

# Waiheke Local Board Housing Strategy 2019 - 2021

## Vision

Waiheke Island will develop into the future as a thriving, inclusive community that is economically and environmentally sustainable. All Waiheke residents can access safe and healthy housing that meets their needs and gives them security of tenure.

## Strategies

Provide strategic input into the Waiheke Area Plan, Hauraki Gulf District Plan review, Auckland Unitary Plan, Local Parks Management Plan and any other appropriate planning documents with a view to addressing housing issues on Waiheke

Positively influence housing accessibility on Waiheke by advocating for new policy streams and housing initiatives to local and central government and through involvement with LGNZ

Support appropriate community-led initiatives focusing on housing issues and be responsive to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua and mataawaka Māori

Promote relevant council housing-related programmes

## Initiatives

Ensure the Waiheke Area Plan includes potential future scenarios for the island's population, particularly those that address the needs of marginalised groups, seniors and key workers

Analyse affordable housing and social housing models, infrastructural support and options appropriate for Waiheke to be considered for local board action

Investigate New Zealand planning provisions and worldwide exemplars that address future housing needs in tourist communities and understand how they have been resolved

Work with the governing body to advocate for better protection for tenants and landlords including longer periods of tenure

Request a new council property policy defining social housing as a 'service use'

Facilitate local initiatives to develop an aged care facility for rest home level care, dementia care and respite care options on Waiheke

Progress the Waiheke Local Board 2016 Social Housing Initiative at 6 Belgium St / 7 Waitai Rd or at an alternative site, including on council land

Support the development of emergency housing initiatives on Waiheke

Promote council's Retrofit Your Home Scheme and other existing initiatives to support improved housing quality

Promote council's Ecodesign Advice Service

Explore plan changes which support development of non-permanent small-scale houses

Advocate for a change in emphasis in appropriate planning documents from provision of visitor units to provision of permanent minor dwellings

Work with LGNZ Housing Committee on developing Housing Policy for councils in line with the four wellbeings

Request that council revisits the former Housing Bonds Scheme and advocates for council to underwrite and support Community Housing Initiatives

Support local housing organisations to develop options for affordable housing for seniors

Support housing quality improvement programmes that lead to better health outcomes