



Homelessness is a significant problem in Auckland and appears to be getting worse. Increasingly, people who are employed, or families with children, are facing or experiencing homelessness. Amidst general anxiety about the housing market, public concern is high, and this is reflected in frequent media headline reports. There is growing pressure on local and central government to do more.

In September 2016, the Environment and Community Committee requested further

policy work to “determine Auckland Council’s role and position in addressing homelessness, including emergency housing”. The Community and Social Policy department will present its report to the Committee in August 2017.

### **What is the engagement “walk-through” on homelessness?**

This engagement walk-through will present the findings of the policy research and analysis that has been undertaken, including proposed options for Auckland Council. Some of you have already participated in this process as key informant interviewees or as representatives of the Fast Ideas for Affordable Housing forum. The walk-through is like an interactive expo. The information will be presented in gallery style, and you can do a self-guided tour. The affordable housing policy team will be there to meet you, and to discuss any questions.

It is an opportunity for local board members and other key stakeholders to learn more about:

- the nature and scale of homelessness in the Auckland region;
- how homelessness is being addressed in other cities (nationally and internationally); and
- what is currently happening in Auckland, and how Auckland Council contributes.

It’s also an opportunity for you to:

- add to what we know about homelessness in your area; and
- provide feedback on some proposed options for Auckland Council’s position and role in relation to improving, ending and preventing homelessness