

# Social Housing Review



The Whakatāne District Council has undertaken a review of its Social Housing activities, with the aim of ensuring that existing and future tenants receive the best possible service. The review has been prompted by changes in the way central government funds social housing and looks to identify ways of enhancing the delivery of social housing for the benefit of our community. In future, Government support for social housing will be channelled through Community Housing Providers and as a result, opportunities are developing that could lead to better and more affordable housing for those of our District most in need.

We are also expecting a large increase in the number of older people in our District and an increasing issue of housing affordability. Both are key issues which the future provision of social housing will need to address. Through the review, we have identified six possible options for the future of social housing. For more information about the issues and options identified, please see the full 'Social Housing Review Issues and Options Report' on our website ([www.whakatane.govt.nz](http://www.whakatane.govt.nz)), or you can collect a copy from Council offices and District libraries.

The Council is now seeking the community's views on the future provision of social housing before it makes a decision on how to proceed. Please fill out this form and return it to us by 30 July 2014. Make sure you provide your contact details over the page so we can let you know the outcome of the review.

SURVEY OPTIONS	TICK PREFERRED OPTION	COMMENT <i>Further comments can be included over the page</i>
<b>OPTION 1 – STATUS QUO</b> Continue to manage our existing housing units and deliver the same standard of service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OPTION 2 – UPGRADE DELIVERY</b> Upgrade our units to modern standards and investigate developing more units. This would require an increase in rent charges, or additional cost to ratepayers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OPTION 3 – OUTSOURCE MANAGEMENT</b> Continue to own the units, but outsource the management to an appropriate alternative provider. The number and quality of units would probably stay the same.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OPTION 4 – ESTABLISH A TRUST</b> Establish a Trust with other people/organisations and sell or transfer our units to the Trust. The Trust may be eligible to access central government funding and therefore could look at expanding the portfolio.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OPTION 5 – COMMUNITY HOUSING PROVIDER</b> Seek improved and more affordable social housing, through ownership by an approved Community Housing Provider. - <i>COUNCIL'S PREFERRED OPTION</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OPTION 6 – EXIT SOCIAL HOUSING</b> Exit the social housing market and sell the existing units on the open market.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Remember submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday, 30 July 2014**

# Social Housing Review Submission Form



*Submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday, 30 July 2014*

YOUR DETAILS	
First Name:	Are you a current Council tenant? <input type="checkbox"/>
Surname:	Do you wish to be heard by the Council? <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to speak to my submission <input type="checkbox"/> I <b>do not</b> wish to speak to my submission
Organisation/group:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Postal Address:	

**YOUR SUBMISSION**  
*(please indicate your preferred option on the survey on the back of this form)*

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*In accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, your submission will be made available to the public. The Council may redirect your submission, where it relates to another process or to another Council. If this occurs you will be advised in writing.*

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