

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2003 SOCIAL WELLBEING POLICY, ASSESSEMENT AS OF JUNE 2009

Staff assessed the extent to which Council has implemented the Social Wellbeing Policy. In summary, 25 of the 26 goals were met and 35 of 43 actions were implemented. Of the eight actions that were not implemented, five relate to changing priorities for the Community Assistance Policy, which has since been revised and approved by Council.

This report does not assess how Council activities have directly influenced levels of social wellbeing in the community. Using the social wellbeing indicators that are available (e.g. Ministry of Social Development Social Report and Top of the South Indicators Report 2009), it is not possible to show a direct link between Council's actions and social wellbeing outcomes due to the complex nature of measuring social wellbeing and because there are a range of organisations and agencies that also contribute to achieving social wellbeing outcomes.

Summary of Social Wellbeing Policy goals and actions that have been implemented by Council

Note: Goals are only assessed separately if the specified actions do not fully capture the way Council contributes to the goal.

PRIORITY AREA 1 - DEPRIVATION

Objectives

1a - Mitigate the effects of deprivation on the Nelson community.

1b - Reduce the levels of deprivation in the Nelson community.

Goal	Action	Assessed
1.1 Ensure the needs of high deprivation areas (Deciles 8, 9, and 10) are recognised when setting priorities for infrastructure provision.	Continue to develop a comprehensive safe network of footpaths, cycleways and walkways with deprivation being a criterion when setting priorities for upgraded and new facilities.	When setting priorities regarding construction of footpaths deprivation is one of several criteria taken into account.
1.2 Ensure the range of transport options available in Nelson addresses the needs of the transport disadvantaged.	Continue to support public transport services that meet the needs of the transport disadvantaged.	The Total Mobility Scheme is run together with Tasman District Council. It continues operating at the same level as 2003. "The Bus" - Low cost bus service continues to serve high deprivation areas and is to be extended.

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<p>1.3 Ensure that community recreation programmes recognise the needs of people in high deprivation areas.</p>	<p>Continue to support recreational programmes in critical locations.</p>	<p>Two of the main areas of activity for the Council Community Liaison Adviser Recreation are to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation activities targeting people who need encouragement to start physical activity. • Activities targeting people with specific barriers to participation in physical activity (older people, areas of deprivation, ethnic minorities, youth). <p>The Community Liaison Adviser Recreation contributes to the above by providing advisory support to community providers and attends a range of user forums, networking and steering groups such as the Older Adults Working Group, Way2Go.</p> <p>Council is a partner in the regional Way2Go programme funded by Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) Active Communities, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board (NMDHB) and \$10K from Council. The Way2Go programme has funded several community led recreation programmes i.e. local people developing responses to local needs. Programme targets people who need support to become active.</p> <p>The “In Your Neighbourhood” and “Summer Recreation Ambassadors” programmes have run as pilot projects over the last two summers promoting cheap sports equipment, use of local reserves and providing free recreation activities in parks, reserves and at Tahunanui beach etc. The programs have been funded by Council and run by Way2Go.</p> <p>Funding is allocated to some groups in areas of deprivation through the Nelson City Physical Activity Fund. This targets sports and recreation clubs in the community with an</p>

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		aim to increase youth participation. Approx \$30K is allocated each year with average grant being \$1200. Approx 26-35 groups benefit each year.
1.5 Work with community and government organisations to help co-ordinate efforts that address the needs of people in high deprivation areas.		<p>Council provided sponsorship and support for the Victory Urban Village project and in March 2005 took over the contract management role for the Victory Urban Village contract for funding from the Ministry of Social Development Community Initiatives Fund 2005-2007.</p> <p>Council staff attend Victory liaison group meetings and provide support for the Victory Community Centre activities, Victory Community Health Centre, and the Victory Community Association.</p> <p>Staff support and advice is also provided for House 44 in South East Stoke and the Tahunanui Community Centre.</p>
	Continue to support the subsidised Community Road Safety programme.	<p>The Community Road Safety Co-ordinator is supported by Council and the programme is closely monitored and reviewed by Council. The level of Community Road Safety work has remained stable in recent years but there has been a growth in the area of promoting sustainable transport such as walking/ cycling.</p> <p>The Community Road Safety Co-ordinator has a role in co-ordination and delivery of the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safe Nelson Bays • Restraint Use: Supports and encourages high levels of correct use of seat belts • Cycling (including Bikewise) • Drive Sober • Intersection crashes • Walking/ Pedestrian safety/School travel planning

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older Drivers/ Access and Mobility
	Continue to provide funding to the Fifeshire Foundation in accordance with Council's policy.	Council continues to give funds to the Fifeshire Foundation annually through the Nelson Central Relief Fund
	Act as an advocate for the community where necessary on issues around deprivation.	<p>The Community Liaison Adviser Social Development attends Victory Liaison Group meeting and provides support for the Victory Community Centre activities, Victory Community Health Centre, and the Victory Community Association.</p> <p>Staff (the Community Liaison Adviser Social Development and the Community Liaison Adviser Recreation) provide support for House 44 in South East Stoke and the Tahunanui Community Centre.</p>

PRIORITY AREA 2 - EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMY

Objective

Work to reduce the levels of deprivation in Nelson by ensuring that the Nelson economy is strong and creates high value business, employment and training opportunities.

Goal	Action	Assessed
2.1 Support the implementation of employment and training initiatives, with one aim of having all young people between the ages of 15 and 19 years in employment or training by 2007	Continue to deliver a range of employment and training initiatives aimed at addressing the needs of people disadvantaged in the labour market including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth • Maori 	<p>Since 2003 Council has provided financial support for the following programs aimed at addressing the needs of people disadvantaged in the labour market:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connections • Youth Transition Service (formerly Youth Shadow) • Youth Active Leadership Programme (one year only) • Kahurangi Employment Trust (KET)
	Continue to jointly fund and co-ordinate the Employment Profiles initiatives.	The most recent copy of the employment profiles was produced in 2008 together with Nelson Regional Economic

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		Development Agency (EDA) and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).
2.2 Support the implementation of employment and training initiatives for the long-term unemployed/beneficiaries and mature men.	Ensure that subsidised bus services and cycleways continue to help the transport disadvantaged gain access to employment.	<p>“The Bus” services high deprivation areas and continues to operate.</p> <p>Cycleways built from Neale Park to Atawhai, and on Vanguard Street.</p>
2.3 Support the implementation of the Regional Economic Development Strategy.	Continue to deliver a range of employment initiatives aimed at addressing the needs of people disadvantaged in the labour market including long-term unemployed/beneficiaries and mature men.	<p>Council provides financial and administrative Support for Kahurangi Employment Trust.</p> <p>Council holds the Department of Labour contract for Settlement Support, a programme aimed at ensuring newcomers receive adequate support, including support with obtaining employment.</p>
2.4 Support initiatives that offer improved, employment, skill and income opportunities within the community.	Continue to support the implementation and development of the Regional Economic Development Agency.	Met and ongoing.
	Continue to support Tourism Nelson Tasman.	Met and ongoing.
	Advocate for the needs of the disadvantaged in the employment market.	<p>The following organisations advocate for the needs of the disadvantaged in the employment market and are supported financially and/or administratively by Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Transition Service (formerly Youth Shadow) • Connections • KET • Settlement Support
	Continue to support the Nelson Tasman Business Trust and Nelson Enterprise Loan Trust.	Met and ongoing.

PRIORITY AREA 3 - EDUCATION

Objective

Work with organisations to further improve the opportunities for every Nelson resident to achieve their full potential through education.

Goal	Action	Assessed
3.1 Continue to monitor and advocate for the provision of adequate preschool facilities and programmes for the Nelson community.	Develop programmes that help make active recreation a priority for preschoolers and families.	Council has had a contract with Tasman Regional Sports Trust (TRST) for at least 3 years to deliver the Early Years recreation programme. This is jointly funded by the NMDHB, Council and SPARC. Contributes to 2 posts at TRST delivering Active Movement programme. The programme focuses on support for organisations and families to provide Fundamental Movement Skills and nutrition. Also includes running the Weetbix Tryathlon and coordinating Push Play events.
3.2 Reduce the numbers of suspensions, stand downs and young people leaving school without qualification.	Act as an advocate on behalf of the community to address issues and support initiatives around the numbers of suspensions, stand downs and young people leaving school with no qualifications.	<p>Staff time and financial support (\$10,000 pa) for Connections initiative - staff involvement in Connections Steering Group, Operations Group and Provider Forums along with management of contracts with MSD and the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT).</p> <p>Connections Provider Forums discuss issues relating to suspensions/stand downs and Connections Steering Group addresses issues at a governance level.</p> <p>Financial support for Youth Transition Services (formerly Youth Shadow)</p> <p>Provision of support for Youth Nelson Alternative Education Centre (see 3.3.1)</p> <p>Coordination, staff support and administration for Connections Steering Group Co-chaired by Nelson and Tasman Mayors.</p>

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3.3 Work collectively to provide some alternative education programmes in Nelson.	Continue to jointly fund and support the Youth Nelson programme.	Staff support on Youth Nelson Management committee (made up of a Nelson City Councillor and deputy principals from three Nelson high schools). Financial support (\$11,579 annually), Community lease of Council building (and cover of associated building maintenance costs), plus use of two vans and running costs (petrol, WOF, repairs etc). Currently working with DHB on accessing funding for new kitchen at Youth Nelson (co-funded from Council budgets).
	Provide some support for employment programmes that offer retraining or education for adults.	Council supports Kahurangi Employment Trust which, in addition to other programs, offers retraining for adults.

PRIORITY AREA 4 - HOUSING

Objective

Improve the opportunities for Nelson residents to access quality affordable housing.

Goal	Action	Assessed
4.1 Take an advocacy role with Government agencies to improve housing affordability and availability in Nelson.		Council participates in the Nelson Tasman Housing Forum. Ongoing negotiations with Nelson Tasman Housing Trust regarding providing land for development of social housing. Submissions made to government on the Enabling Territorial Authorities Act 2008. Monitors affordability and availability as part of the Housing Forum activity.
	Encourage Housing New Zealand (HNZ) to increase its stock of affordable housing in Nelson.	Negotiations with HNZ on housing developments in Stoke. Discussions at Housing Forum.

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	To explore ways of improving access for low income ratepayers to the Rates Rebate Scheme.	The Scheme has been promoted through Live Nelson. Central Government widened the eligibility criteria in 2006. This change was well promoted leading to substantial increase in people signing up.
4.2 When reviewing the Resource Management Plan (NRMP), continue to be aware of the importance of having sufficient land zoned for residential purposes.		Council has completed the Nelson Urban Growth Strategy (NUGS) that sets out how the expected population growth in Nelson to 2031 will be provided for. It proposes a mix of more intensive residential development in the existing urban area and rezoning some rural land close to the city to residential. A number of plan changes to the NRMP have been carried out and others are in progress to implement NUGS.
4.3 Explore ways of addressing the need for interim and emergency accommodation in Nelson.	Work with community groups and government organisations to facilitate the provision of interim and emergency accommodation.	Councillor and staff attend meetings of the emergency housing group supporting initiatives like the emergency caravan and flat at Tahunanui.
4.4 Continue to be aware of the role that the motor camps provide in regard to temporary accommodation.		Council's involvement in the motor camps is through administration of leases for Tahunanui, Brook and Maitai camps. Council awareness of the role that the motor camps provide in regards to temporary accommodation is reflected in the support for caravan and flat at Tahunanui.

PRIORITY AREA 5 - COMMUNITY COHESION

Objective

Help Nelson maintain a strong sense of community cohesion and create a safe community where all people have the opportunity to participate.

Goal	Target	Assessed
<p>5.1 Continue to provide the opportunity for a wide range of community facilities and recreation events.</p>	<p>Continue to offer a range of events and festivals that meet the needs of many groups within the Nelson community.</p>	<p>Council continues to provide annual events including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isel in Bloom (October each year) for approx 1500-2000 people • Broadgreen Rose Day (Nov each year) approx 1500-2000 people • Youth event as part of Masked Parade (approx 300 youth) at The New Hub • The CUSP New Year event for youth until 2008 (2000+ youth), and for wider community since 2008. • Founders Fun (150th city celebration, Feb 09) 5000 people <p>Council supports community groups to run events, including Race Unity Day, various fun days, sports events, etc. Role is advisory and supportive in terms of assisting people with Council processes.</p> <p>Nelson City Council co-operates with Tasman District Council and Nelson Tasman Tourism to develop an event management guide as part of the Nelson Events Strategy.</p> <p>The Festivals team produces a range of annual events with a total value of \$1.3 million. Approximately 28% is financed by Council and the rest is financed through sponsorships. All events are accessible by the disabled. The events are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January: Teddy Bear Picnic. Free. For all – focus on young families

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - February: Outdoor movies. Regional events taking place in local communities. Gold Coin entry, for all – focus on families • February: Buskers festival. Free. For all • Trolley Derby. Free. For all – fathers and sons focus, including support for fatherless sons • Opera in the Park. Low entry fee. For all – focus on adults • October: Arts Festival. 12 days of concerts, performances, art displays etc. The Red Square school programme, with 60 performances, plays, concerts etc, is an integral part of the Arts Festival. Some events free, some charge a fee. • Free events under Arts Festival: Mask Parade, Carnival, Family Finale • December: Lanterns Spectacular. Free. For all. • December - January: New Year Eve Event in Trafalgar Street. Free. For all. Family Focus.
	<p>Continue to provide and maintain parks, reserves, gardens, recreational walkways, playgrounds and indoor recreational facilities, to the standards specified in current asset management plans.</p>	<p>Met. Evidenced by contract audits carried out by staff according to audit schedule, and three yearly reviews of the asset management plans.</p>
	<p>Continue to involve local communities and stakeholder groups in planning for local facilities and activities.</p>	<p>Victory community closely involved in upgrade of Victory Square.</p> <p>Skateboarders and local community consulted during development of the skate park at Neale Park.</p> <p>Other examples involvement by local communities and stakeholder groups are the BBQ area at Tahunanui Beach and various developments at Saxton field.</p>

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5.2 Ensure that physical activity is a priority in the planning of services for young people including recreational facilities and programmes.	Ensure that all residents have access to affordable recreation facilities.	<p>According to the SPARC Active NZ Survey walking and swimming are two of the three most popular forms of physical recreation (gardening is the third) in the Tasman Region (which in the SPARC document includes Nelson) and Council provides affordable facilities for both.</p> <p>Providing affordable recreation facilities is part of the management planning and delivery processes as exemplified by clauses in the Saxton Stadium contract to create affordable access for low income groups at off-peak times.</p> <p>Council is a partner in the regional Way2Go programme (funded by SPARC Active Communities, NMDHB and \$10K from Council). The programme has funded several community recreation programmes that are community led. Hubs are Victory Community Centre, The New Hub, and smaller programmes delivered at House44, Whakatu Marae and Tahunanui Community Centre. The programme delivers affordable recreation and targets people who need support to become active.</p>
	Work with other agencies to develop community programmes targeted at improving fitness levels of Nelson's young people and to provide support for families to enable participation.	<p>Council has had a contract with Tasman Regional Sports Trust for at least 3 years to deliver the Early Years recreation programme.</p> <p>Nelson City Council works in partnership with Tasman District Council and Out of School Care and Recreation (OSCAR) to provide a range of support for holiday scheme providers. This includes a budget of \$18K annually which goes towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday grant funding scheme (\$8K) which tends to go to the main community centres to support holiday activities (Victory, House44 etc). • Contribution to Boredom Busters publication • Two "Big Day Out" events for 270 Nelson children

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops and other events for holiday schemes <p>Council has a contract with YMCA Nelson to run an after school and holiday programme in the Victory area. This has been running for 10 years and began as a contract to provide affordable childcare in an area of need. The contract is currently under review.</p> <p>Council has a community contract with The New Hub to provide recreation for young people. This includes a \$100K core grant for 3 years from 2007, and funding to value of \$32K from community grants and contracts to provide recreation, social well-being outcomes and events. In 2007 it was estimated that some 1500 young people accessed The New Hub events and recreation programme.</p> <p>Council contributes to networking support for community organisations. As an example House 44 requested support from Council to develop ideas for the 4 youth programmes and Council invited The New Hub, HYPE and YMCA colleagues to a meeting with the House 44 youth workers. This led to a brainstorm of ideas for the community centre, reinforced links between participating agencies and provided peer support for House 44.</p>
	Work with other recreational providers in the City, to ensure that the most effective use is made of all community recreational facilities.	Most of this work is in an advisory and networking capacity predominately undertaken by the Community Liaison Adviser Recreation. The current staff member is developing links with local providers and moving towards support through a range of forum groups in partnership with Tasman Regional Sports Trust and Tasman District Council.

Goal	Action	Assessed
5.3 Ensure that Nelson remains a safer place.		Council safety in public places work includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of residents' perceptions of safety through the annual Residents Survey • Contract Street Ambassadors to patrol on foot on weekend nights late spring through late summer - 4 months • Development of Council guidelines for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) • Ongoing work to integrate CPTED into all Council planning documents
	Continue to sponsor the Nelson Safer Community Council.	Council continues to support the Nelson Safer Community Council with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • venue • minutes • catering • financial accounting and audit preparation • administrator and coordination • Councillor representation

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	Continue to co-ordinate the Nightwatch Nelson Community Patrols.	<p>Council continues to co-ordinate and support the Nightwatch Nelson Community Patrols) through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advertisements • meeting venues • Council staff support • sending coordinator and one other member of the voluntary group to an annual conference • banking
	Continue to develop close working relationships with the Nelson Police and other community partners.	<p>Police assist Council with the co-ordination of Nightwatch Nelson.</p> <p>Police work with Council-contracted Street Ambassadors.</p> <p>The Nelson Safer Community Council (NSCC) includes members of the Nelson community: Police, schools, health sector, Barnardos, Nelson Multi Cultural Council, Nelson Council for Women, Te Rito, Stopping Violence Services and community members 'at large'.</p> <p>NSCC sub-committees also include the Archdiocese, Kahurangi Employment Trust.</p> <p>Council provides staff support for the Nelson Tasman Regional Alcohol Accord and members include Nelson and Tasman District Licensing Agencies, the Hospitality Association, two Bridge Street licensees, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board, Alcohol Advisory Council and Police.</p>

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	Build on the current high standards of urban design by considering the incorporation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, (CPTED), guidelines into the Council's design standards.	CPTED guidelines have been developed, approved by management and are being applied by staff.
5.4 Work with other organisations to ensure new residents feel supported.		<p>Nelson City Council is the lead agency for the New Zealand Settlement Support project (a Department of Labour initiative) for the Nelson Tasman region. This project goal is to ensure a clear point of contact for new migrants to the Nelson Tasman region to access information that make their settling in this region smooth.</p> <p>Council provides funding to Nelson Multi Cultural Council, especially to the Race Unity Day.</p> <p>Council provides funding to Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency which supports new residents through providing business information.</p> <p>The Council's Community Liaison Adviser Recreation is involved with the organisation of the Nelson Tasman Global Football Festival - an annual soccer tournament for locals and newcomers.</p>

Goal	Target	Assessed
5.5 Ensure the existence of support networks for Maori people in Nelson who do not have local Iwi affiliation.		Council maintains a contact list for consultation and liaison with Māori in Nelson. There is also an MOU with Tangata Whenua o Whakatū that includes reference to Matā Waka Māori (non-locals) and sets out local iwi manakitanga obligation to host and support other Māori in Nelson. Council also liaises with Te Matā Waka o te Tai Aorere, which is a Matā Waka organisation that has been set up since the 2003 Social Wellbeing Policy was adopted.
	Work with local Iwi to develop support networks for Maori people with no local Iwi affiliation. (Mata Waka).	As above, mentioned in the MOU (2005) and in some detail in the MOU action plan (2007). Kotahitanga Hui has recently appointed a Matā Waka representative to attend this regular hui with iwi representatives and Council leaders and senior staff. Projects like the Victory Urban Village and Stoke projects include aspects of support networks for Matā Waka through Council community services staff support. Again, most of the actual support is carried out by organisations like Te Kahui Hauora o Ngati Koata, Whakatu Marae and Te Rapuora Health Services. The marae receives direct and indirect support by Council.
5.6 Ensure that the youth of Nelson have an effective voice and their needs are recognised.		<p>Council consults with youth regarding youth parks, skate park, effectiveness of Summer Passport/Street Ambassadors, Nelson Community Plan.</p> <p>The Nelson Youth Council is regularly consulted about development of and changes to policy and by-laws of relevance or interest to youth. Youth Councillors regularly write and present submissions as a youth collective (youth voice for Nelson).</p> <p>Council provides support for young people to attend Spirit of Adventure, Spirit of NZ and Outward Bound courses (up to 15 x \$200 grants annually).</p> <p>Nelson City Council Youth Volunteer Award (begun 2008).</p>

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	Facilitate and support the Nelson Youth Council and Youth Matters forum.	<p>The Youth Matters Forum was replaced by Connections Provider Forum in October 2005.</p> <p>Council provides Staff time (Community Liaison Adviser Social Development) and financial support for Nelson Youth Council (\$9474 pa), empowering young people (14 – 25 years) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a youth voice to Council on issues of concern • Engage and network with community groups to gain in kind and financial support for their projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Tahunanui BBQ Area development (07/08) – Mosaic on Pioneers Park Toilet (2007) – Wrote and published the Youth Guide to Growing Up (2007) – Establishment of YES fund – Attend and present at youth forums and conferences
	Support The Hub and work with organisations to develop youth initiatives that meet the needs of Nelson's young people.	<p>Council provides staff support and funding for the New Hub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$100K for operational costs and Manager's salary (3 yrs pa 07/08 – 09/10) • \$32K community assistance (4 yrs pa 05/06 – 08/09) • \$7K recreation contract • \$23K Youth Transition Services <p>Council has also hosted a number of youth events at the New Hub, including numerous Youth Council meetings, New Year's Eve and youth consultation events.</p>

Goal	Target	Assessed
5.7 Ensure that the needs of people living in high deprivation areas, (decile 8, 9 and 10), are recognised when setting priorities for the development of facilities and services such as parks and community facilities.		<p>The main project was the completion of the upgrade of Victory Square with creation of community spaces/play facilities to further enhance this 'community hub'. This work was with the full involvement of the local Victory community organisations.</p> <p>Octopus Garden in South East Stoke.</p> <p>Generally gaps in levels of service have been progressively worked on throughout the city. There are no particular gaps in levels of service in the two main high deprivation areas, except for the need to enhance the upper Emano Street reserve.</p>

MONITORING

Objective

To collaboratively monitor the social wellbeing of Nelson.

Goal	Target	Assessed
6.1 To continue to monitor the social and economic indicators for Nelson City.		Done. Quality of Life Reports have been produced annually to 2008. The Top of the South Community Outcome Monitoring Project replaces the Quality of Life reports from 2009.
	Update and publish the statistics included in the Quality of Life Report on an annual basis.	Done.
	Facilitate a collaborative approach to social monitoring.	A 'Top of the South' community outcomes/community wellbeing monitoring project is underway and the 2008/09 report has been published.
6.2 To ensure Council is aware of emerging issues.	Facilitate information sharing with community and government agencies and keep the Council informed on emerging issues.	This goal and these actions are about planning in general and, as they are not specific to the 2003 policy, they were not assessed.
	Develop strong working relationships with other	

Goal	Target	Assessed
	organisations that undertake annual social monitoring including DHB, Work and Income and CYFS.	

Summary of Social Wellbeing Policy actions not completed or no longer applicable:

Goal 1.4

Review the grants allocation process to recognise the needs of community groups working to combat the effects of deprivation.

The Community Assistance Policy adopted in 2004 allocated 25% of the pool to Social Development, although not specifically for deprivation related projects. The revised policy was approved 25 June 2009, with priorities now aligned with Community Outcomes.

Actions 1.4.1, 2.4.2, 3.2.2 and 5.4.1

Develop a Community Assistance Policy that gives priority to:

- (i) help co-ordinate efforts that address the needs of high deprivation areas
- (ii) initiatives that will increase average incomes by improved skill and employment levels in the community
- (iii) initiatives that address the issues leading to suspensions and stand downs
- (iv) organisations that provide support to immigrants and new residents

The Community Assistance Policy adopted in 2004 allocated 25% of the pool to Social Development, but not specifically for these types of projects. The revised policy was approved 25 June 2009, with priorities now aligned with Community Outcomes.

Action 1.5.4

Work with the community to broaden the understanding of issues relating to deprivation.

Broad action, though it has been implemented to some extent through the liaison that staff maintain with community groups.

Action 3.1.1

Monitor the availability and identify the gaps in preschool services and programmes and act as an advocate if access issues are identified.

Not done.

Action 4.1.2

To encourage the Government to review the level of its present accommodation supplement. Other groups have advocated for this e.g. Nelson Tasman Housing Trust, Nelson Women's Centre, Nelson Grey Power, Community & Whanau, and Positive Ageing Forum.

Action 4.3.1

Complete the review of the Community Housing Policy to ascertain whether the current focus on superannuitants and beneficiaries over 55 should be expanded to include the provision of interim and emergency accommodation.

Completion of policy review has been delayed due to issues around rent levels.