

28 January 2022



Dear [REDACTED],

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2021-123

Thank you for your email of 13 December 2021 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

“My research on Wellbeing Frameworks is part of a larger piece of work being undertaken by the Society and Infrastructure Team at GNS Science. I am conducting research into the use of Wellbeing Frameworks in your organisation. This may be in conjunction with Treasury’s Living Standards Framework, He Ara Waiora, or it may be based on your own organisational standards framework, policies, strategies or plans. New Zealand’s 2019 Wellbeing Budget defined wellbeing as a situation where, “people are able to lead fulfilling lives with purpose, balance and meaning to them”. It is around this meaning that I am seeking information. Question: In your Council how do you use Wellbeing Frameworks in your decision making, measurement and reporting? Question: In your Council how do you interface with values around nature?”

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

The response to your request is provided in the number order below:

1. In your Council how do you use Wellbeing Frameworks in your decision making, measurement and reporting?

Under the Act, the Council has a responsibility to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. As a Council, we grouped Community outcomes to its relevant areas of community wellbeing, see below.

CDC’s Vision: A welcoming and vibrant community where we all enjoy living Social Wellbeing:

- A strong and effective council providing trusted leadership.

- An empowered community that participates in council and community-based decision making.
- A caring community that is safe, healthy, and connected.
- Awesome public facilities, spaces, and parks.

Cultural Wellbeing

- Te Ao Maori/Maori aspirations and partnerships are valued and supported.
- A community that embraces and encourages our cultural diversity and heritage.
- A community that fosters and promotes our quirkiness and creativity.

Environmental Wellbeing

- Safe and resilient water supply, wastewater, and stormwater systems
- Healthy sustainable waterways.
- A resilient community capable of responding and recovering from environmental shocks.
- An environmentally responsible community committed to reducing our carbon footprint and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

Economic Wellbeing

- Quality, fit for purpose infrastructure and services that are cost effective and meet future needs.
- A vibrant and prosperous business and primary sector investing in and supported by the community.
- A community that is productively engaged in employment, education, and community service.

How Council report on progress:

The annual report will report on activities that have contributed to the achievements of the community outcomes. Council intends to develop a new community outcomes and wellbeing framework; this will be used to measure progress.

CDC group of Activities	Community Outcomes			
	Social	Environmental	Economic	Cultural
Governance	X	X	X	X
Community Support	X	X	X	X
Regulatory and Planning	X	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	X	
Wastewater	X	X	X	
Stormwater Drainage		X	X	
Waste	X	X	X	

Management				
Water Supply	x	x	x	

2. In your Council how do you interface with values around nature?"

As your question appears to be broad, we have highlighted what we are doing in the area we may have captured you are seeking.

The Parks and Reserves team work to the Reserves Management Plan, this plan provides direction for the day-to-day management and potential development of reserves. The plan identifies issues and provides objectives and policies for the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and appropriate development of reserves.

<https://cdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Final-Reserve-Management-Plan-2021.pdf>

Climate Change

The Ruamāhanga Strategy has been developed to reduce the carbon footprint of Carterton District Council and South Wairarapa District Council. This strategy:

- presents the districts (socio-economic, environmental and cultural contexts)
- explains what Climate Change is and what may be the impact for Wairarapa.
- presents the greenhouse gas inventory for the Wellington Region (lead by Greater Wellington)
- presents the inventories of greenhouse gas emissions from Wairarapa and from council’s activities for each Councils.
- sets up targets.
- presents an action plan (short, medium and long term).

This document can be located here: <https://cdc.govt.nz/services/sustainability/climatechange/>

Wate Management & Zero Waste

The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 deals with waste. Its purpose is to encourage a reduction in the amount of waste we generate and dispose of, in New Zealand and lessen the environmental harm of waste. Under the Act, councils are required to have a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. It must contain a summary of the council’s objectives, policies, methods, and funding to ‘achieve effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within the territorial authority’s district’. The city and district councils of the Wellington region jointly prepared and adopted the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017–2023.

Carterton, Masterton, and South Wairarapa district councils share Wairarapa-wide waste management services and waste minimisation actions, including kerbside collection of waste and recycling and waste minimisation education programmes. This is co-ordinated through the shared role of Zero Waste Co-ordinator.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geoff Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

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