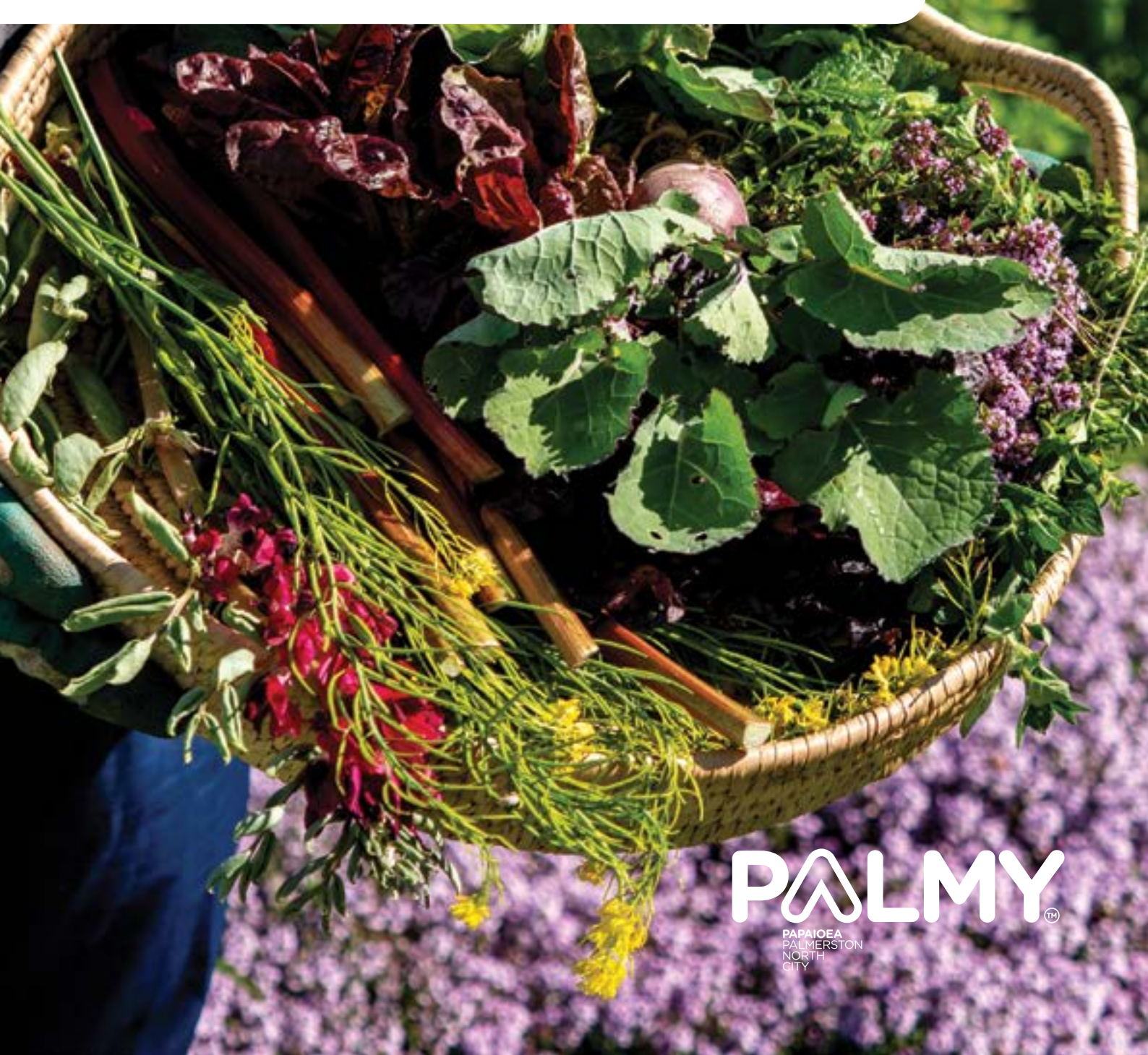


Te kaupapahere mō te tūwhita me te manawaroa o te kai

Food security and
resilience policy

2024





Te kupu whakataki me te pūtake

Introduction and purpose

Food security is a fundamental part of community wellbeing. It means having reliable access to sufficient, safe, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food. Food security includes not only the availability of food but also affordability, accessibility, and the ability and opportunity to prepare and store food.

A food system's capacity to provide food security, even during shocks and disruptions, is referred to as 'food resilience'.¹ Achieving food resilience is crucial for ensuring long-term food security, especially during times of instability.

Despite New Zealand's agricultural abundance, food insecurity persists, particularly for individuals and families on low incomes.² In Palmerston North, community organisations have identified a range of strategies to provide an effective response to food insecurity. These include community development, food rescue, education, food markets, direct support, māra kai, and social enterprise. Our Council's roles, including funding and support, civil defence responsibilities, and guidance for the use of public space, can also have an impact on our city's food security and resilience.

Community leaders working to improve food security and resilience outcomes for whānau have advocated for Council to develop a policy in response to food insecurity, and to take a leadership role in supporting wellbeing in the city. The purpose of this policy is to guide Council's actions and activities in support of city food security and resilience.

¹A food system is defined as a network of activities and organisations involved in growing, processing, manufacturing, transporting, storing, distributing, and consuming food.

²Food security report | Palmerston North City Council (pncc.govt.nz)

Te horopaki o te rautaki

Strategic context

Our vision for our city is He iti rā, he iti pounamu - Small city benefits, big city ambition. Council seeks to fulfil this vision through four goals:

Whāinga 1:

He tāone auaha, he tāone tiputipu

Goal 1:

An innovative and growing city

Whāinga 2:

He tāone whakaihiihi, tapatapahi ana

Goal 2:

A creative and exciting city

Whāinga 3:

He hapori tūhonohono, he hapori haumarū

Goal 3:

A connected and safe community

Whāinga 4:

He tāone toitū, he tāone manawaroa

Goal 4:

A sustainable and resilient city

This policy contributes to **Whāinga 3: He hapori tūhonohono, he hapori haumarū Goal 3: A connected and safe community**, and to the outcomes we want for our communities:

- access to services and facilities that are inclusive and appropriate for their needs
- the support they want to live healthy lives
- community social service groups and facilities that are well supported and invested in

This policy also contributes to **Whāinga 4: He tāone toitū, he tāone manawaroa Goal 4: A sustainable and resilient city**, and to the outcomes we want for our community:

- a circular economy with more resource recovery and less waste
- a healthy, thriving, ecosystem, including native biodiversity and food security
- access to relevant information and education to support more sustainable choices
- natural environment-focused community groups and facilities that are well supported and invested in



Ngā whāinga

Objectives

We want to be a city where every resident has access to healthy and nutritious food, and where the community is resilient in the face of food-related challenges. We also want to be part of building a sustainable and inclusive food system that enhances the wellbeing of all residents. The purpose of this policy is to inform and guide Council's actions in support of food security and resilience in our community.

Our objectives are to have:

1. Equitable access to healthy, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food.
2. A resilient community with reliable access to food.
3. Local food systems that are environmentally sustainable and socially equitable.
4. Public spaces that support food production alongside other community use.
5. Communities and organisations that are supported to deliver food security and resilience services and initiatives.
6. Community-led educational opportunities that enable individuals, whānau, and communities to enhance their knowledge and skills.
7. Less food is wasted.
8. An engaged and connected community working together.

Ngā mātāpono

Principles

Partnership with Rangitāne o Manawatū – we will work in partnership with Rangitāne o Manawatū on projects and initiatives of agreed priority and embed a Whānau Ora approach in our work.³

Equity – We acknowledge the inequitable opportunities and outcomes experienced by communities and will work to ensure access and opportunity for everyone.

Relationships – We will be relationship-centred in our actions, in recognition that many others also work to improve community wellbeing.

Collaboration – We will work alongside others towards our shared goals.

Ngā aratohu

Guidelines

The Council will:

1. Embed the objectives of this policy in decision-making and implementation of activities including community support and funding, resource recovery, housing, emergency management, and the use of public space.
2. Advocate for food security and resilience to national and local decision-makers.
3. Support initiatives that promote food security and resilience.

³Oranga Papaioea City Strategy.

Te aroturuki me te arotake

Monitoring and review

This policy provides a mandate for Council's involvement in actions that support food security and resilience. We will develop an implementation plan to guide us and to keep track of our progress.

The outcomes of this policy will be evident in high-level and slow-moving community wellbeing indicators. Our community wellbeing monitoring (see the **City Dashboards**) will track this high-level progress. The activities driven by the policy will also publicly reported every year through the Council Committee.

A review of the policy will be considered after five years, or earlier if requested by Council.



Kylie Johanson from Te Pātaka Kai 4412 at Best Care Whakapai Hauora – this is a charitable trust working with other Manawatū partners to provide kai within the 4412 community.



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