

# We are. LGNZ.

# Central & Local Government Housing Workshop

- 24 October (2-5pm)
- Aurora Centre, 56 The Terrace

## **Purpose**

- Explore key housing issues from local government's perspective, and opportunities to partner with central government
  - Identify common themes where possible
  - Acknowledge diversity
- Need to find out what it would take for Councils to retain, and expand, their housing portfolios
- Output used to inform advice to Minister Twyford in November, on what a housing partnership between central and local government might look like (i.e. key characteristics)
  - Minister sees a role for local government
  - What role does local government see for itself v central govt's role?





## **Assumptions and constraints**

- Councils are willing participants (although appetite/mandate differs)
- Long-term, Council provision depends upon financial support from central government
  - IRRS remains off the table
  - Other financial support may be available, including potential capital fund





## Why are we here?

Housing is a government priority!

- New supply
  - 6,400 new public housing places by 2022
  - 100,000 new KiwiBuild homes by 2028
  - Establishing UDA
- Reducing homelessness
- Improving rental security of tenure

The Government cannot address these priorities alone...local government is an important partner...



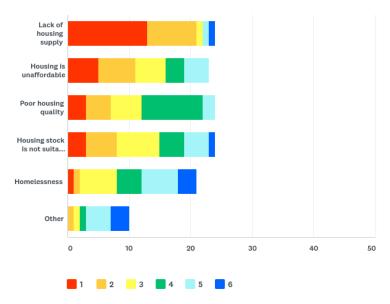






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- Shared interest in housing vulnerable and social outcomes
- Opportunity to address critical issues in partnership





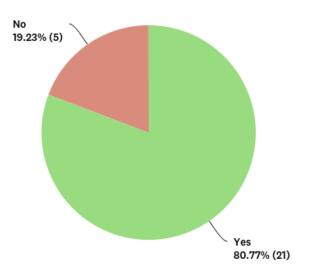






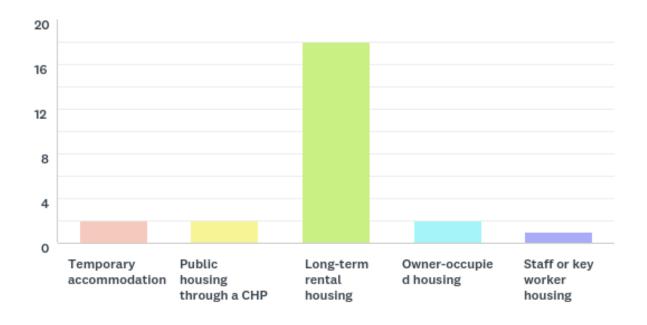
#### **Current State**

- Councils own ~12,850 housing units
  - Incl. 4,000 units leased to CHPs
  - Excl. 538 units sold to CHPs (past 3 years)
- 59/67 City and District Councils own housing
- Average 192 units/council (range 0-2,500)
- Mostly bedsits and 1 bedroom units
- Tenants mostly independent, low income elderly





## **Current State**



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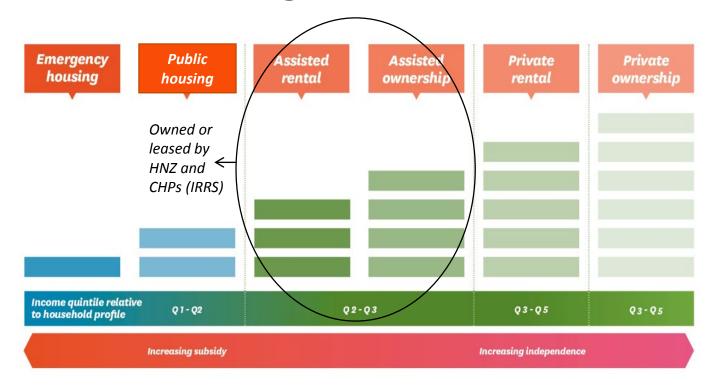








## **Public Good Housing**











## **Provision v Enabling**

Q5 How does your Council enable others to provide public good housing? Please select all that apply.







## **Council Aspirations**

#### Selection of responses:

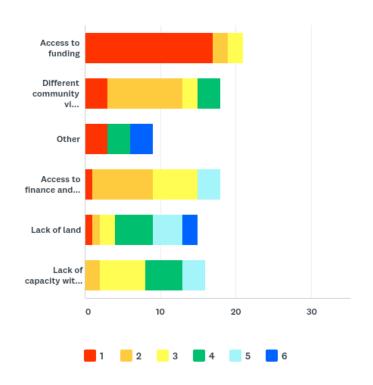
- Council sees itself continuing to fill the space vacated by central government and ensuring all residents have a roof over their heads
- To provide good quality housing for those on National Super and, where funding permits (including external funding) to increase the amount of housing available for this purpose
- We see ourselves as a facilitator of others. We are working with the government to improve supply and reduce the density. We see our role as placemaking, infrastructure provider and facilitator rather than a significant provider
- At the present time our Council's position is underdetermined and probably split on this topic at a political level.
- Subject to pending Mayoral Taskforce or Housing Strategy





### **Barriers**

- Finance and funding
- Different community views about Council's role in housing (mandate)
- Lack of capacity within Council
- Lack of land
- 5. Other
  - Risk/political appetite
  - Powers such as inclusionary zoning
  - Model for working with HNZ







## **Advantages**

#### Selection of responses:

- Local solutions for local problems
- Able to take a community-wide perspective, and work effectively across the housing continuum
- Housing stock well located
- Experienced and responsive
- Provide affordable rentals for older people that would not qualify for public housing
- Land available
- None







#### Roles

What role should central government play?

- Provide funding for new housing (IRRS, grants, loans etc)
- Regulation to support more affordable housing, such as IZ
- Support collaborative partnerships, with Councils and others
- Establish UDA
- Build more public housing





What could a partnership look like?

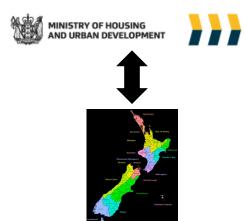
• Summarise answers to Q13...







- A relationship in which two or more people, organisations, or countries work together as partners
- Synonyms include: cooperation, collaboration, coalition, alliance
- Many forms...what does it mean to you/your Council?









 Insert current examples of where central and local govt is collaborating, such as Housing First, transitionary housing, UGA, KiwiBuild etc

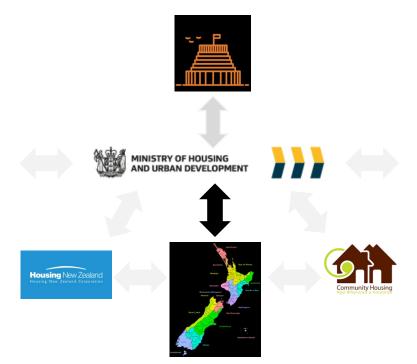




- Highlight other potential partnership models, in NZ and overseas
- Housing and other sectors













## Anything else?

• Summarise answers to Q14...







## **Group discussion**





