

Built environment

This section discusses how the ARC will manage the region's growth. It includes the following LTCCP activity:

1. Auckland Regional Growth Strategy

Key issues

Auckland has two broad strategies specifically focused on providing direction on regional growth, land use and transport: the Auckland Regional Growth Strategy and the Auckland Regional Land Transport Strategy. The region's key statutory document - the Auckland Regional Policy Statement and its Proposed Plan Change 6 (to integrate land use and transport planning) - recognises the importance of:

- Integrating transport and land-use, to achieve a compact, well-designed sustainable urban form.
- Having well-located and functioning infrastructure.
- Protecting valuable areas, such as open space and preserving natural and historical character.
- Providing a built environment within the region's metropolitan, rural and coastal area that has a sense of identity, a range of housing and activities; and is visually pleasant, functionally efficient, environmentally sustainable and economically vibrant.

Accommodating future population growth and economic development while protecting the region's valued natural and coastal resources, open spaces and varied lifestyle opportunities, will require development at greater densities within some parts of the urban area, particularly in town centres and near passenger transport.



Achieving these outcomes requires a collaborative effort from government (central, regional and local), the development industry, community groups and the public.

What we want to achieve

- A regionally coordinated response to development and growth in target locations, that is guided by the Auckland Sustainability Framework.
- An agreed understanding of what a sustainable, quality built environment is for Auckland as a city-region.
- New and improved implementation tools for redeveloping strategic areas.
- Integrated land use and transport provisions and outcomes.
- Quality design outcomes achieved through improvements in urban and building design and development practice.
- A city-region whose urban form and built environment encourages and enables economic growth and development.
- Resilient physical and social infrastructure provision that is aligned with growth priorities and networks.

Responsibilities

The ARC, in conjunction with other government agencies, is responsible for managing the Auckland region's overall growth and development in a sustainable manner. This mandate drives regional strategy and policy development, and implementation.

Under the Local Government Act 2002, the ARC is required to prepare and implement a regional growth strategy. The Auckland Regional Growth Strategy, adopted in 1999, is being reviewed, focusing on evaluating progress and identifying ways to improve implementation.

The Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government (Auckland) Amendment Act 2004 requires the ARC to revise the Regional Policy Statement so as to achieve integrated management of the region's natural and physical resources. The changes for this have been progressing, in conjunction with all local councils.

The built environment activities contributes to the following community outcomes:

- Quality built environment.
- Efficient energy use based on clean and reliable resources.
- A thriving regional economy that supports a good standard of living.
- Aucklanders have access to a range of affordable and safe ways to move people and goods.
- Community health and well-being is supported by a healthy environment where people have access to appropriate health care.
- Auckland's population growth and migration are well managed.

Influence on the four well-beings:



Environmental



Social

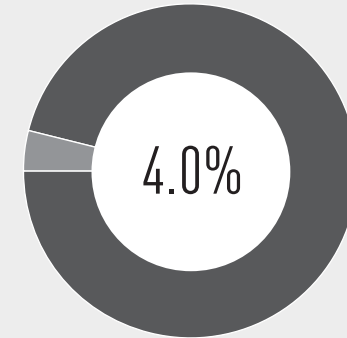


Cultural



Economic

What this will cost



This is 4.0% of the ARC's total rates
The total rate requirement for the Activity Group for 2008/09 is \$5.999m



Prospective income statement for year ending 30 June - dollars in thousands

Plan 2008	Built environment	Plan 2009	LTCCP Forecast 2009	Variance 2009
8,000	ARH distribution	-	-	-
5,904	Rates	5,999	6,241	(242)
197	Service fees	278	253	25
147	Facilities	102	50	52
305	Grants and subsidies	278	27	251
287	Investment	341	174	167
15	Sundry operating	24	3	21
14,855	Revenue	7,022	6,748	274
3,604	Human resources	3,448	3,792	(344)
984	Professional services	1,038	1,184	(146)
497	Technical services	654	598	56
222	Contracted services	459	267	192
12	Materials	12	18	(6)
219	Printing and office supplies	120	110	10
28	Fuel and power	22	36	(14)
15	Repairs and maintenance	11	19	(8)
101	Communications	101	122	(21)
296	Information services	354	127	227
458	Occupancy	449	433	16
34	Interest and bank charges	7	12	(5)
270	Other	123	156	(33)
(65)	Internal expenditure recovery	(63)	(354)	291
15	Vehicle	25	58	(33)
384	Depreciation	397	445	(48)
7,074	Expenditure	7,157	7,024	133
7,781	Net surplus/(Deficit)	(135)	(276)	141

Prospective capital expenditure for year ending 30 June - dollars in thousands

Plan 2008	Built environment	Plan 2009	LTCCP Forecast 2009	Variance 2009
8,000	Land	-	-	-
8,000	Total capital expenditure	-	-	-
	Funded by			
8,000	ARH distributions	-	-	-
8,000	Total capital expenditure funding	-	-	-

LTCCP Activity 1: Auckland Regional Growth Strategy

Integrating land use, transport and infrastructure, and providing appropriate amenities and services, are essential for a sustainable city and region.

What we plan to deliver

The ARC will manage growth in the Auckland region by implementing the Regional Growth Strategy, as follows:

- Implement the recommendations of the 2007 Regional Growth Strategy Evaluation report.
- By 2008/09, we will work with local councils to complete feasibility studies and formal agreements between ARC and other relevant parties to progress redevelopment in target locations.
- Between 2012-14, the second review of the Regional Growth Strategy will be carried out, the scope of which will be agreed in conjunction with all of the region's councils.
- Consider the purchase of land to facilitate urban redevelopment consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy.

What this will cost

Activity prospective cost of services statement for year ending 30 June - dollars in thousands

Plan 2008	Regional growth strategy	Plan 2009	LTCCP Forecast 2009	Variance 2009
8,949	Revenue	1,023	507	516
7,074	Expenditure	7,157	7,025	132
(1,875)	Net cost of services	6,134	6,518	(384)
7,781	Reserves	(135)	(277)	142
5,906	Rating requirement	5,999	6,241	(242)

ARC service levels

Measures	Target	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
1. The Regional Growth Forum adopts the Regional Growth Strategy Evaluation Report.	Adopted by 4 July 2007					Achieved
2. Achieve high standards of policy development, as measured by a policy quality assurance rating, based on process compliance and analytical quality.	This measure is under development					
3. Achieve a high level of policy acceptance, as measured by the percentage of policies adopted by the relevant local authorities and government agencies.	This measure is under development					
4. The residents' consideration of intensive housing as a suitable housing choice for them is increasing.	45 per cent		39	40	38	33
5. Public satisfaction with the look and feel of their neighbourhood increases	75% up to 2005/06 80% from 2006/07		70	83	86	80
6. The percentage of usually resident population living in areas targeted for intensification. (Five yearly survey)	20 per cent		1991 19.2%	1996 19.2%	2001 19.7%	2006
7. The ongoing availability of land, for at least 20 years capacity, for development and growth across the region (Auckland Regional Growth Strategy)	Ongoing availability of land, for at least 20 years					

