

Council and committees

Greater Wellington Regional Council



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REGIONAL COUNCIL
Te Pane Matua Taiao

What is the role of the Regional Councillors?

Elected members, acting as the Council, are responsible for governance. This includes:

- Developing and adopting Council policy and budgets
- Monitoring the Council's performance against its stated objectives
- Prudent stewardship of Council resources
- Employing the Chief Executive.

What does the Council do?

The Council and its various committees meet approximately every six weeks to receive reports from Greater Wellington Regional Council staff, debate issues and decide on policy. The Council decides the overall policies, while the Greater Wellington Regional Council's management provides advice to the Council and is responsible for carrying out the Council's decisions. In general, meetings are open to the public and advertised in local newspapers.

How many committees are there within the Council?

To assist in the efficient running of business, the Council has established eight committees and two subcommittees. The terms of reference for the committees and subcommittees set out the responsibilities that have been delegated by the Council.

The Council is also a member of three joint committees with other councils in the region:

- Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (administered by Greater Wellington Regional Council)
- Wellington Water Committee (administered by Hutt City Council)
- Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee (administered by Porirua City Council)

Greater Wellington Regional Council's committees

Council committee	Chief Executive Employment Review	Environment	Finance, Risk and Assurance	Regional Transport	Sustainable Transport	Te Upoko Taiao –Natural Resources Plan	Wairarapa Committee	Wellington Regional Strategy
Chair and Deputy Chair	Cr Ian McKinnon (Chair)	Cr Sue Kedgley (Chair) Cr Jenny Brash (Deputy Chair)	Cr Paul Swain (Chair)	Cr Barbara Donaldson (Chair) Cr Chris Laidlaw (Deputy Chair)	Cr Barbara Donaldson (Chair) Cr Daran Ponter (Deputy Chair)	Cr Daran Ponter (Co-Chair) Hikitia Ropata (Co-Chair)	Cr Adrienne Staples (Chair) Cr Barbara Donaldson (Deputy Chair)	Mayor Lester (Chair) Cr Roger Blakeley (Deputy Chair)
Committee functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the Chief Executive's performance • Conduct a Chief Executive recruitment process (if required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Biosecurity • Harbour navigation and safety • Soil conservation/ land management • Wairarapa Moana • Community environmental groups • Flood management • Regional parks and recreation land and facilities • Climate change • RMA oversight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit • Risk • Assurance • Health and Safety • Insurance • Monitoring and review of financial policies and financial performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the objectives of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 • Regional Land Transport Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable transport, walking and cycling • Public transport • Reducing impacts of the region's transport system on the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional plan development and review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues relevant to the Wairarapa, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – flood protection – land management – biosecurity – biodiversity – public transport – natural resource management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and oversee the Wellington Regional Strategy • Monitor the work of the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency
Subcommittee		Hutt Valley Flood Management Cr Prue Lamason (Chair) Cr Ken Laban (Deputy Chair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hutt Valley-specific flood management Te Kāuru Upper Ruamahanga River Floodplain Management Plan Bob Francis (Chair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upper Ruamahanga Valley-specific flood management 						

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