

# Market Announcement



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## Auckland Council Chief Executive appointment

Mayor Wayne Brown has today announced the appointment of Phil Wilson as Auckland Council's new Chief Executive.

Mr Wilson says he's privileged to have the opportunity to lead the council through such a pivotal time of change and responding to huge challenges facing the Auckland region.

### Chief Executive recruitment process

Recruitment for a new Chief Executive began in March 2023, shortly after Jim Stabback's departure was announced. It was managed by an executive recruitment process through the council's Performance and Appointments Committee. Candidates were long-listed and interviewed by the Committee, which made its recommendations to the Governing Body.

The Governing Body interviewed the shortlist on Friday 27 October and settled on a preferred candidate. The four interviewees included local and offshore candidates, from a variety of public sector backgrounds.

Phil Wilson became Acting Chief Executive on 2 July and will officially become Chief Executive on Monday 6 November. His remuneration will be \$600,000 per year and his contract period is four years. The previous CE's remuneration was \$630,000.

### About Phil Wilson

Phil Wilson joined Auckland Council in 2010 as Chief of Staff in the Mayoral Office and was appointed to his most recent executive role of Director Governance and CCO Partnerships in 2015. Mr Wilson held senior roles at Manukau City Council, including as General Manager Human Resources and Communications, Chief Advisor and Head of the Chief Executive's and Mayoral offices.

He has been a board member and chair of Taituarā (Local Government Professionals Aotearoa) and was Acting Group Recovery Manager following this year's flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle response.

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