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18A STRATEGY1. General Statement

The Council is aware of the need for a range of social and community services to be available for the district's population. The provision of such services is important in establishing a sense of community within the newly developing parts of the district, and maintaining a sense of cohesion in the existing urban and rural communities.

The Council is limited in the extent it can directly ensure adequate social and community services are available. It can however, ensure there are no unreasonable planning restrictions when establishing facilities and services, especially where they are designed to serve the local population. The Council will also continue to support the retention and extension of services provided by other agencies and Government departments and to recognise that economic rationalisation should not always supersede the social needs of residents.

2. Objective

To support the retention and provision of an adequate range of services and facilities necessary for the wellbeing and quality of life of the district's residents.

3. Policies

- (a) To make provision for social, health, fire and police, educational, pre-school and day-care, and religious and other community facilities in appropriate zones and in keeping with the character of the area in which they are allowed.
- (b) To make provision for commercial facilities, community facilities and services, recreational and cultural facilities, and schools to be developed in relationship to each other, in order to strengthen the potential for establishing community focal points on a neighbourhood and district basis.
- (c) To prevent the establishment of facilities which would have unacceptable detrimental affects on the amenities and services of the area.
- (d) To support the establishment of adequate health facilities and services throughout the district.
- (e) To support facilities for pre-school children.
- (f) To support the provision of facilities which will give residents of the district reasonable access to good quality library and information services.
- (g) To support the development of the multi-cultural characteristics of the district and the varied interests of minority groups so that all residents may benefit.
- (h) To facilitate the provision of a variety of accommodation forms for the elderly, including minor household units in residential and rural zones.
- (i) To ensure that public buildings are laid out so that they may be easily reached and used by the disabled.
- (j) To facilitate the maintenance and extension of telecommunications and transmission links and services, by making provision in all the main zones for the construction of the necessary installations required, while encouraging designs that minimise any adverse visual impacts.

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(k) (i) Refuse Disposal

The Auckland Regional Council, by Order in Council, is the refuse disposal authority for the Auckland Region and as such has the sole right to establish and operate refuse disposal facilities throughout the region. Under this Order in Council the Regional Council may, by agreement between the Regional Council and any constituent authority, allow the constituent authority to undertake the disposal of refuse. Such agreement has been entered into between the Auckland Regional Council and Rodney District Council. The District Council is currently investigating options for the most economically and environmentally acceptable means of disposal including further self sufficiency by the District Council.

(ii) Recycling

The Council supports the concept of recycling.

(l) To encourage the use of rainwater tanks within the district, as a water conservation measure.