

## **15 Lower Ruamahanga Valley Floodplain Management Advisory Committee**

(An advisory committee to the Environment Committee)

### **Purpose**

- A. Provide oversight of the development, implementation and review of the Lower Wairarapa Valley Development Scheme (LWVDS) and Floodplain Management Plans (FMPs) for the Lower Ruamahanga Valley floodplains in a way which:
- recognises the need of the community to mitigate the effects of flooding to an acceptable level of risk and in a sustainable way
  - recognises that flood risk cannot be completely eliminated and that provisions must be implemented to handle residual risk
  - recognises that methods chosen to mitigate the effects of flooding must be affordable
  - balances the priorities of Council in funding flood mitigation methods with the aspirations and contribution of the local community for implementation of the methods and ensures that any flood management solutions chosen can be accommodated within the funding constraints of the Council's Long-term Plan
  - ensures that methods adopted through FMPs to mitigate the effects of flooding consider the river/stream environment, recognising the unique nature and the role that rivers/streams play in the lives of the community.
- B. Provide oversight of the public involvement process for FMPs within a framework recommended by this Advisory Committee which:
- ensures that the information base held by the community is made available to decision makers when appropriate
  - enhances community awareness of FMPs
  - develops public confidence in the process of FMPs
  - develops and maintains a network of contacts and mechanisms which can be used to provide community input required for FMPs and to obtain that input when appropriate.

## **Status of the Advisory Committee**

The Lower Ruamahanga Valley Floodplain Management Advisory Committee is an advisory body established by the Council. The Advisory Committee is not a subordinate decision making body of Council and is not a committee under the Local Government Act 2002.

## **Membership**

1. The Wellington Regional Council Councillor elected from the Wairarapa Constituency and the Chair of the Environment Committee.
2. One member, being an elected member of South Wairarapa District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by South Wairarapa District Council.
3. Eight members, being members appointed by the Council on nomination by the local scheme committees.
4. One member appointed by Council on the nomination of Kahungunu ki Wairarapa.
5. One member appointed by Council on the nomination of Rangitāne ō Wairarapa.
6. Such other members appointed by the Environment Committee, when the Advisory Committee considers that it could function more effectively by having such appointed members.

## **Chair**

The Chairperson shall be appointed by Council on nomination of the Advisory Committee.

## **Quorum**

Half the number of members, including one Wellington Regional Council member.

## **Alternates**

No alternates/proxies shall take the place of Advisory Committee members.

## **Voting entitlement**

All members have equal voting and speaking rights.

### **Reporting and servicing**

4. The Advisory Committee reports to the Environment Committee of the Wellington Regional Council.
5. The Advisory Committee is serviced by the Wellington Regional Council.

### **Remuneration**

4. The expenses of members of the Advisory Committee who are elected members of the Wellington Regional Council and South Wairarapa District Council shall be met by the council they represent.
5. Advisory Committee members who are not otherwise being remunerated may claim Greater Wellington Regional Council daily meeting attendance allowances and expenses.
6. Provided they are not an elected member of a Council the Chairperson shall also be eligible to receive an annual taxable honorarium of \$5,000, in addition to the daily meeting attendance allowances and expenses.

### **Meeting frequency and life of Advisory Committee**

The Advisory Committee shall meet as required and may, by resolution, recommend its dissolution to the Environment Committee.

In the absence of a prior decision made by Council to continue the Advisory Committee in the next triennium, the Advisory Committee will dissolve at the end of the 2016-2019 triennium.