

13 June 2025

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Tēnā koe **7(2)(a)**

Thank you for your email dated 15 May 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

1. *Copy of the City Safety and Wellbeing Plan*
2. *How much funding has been allocated to implement this Plan?*
3. *How/Where is this funding been allocated?*
4. *Who is in this group City Safety Leadership Group, and what is their principal role?*
5. *Update on centrally coordinated CCTV system?*
6. *Update on funding for community patrols, including Māori wardens, Pasifika patrols, and ethnic patrols.*
7. *How many and are there any new CCTV-monitored 'safety spots' being established?*
8. *Is there an increase of Police Beat teams, are they regular?*
9. *How much funding if any has been allocated to the Wellington City Mission, Downtown Community Ministry (DCM), and He Herenga Kura?*
10. *Is there any accountability report from these organisations for how funds are been used?*
11. *Do you have any further plans or programmes to improve safety in the City and the suburbs?*
12. *And any other useful information*

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

City Safety and Wellbeing Plan (Q1):

The City Safety and Wellbeing Plan is publicly available on our [City Safety and Wellbeing page](#). This was presented at the Social, Cultural and Economic Committee in March 2025. The Council meeting can be found on our [Meetings calendar](#).

Funding allocation (Q2-3):

Please see Funding Implications on page 32 of the City Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

The [Long-term Plan 2024-34](#) volume two provides more financial information for City Safety initiatives (activity line 5.2.8) on pages 68 – 73.

City safety leadership group (Q4):

The Mayor's Advisory Group provides a forum for strategic engagement with key partners to advise on major safety issues. It receives reports from the City Safety Steering Group and sets long-term strategic direction.

Current members of this group include representatives from the NZ Police, the Ministry of Social Development, Health NZ | Te Whatu Ora, Kāinga Ora, Wellington City Mission and DCM.

City safety CCTV camera (Q5 & 7):

Updated information regarding our City Safety CCTV camera is available online - [City Safety CCTV cameras - Safety in Wellington - Wellington City Council](#).

Community patrols (Q6):

Please see section 1.2 of the City Safety and Wellbeing Plan for the update on empowering and investing in our community patrols and Māori Wardens.

Investment Packages for both the Pasifika and Ethnic Community Patrol groups have been approved by the Grants Subcommittee

- 19 March 2025 – Grants subcommittee page 9 -13 - [Meetings calendar](#) (Pasifika Patrol)
- 21 May 2025 – Grants Subcommittee page 106 – 119 - [Meetings calendar](#) (Ethnic Patrol)

We are continuing to work with Māori Wardens on an investment package.

Police beats teams (Q8):

The Council does not hold information on the Police Beats team. This would be better directed to the Police. To contact the police for a request please see - [Request for official information form | New Zealand Police](#).

Grants funding allocations (Q9 & 10):

Further information about recent grants funding decisions for Wellington City Mission and Downtown Community Ministry Wellington (DCM) for the 2025/26 year is available in the papers for the 21 May 2025 Grants subcommittee meeting (pages 106 – 146): [Meetings calendar](#).

To date, Council hasn't provided any grants to He Herenga Kura.

Our approach to managing and monitoring funding is set out in a relationship management framework. Through this framework, higher levels of monitoring are in place for organisations working with vulnerable client groups (including children and young people); this includes all grant funding to organisations doing social work and youth work.

Organisation receiving more than \$250,000 per annum also fall in this higher monitoring category. Monitoring includes a Council Officer as relationship manager, formal scheduled meetings and regular reporting on agreed outcomes.

Please see our [Contract Funding](#) page which outlines provides more information about how we will monitor and report on the funding. The organisations listed in Question 9 would be subject to this high level of monitoring.

Plans or programmes for suburbs (Q11):

We do not currently have specific plans to expand safety services in suburban areas, however our existing services with reach across the city continue. These include:

- Working with our partner DCM to provide outreach services to people experiencing homelessness. You can read more about this on our website: <https://wellington.govt.nz/community-support-and-resources/community-support/homelessness-and-begging/what-the-council-is-doing>
- In partnership with First Retail Group and the NZ Police, providing support to retail businesses to prevent and respond to retail crime through our Eyes On programme. You can learn more about this programme here: <https://ourcbd.co.nz/>

Other Information (Q12):

A proposal to fund a homelessness coordination programme, which responds to Pillar 2 of the City Safety and Wellbeing Plan, will be presented to the Social, Cultural and Economic Committee on Thursday 19 June 2025. – [Meetings calendar](#).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

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Thank you for your email dated 19 June 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

1. *Does this mean that Bylaws 23.3 (a)-(x) of the Public Places Bylaw 2022 will be enforced by the officers?*
2. *Which officers? ULOs?*

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

I refer you to our [City Safety and Wellbeing Plan](#), point 121:

Subject to resourcing capacity, we will take a proactive and balanced approach to bylaw compliance. This will involve:

- Strengthening coordination between enforcement teams, Police, and community partners to ensure a joined-up approach in responding to issues that arise in public spaces.
- Enhancing visibility and engagement with the public by ensuring officers and staff are well-equipped to educate, inform, and de-escalate situations where necessary before enforcement measures are required.
- Providing targeted responses to recurring challenges, such as unauthorised street trading, anti-social behaviour, and obstructions in high-traffic areas, through data-driven insights and ongoing monitoring.
- Building capacity among frontline staff by delivering training and guidance on how to apply the bylaw effectively.
- Regularly reviewing implementation to assess its effectiveness in addressing emerging challenges.

Urban Liaison Officers will be warranted to enforce Section 164 of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Wellington City Council Public Places Bylaw 2022.

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