are working, or studying or both
- **Range of responses**
 - Central government
 - Auckland Council
 - NGOs
 - Philanthropic organisations
 - Private sector
 - Housing First
- Overall, response doesn't match the scale of the problem
- **Key Gaps**
 - Social and affordable housing supply
 - Priorities : Homeless people other than rough sleepers
Ending and preventing homelessness
 - Approach: Strategic leadership
National and/or regional policy
Coordination
Monitoring
Sustainable funding

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Options and Next Steps



Option 1: Low tolerance - Discourage through deterrents, enforcement

Option 2: Case by case – Maintain status quo, including Housing First

Option 3: Responsive (rare, brief and non-recurring) – Strengthen levers:

- Strategic leadership and coordination
- Cross-sectoral, regional homelessness strategy
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Integration of homelessness into relevant policies and regulation
- Sustainable funding base

Option 4: Progressive - Option 3 +

- Provision of social/affordable housing (strategy)
- Partnerships for delivery of health, social services

Next Steps: Implementation plan
Proposed scope

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Housing First



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Households

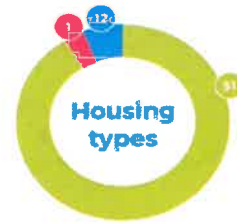
100%
Remain housed



24% City Centre
8% Central
48% West
20% South



58% Single Male
2% Family
17% Single Female
3% Gender Diverse



50% Private
18% Housing RZ
2% Other



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