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Report to the Landcare Committee
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Landcare Committee: Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

To review the Terms of Reference of the Landcare Committee.

2. Background

At the continuation of the first meeting on 8 November 2001, Council adopted the outgoing Council's recommendations that its committee structure include a Landcare Committee. The Council also resolved that Committees' Terms of Reference be referred to the new Standing Committees for consideration and recommendation to the Policy and Finance Committee, with that Committee in turn recommending consolidated Terms of Reference to the Council.

3. Comment

- (1) Each Standing Committee of the Council operates under specific Terms of Reference setting out its responsibilities. **Attachment 1** covers those for the Landcare Committee. It is a function of every Standing Committee to advise and make recommendations to Council, via the Policy and Finance Committee, relating to the effective and efficient performance of the Committee's functions and responsibilities, including, periodic review of its Terms of Reference. As well as having their own specific Terms of Reference, all Standing Committees have a series of general responsibilities in common (**Attachment 2**).
- (2) Concerning the Terms of Reference it is considered the Committee's objectives could be more explicit.

Suggested clarifications are:

- (a) Objective 6A –
“To recommend policies on the provision, development, operation and management relating to flood protection in the Western part of the Region and the Regional Council’s parks and indigenous forests”.
- (b) Objective 6B –
“To monitor and advise the Council on the effectiveness and efficiency of the services and facilities relating to achievement of Objective 6A.”
- (c) The reference in 6.1 concerning the Wellington Regional Council Rural Fire District should also be deleted as this is no longer a responsibility of the Council.
- (d) The question of further appointments to the membership of this Committee is dealt within Report 01.848 but there needs to be a consequential change to the Terms of Reference.

4. **Recommendations**

That the Landcare Committee:

- (1) ***note*** the general responsibilities of Standing Committees.
- (2) ***recommend*** to the Policy and Finance Committee that:
 - (a) ***amend*** that part (2) of the membership provisions to read:

“The Regional Conservator, Wellington Conservancy, Department of Conservation or his/her nominee, with speaking (but not voting) rights.”
 - (b) ***amend*** the Objectives of the Landcare Committee as follows:

*“Objective 6A –
To recommend policies on the provision, development, operation and management relating to flood protection in the Western part of the Region and the Regional Councils’ parks and indigenous forests”.*

*“Objective 6B –
To monitor and advise the Council on the effectiveness and efficiency of the services and facilities relating to achievement of Objective 6A.”*
 - (c) ***delete*** the reference to the Wellington Regional Council Rural Fire District in 6.1.

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Attachment 1: Terms of Reference for Landcare Committee
2: General Responsibilities of Standing Committees