

Council and Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029

Theme overview

Theme 6

Planning our future city



Strategic objective

Our neighbourhoods, housing and infrastructure meet the needs of our changing community through effective planning, delivery and advocacy.

Strategies

Strategy	Health & wellbeing priorities
Strategy 6.1 There is improved access to a diverse range of housing options through effective planning, advocacy, and identifying opportunities for social and affordable housing supply.	
Strategy 6.2 High quality, integrated community services and facilities are available through the planning, design and maintenance of multifunctional places that promote connection and utilisation.	  
Strategy 6.3 Our evolving neighbourhoods are liveable and sustainable through planning and design that responds to population growth and our community's changing needs.	 
Strategy 6.4 Our community's expectations and aspirations for housing development and land use are considered through planning, advocacy, partnerships and decision-making.	

2026-2027 actions

2026-2027 action	Health & wellbeing priorities
Undertake community engagement on the future Knox Central civic, community and arts precinct.	 
Deliver the Year 4 actions of the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2023-2027 which seeks to increase housing options for Knox's most vulnerable community members.	
Report on housing development approvals in Knox through Council's annual Housing Monitoring Program.	
Expand the audit of facility infrastructure and incorporate these assets in future renewal programs.	
Finalise the draft Knox Housing Strategy which responds to the current and future housing needs of our community.	
Ensure statutory and strategic planning services align with and respond to the State Government's Planning Reform Agenda.	

2026-2027 performance measure target ranges

Performance measure	Health & wellbeing priorities	Target range 2026-2027
Community satisfaction with planning for population growth.	 	Awaiting latest result to enable accurate target
Number of one and two bedroom dwellings approved in planning permits.	  	70-80
Extent of housing development that is consistent with housing strategy expectations.	 	66%-76% alignment
Percentage and proportion of housing defined as affordable for very low and low income earners – sales.		3.2%-3.5%
Percentage and proportion of housing defined as affordable for very low and low income earners – rentals.		22%-25%
Percentage of Asset Renewal Program completed.		85%-95%

Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF)

service performance measures

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Statutory Planning	Timeliness	Planning applications decided within the relevant required time (percentage of planning application decisions made within the relevant required time)	$\left[\frac{\text{Number of planning application decisions made within 60 days for regular permits and 10 days for VicSmart permits}}{\text{Number of planning application decisions made}} \times 100 \right]$