




Strong Democracy – Report Card					
Targets	Have targets been met?	Current Projects	Issues	Gaps	Sustainability Assessment
Residents believe that the public can influence the Council’s decision making.	64% of residents believe they can influence Council, which is high compared with other TLAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Council, Community Boards, Youth Council</li> <li>▪ e-Government Project &amp; Information Management</li> <li>▪ MPs meetings and Collaboration Forum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Impact of new LGA on community involvement and decision making, eg community governance, potential for devolution of planning and decision making</li> <li>▪ Potential to move to STV voting system</li> <li>▪ Greater regional decision-making and joint resourcing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing community leadership and community planning</li> <li>▪ Civics education, including encouraging residents to vote</li> </ul>	<p><b>Voter turnout</b></p>  <p>low (39%)</p> <p><b>Community Leadership</b></p>  <p>Becoming stronger...</p> <p><b>Trust &amp; satisfaction with Council</b></p>  <p>Low trust on financial issues, satisfaction with services is higher</p>
Iwi, Maori and Pacific organisations feel their relationship with Council is strong	Iwi partnerships in place; Maori and Pacific organisations confirm strong links with Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Te Taumata Runanga, Te Roopu Rangatahi, PIAB</li> <li>▪ Treaty of Waitangi Policy Framework &amp; PIAB Review underway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increasing ethnic and cultural diversity, and calls for increased influence</li> <li>▪ Widening the involvement of Maori and Pacific communities beyond current “advisory” roles</li> </ul>	Options of STV and Maori Wards	
Residents believe Council’s services and assets are managed in a financially responsible manner	Static, at around 44%, over a long period. 51% at June 2002.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Strong planning and accountability</li> <li>▪ Clean Audit reports in all years</li> <li>▪ Rating for depreciation introduced in 02/03</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Need to increase community awareness and understanding of what Council is and does</li> </ul>		



Consulting communities at Pacifica, the PIAB, and the Youth Council. Council also has a Maori standing committee, Te Taumata Runanga



The Wellbeing Process, launched in 1996, the West Coast Plan which is now in its implementation stage, and the Ranui Action project demonstrate the range of community planning and capacity building projects the Council is involved with. These link with Strong Communities as well as with Democracy aims.