

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

15 MAY 2019

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## AGENDA ITEM C5

### ADOPTION OF POSITIVE AGEING STRATEGY

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#### **Purpose of Report**

For the Council to adopt the draft Combined Councils Positive Ageing Strategy.

#### **Recommendations**

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receives the Positive Ageing Strategy Report.*
2. *Adopts the draft Positive Ageing Strategy.*

#### **1. Executive Summary**

The Wairarapa Positive Ageing Strategy was developed by the three Wairarapa District Councils to prepare for our ageing community. The draft strategy has been prepared and endorsed by Council at its meeting on 3 April 2019. Since then additional community input has been received so a slightly amended version is attached for consideration of the three Wairarapa Councils for adoption.

#### **2. Background**

The Wairarapa Positive Ageing Strategy was developed by the three Wairarapa District councils to prepare for our ageing community. It outlines the way in which the councils will work together to improve and integrate their work for our older people. Our population is ageing rapidly and in the next 25 years the number of Wairarapa residents aged over 65 is expected to increase by nearly 79% to nearly 15,000 or 1 in 4 residents.

Esther Bukholt of Solstone was contracted as project lead paid for by funds achieved from the Office For Seniors.

The draft strategy has been prepared and is attached for consideration of the three Wairarapa councils for adoption.

#### **3. Goals of the Strategy**

The strategy goals are based on the World Health Organisation Age-Friendly priorities and Office for Seniors Positive Ageing Strategy. The specific goals

chosen for Wairarapa were selected through local research and consultation, and subsequently prioritised by elected officials.

These are:

**Goal one: Community support and health services**

**Goal two: Communication and engagement**

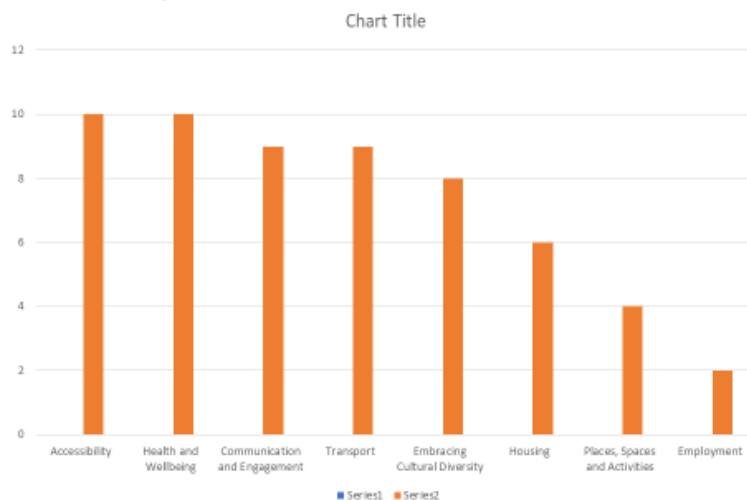
**Goal three: Transport**

**Goal four: Cultural diversity**

**Goal five: Housing** options are appropriate, safe, and accessible for older people

**Goal six: Places, spaces and activities** are safe, affordable, and provide enjoyable choices for older people

## Councillors priorities for Goals



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## 4. Next Steps

Implementing this strategy will require:

1. A dedicated staff member working across all three Councils – staff have identified funds to enable a shared part-time staff member.

2. An action plan with joint-council and individual-Council actions – workshops have identified initial actions which could form the basis of this action plan.
3. Project funding – some project funding is available on application from the Office for Seniors.
4. A monitoring and evaluation plan – to be developed in relation to the action plan.
5. Governance and oversight for each Council with the appropriate Group i.e. MDC Wellbeing Strategy Group, CDC Policy and Strategy Group and SWDC Community Safety and Resilience Working Party.

## **5. Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Positive Ageing Strategy

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# **Appendix 1 – Positive Ageing Strategy**

# **Appendix 2 – 2019/20 AP Consultation Document**