

Terms of Reference for Council and Standing Committees

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Preface

~~Roles of Council and Management~~

~~One of the strengths of the Wellington Regional Council over the last nine years has been the partnership between Councillors and management. This has been a cornerstone of the effective implementation of the requirements of Central Government to improve performance and increase efficiency, effectiveness and accountability. The expectation set out in legislation is for Councillors to concentrate on policy and determination of priorities with day-to-day operations being attended to by staff.~~

~~Councillors are accountable to the regional community for the **outcomes** of Council activities and the General Manager is accountable to the Council for the **outputs** which achieve those outcomes.~~

~~The Council and Committee structure is set out diagrammatically on page iii. It also shows the executive management structure and identifies which officers report to the various committees.~~

Role of Council

The full Council makes policy, authorises the overall allocation of resources and sets priorities. It determines the levels of services to be provided and monitors the decisions of Standing Committees.

Overall priorities are set out in the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan, 10-year Plan "Investing in the Future".

Business Plans for each significant activity specify in full detail 10 year programmes for each such activity. Year one of each Business Plan forms the basis of the Council's statutory Annual Plan. Because the Business Plans represent the Council approved programme for part of the Council's business they can only be (substantively) changed by Council (via the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee).

Role of Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

The Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee, a Special Committee of the whole Council, has a key role in co-ordinating and advising Council on overall priorities, plans and resource requirements and monitoring overall progress in achieving plan objectives.

Role of Standing Committees

Standing Committees advise on policies to be adopted and, through the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee, and recommend priorities ~~and appropriate resource allocations~~ for their areas of responsibilities.

Standing Committees are delegated wide decision making powers within the framework of approved plans and budgets. This avoids the need for business to be debated a second time before the full Council. It should be noted that formal decisions of Committees made under delegated authority are legally decisions of Council and cannot readily be overturned. Where Council has a concern over the decisions of standing committees, the appropriate course of action is to refer the matter back to the Committees concerned. Delegations are formally set out in the Council's Delegations Manual.

To ensure that Councillors are fully informed and have an opportunity to participate, it is a policy of this Council that all Councillors receive copies of all order papers for all Committees. Councillors may attend any Committee meeting and put forward their views on any matter before the Committee. All matters

coming before Standing Committees are reported to Council to ensure that councillors are aware of all decisions made by these Committees in the name of the Council.

Role of Management

~~The General Manager is responsible in law for the implementation of Council policy and has a clear accountability to the Council for this. The role of management is to ensure that policy is implemented and that Council resources are managed efficiently, effectively and equitably. In addition to providing advice, managers are accountable for performance and report to Council generally through Standing Committees and the Policy and Finance Committee.~~

~~The Local Government Act makes the General Manager responsible for the employment, remuneration and conditions of employment of all staff. Policy issues relating to human resources are generally discussed on an informal basis through the Policy and Finance Subcommittee. The General Manager has the power to delegate authority, so making others accountable, but still retains the ultimate responsibility to the Council.~~

Objectives of the Wellington Regional Council

~~1. The Wellington Regional Council~~

~~Statutory References~~

~~The Wellington Regional Council is constituted under the Wellington Region Constitution Order 1989 and its functions and responsibilities are set out in that Order and in various statutes.~~

~~Some of the more important legislation affecting Wellington Regional Council is:~~

- ~~Biosecurity Act 1993~~
- ~~Building Act 1991~~
- ~~Bylaws Act 1910~~
- ~~Carter Observatory Act 1938~~
- ~~Civil Defence Act 1983~~
- ~~Companies Act 1993~~
- ~~Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996~~
- ~~Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992~~
- ~~Land Transport Act 1993~~
- ~~Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968~~
- ~~Local Electoral Act 2001~~
- ~~Local Government Act 1974~~
- ~~Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987~~
- ~~Local Government (Wellington Region) Reorganisation Order 1989~~
- ~~Local Government (Rating Act) 2002~~
- ~~Marine Pollution act 1974~~
- ~~Maritime Transport Act 1994~~
- ~~New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990~~
- ~~Privacy Act 1993~~
- ~~Public Finance Act 1989~~
- ~~Public Bodies Leases Act 1969~~
- ~~Reserves Act 1977~~
- ~~Resource Management Act 1991~~
- ~~Secret Commissions Act 1910~~
- ~~Transit New Zealand Act 1989~~
- ~~Transport Services Licensing Act 1989~~
- ~~Wellington Regional Council (Stadium Empowering) Act 1996~~
- ~~Wellington Regional Water Board Act 1972~~

~~Also relevant are Regulations made under authority of the various Acts and Bylaws made by the Council and its predecessor authorities.~~

~~The main bylaws are:~~

- ~~Wellington Regional navigation and Safety Bylaws 2000~~
- ~~Wairarapa Catchment Board and Regional Water Board Bylaws 1979~~
- ~~Wellington Harbour Board Bylaws 1985~~
- ~~Wellington Regional Council (Standing Orders) Bylaw 1990~~
- ~~Wellington Regional Council Bylaws for Forests, Parks and Recreation Areas 1994~~
- ~~Wellington Regional Water Board Bylaws 1976~~

~~In addition to its statutory functions, Wellington City water supply distribution and some other functions are undertaken by agreement with constituent councils.~~

~~Membership~~

~~The Wellington Regional Council elected in 1998 consists of 14 members from six constituencies:~~

□ Kapiti Constituency	1
□ Lower Hutt Constituency	3
□ Porirua Constituency	2
□ Upper Hutt Constituency	1
□ Wairarapa Constituency	2
□ Wellington Constituency	5

~~Quorum: 7~~

~~Mission~~

*Sustainable Environmental Management
Efficient Regional Services
Community Responsiveness*

~~Policies in Pursuit of the Above Mission of the Regional Council with its Statutory responsibilities are to:~~

- ~~1.1 Represent and advance the Wellington Region, and the Region's viewpoint, within the parameters of legislative powers.~~
- ~~1.2 Provide the means for regional issues that are the responsibilities of the Council to be assessed, addressed and determined within the Region.~~
- ~~1.3 Take the necessary initiatives to develop regional strategic objectives and policies.~~
- ~~1.4 Act quickly and positively in response to events and circumstances that could affect the Region.~~
- ~~1.5 Ensure the Government is well informed on the implications for the Wellington Region of Government's policies and to promote with Government measures for the advancement of this Region.~~
- ~~1.6 Assess existing and proposed legislation and make submissions relevant to Regional Council activities and regional community interests.~~
- ~~1.7 Employ staff, services and advice and take such actions as are necessary to achieve the Regional Council's objectives and to develop and maintain efficiently and effectively those regional and local services for which the Council is responsible.~~
- ~~1.8 Establish the priorities for resource allocation within the Wellington Region, including the allocation of funds from Government and any grants and levies raised within Wellington Region for regional facilities, activities and services.~~
- ~~1.9 Promote the transfer to the Regional Council or other regional organisations of those Government responsibilities which can most appropriately be undertaken at the regional level.~~

- ~~1.10 Undertake itself or jointly such other functions as are provided in law and agreed by Council, and as may be agreed by constituent authorities or other organisations either within or adjacent to the Wellington Region.~~
- ~~1.11 Encourage, establish and maintain effective co-operation and co-ordination with territorial and special purpose authorities, Government Departments and other public and private organisations.~~
- ~~1.12 Ensure that new activities necessary to the development and/or conservation of the Region's resources are undertaken by the most appropriate organisation.~~
- ~~1.13 Be accessible and accountable at all times to the people and community of the Wellington Region.~~
- ~~1.14 Delegate to each Standing Committee and Officers such powers and responsibilities as are appropriate for the maximum efficiency of operation.~~

Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

2. Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

Membership

A Special Committee of the whole Council which meets as required by Council or on requisition of the Chairperson.

Quorum: 7

Objectives of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

Objective 2A

To review progress towards achievement of **all** of the Council's objectives.

Objective 2B

To recommend financial policies.

Objective 2C

To propose the Long Term Council Community Plan Financial Strategy and associated policies, and consider Annual and Business Plans, major activities, programmes and any changes to them, ~~recommended by Standing Committees~~ and to make recommendations to Council.

Objective 2D

To provide a forum that is less formal than a meeting of Council for consideration of matters that are not the specific responsibility of any Standing Committee or which affect functions or operations in more than one area of the Council's responsibilities.

Specific Responsibilities of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee

- 2.1 Advising the Council on the formulation and review of overall policy and financial objectives, responsibilities, policies and priorities and the resolution of conflicts emerging from competing activities of Council.
- 2.2 Providing policy and financial parameters as input to the preparation of Business and Annual Plans ~~by Standing Committees~~.
- 2.3 Examining proposed the Business Plans ~~prepared by Standing Committees~~ and consolidating them into a Council-wide Long Term Council Community Plan Financial Strategy and Annual Plan for consideration by Council.
- 2.4 Reviewing progress on all work programmes and expenditure, considering progress reports and making recommendations to Council where appropriate.
- 2.5 Acting as the Council's Audit Committee, including consideration of the Council's draft Annual Report and making recommendations to Council as appropriate.

- 2.6 Giving initial consideration to those matters of regional significance which are not the specific responsibility of other Committees and recommending the most appropriate means for those matters to be dealt with.
- 2.7 Recommending to Council policies in relation to Treasury Management including borrowing and investment activities.
- 2.8 Recommending to Council approval of unbudgeted reserve transfers.
- ~~2.9 Recommending to Council policies required under the Local Government Act 2002, including policy on signifance, policy on partnership with the private sector, rate remission and postponement policies, policy on development contributions and financial contributions and revenue and financing policy.~~
- ~~2.9 Making recommendations on Council's statutory funding policies, its rating policies and levels of rates.~~
- ~~2.10 Recommending to Council funding policies on fees and charges for all goods and services provided by Council to other authorities, organisations and private individuals.~~
- 2.11 Monitoring activities of:
- (a) Council owned companies and making recommendations concerning the appointment of directors; and
 - (b) The Wellington Regional Stadium Trust and making recommendations concerning the appointment of trustees.
- 2.12 Reviewing and recommending Council's electoral arrangements.
- 2.13 Reviewing the appointment, contract and remuneration of the Chief Executive~~General Manager~~.
- ~~2.14 Reviewing of decisions of the General Manager on remuneration of Executive Managers — the "one over one" principle.~~
- 2.15 Monitoring and reviewing Council's insurance and significant risk management policies.
- 2.16 Advising the Council and its Committees on policy matters relating to property management.
- 2.17 Recommending the establishment of subcommittees and working parties where appropriate, with specific terms of reference to advise on matters relevant to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee's area of responsibilities and evaluating the recommendations of such subcommittees.
- 2.18 Dealing with such other matters as are referred to it by the Council, Standing Committees, the Chairperson, the ~~General Manager~~Chief Executive or other officers.

Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee

3. Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee

Membership

All Councillors.

Quorum: 4 Councillors including the Subcommittee Chairperson.

Objectives of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee

Objective 3A

To consider all submissions received from the public in relation to the Council's Long-term Council Community Plan Financial Strategy, Annual Plan and Funding Revenue and Financing Policy.

Objective 3B

~~To consider such matters as may be referred to the Subcommittee from time to time.
To provide an informal forum for the discussion of strategic communications issues.~~

Objective 3C

~~To monitor senior executive staffing policies and provide an informal forum for the discussion of Human Resources issues.~~

Objective 3D

~~To monitor and advise Council on the efficient and effective provision of support services to Council and Councillors.~~

Specific Responsibilities of the Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee

3.1 Receiving submissions on the Council's Long-term Council Community Plan Financial Plan, Annual Plan and Funding Policy, and making recommendations to the full Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.

~~3.2 Providing a forum in which discussions can take place regarding strategic communications issues, with particular reference to their political impacts.~~

~~3.3 Providing a forum in which discussions with the General Manager can take place regarding human resource issues.~~

~~3.4 Reviewing budgets for corporate support responsibilities for recommendation to the full Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee.~~

~~3.5 Reviewing and maintaining Council Standing Orders, regulations and policy manuals.~~

~~3.6.2~~ Such other matters as may be referred to the Subcommittee from time to time.

General Responsibilities of Standing Committees

4. General Responsibilities

All Standing Committees Shall Have Common Responsibilities To

- 4.1 Advise and make recommendations to Council relating to the effective and efficient performance of the Committee's functions and responsibilities, including periodic review of the Committee Terms of Reference.
- ~~4.2 To recommend to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee programmes, priorities and budgets identifying desired outcomes over a period of up to 10 years and the resources considered necessary for the effective and efficient performance of functions for which it is responsible.~~
- ~~4.3~~ ~~4.3~~ Monitor progress on the implementation of those activities and projects contained in the current Business and Annual Plans which are the responsibility of the Committee.
- ~~4.4 Taking into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and facilitate participation by Maori in Council decision-making processes.~~
- 4.4 Recommend to Council, through the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee, any changes in priorities and funding for activities and projects within the Committee's area of responsibility as and when considered necessary or appropriate.
- 4.5 Authorise expenditure for purposes set out in the Business and Annual Plans within the limits of the current approved budget and delegations authorised by Council, as set out in the Council's Delegations Manual and the current approved plans.
- 4.6 Evaluate and report on legislation relevant to the Committee's area of responsibility and make recommendations concerning Bylaws where appropriate.
- 4.7 Make recommendations to the Environment Committee on changes considered necessary or appropriate to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement or regional plans relevant to the Committee's functions and responsibilities.
- 4.8 Discuss and promote its activities with constituent councils and other public bodies, Government agencies, private sector organisations and the general public.
- 4.9 Set up and terminate subcommittees and working parties where appropriate with specific terms of reference to advise the Committee on matters relating to its area of responsibility.
- 4.10 Recommend for consideration by the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee, where appropriate, appointment of persons who are not regional councillors and who have a knowledge that would assist the work of the Committee.
- 4.11 Recommend to Council the establishment and termination of joint committees with other authorities to advise or act on matters which, in the Committee's view, require or would benefit from co-operation.
- 4.12 Nominate, for Council consideration, Committee members or other persons to serve as Council representatives on any body or organisation, the activities of which are relevant to the Committee's area of responsibility.

- 4.13 Actively promote and ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
- 4.14 Determine those matters delegated to it by Council in accordance with approved policies, management plans and Bylaws.
- 4.15 Consider such other matters, relevant to the Committee's responsibilities, as it may determine from time to time.

Environment Committee

5. Environment Committee

Membership

In addition to Councillors, to include:

- (1) A statutory appointee as required by the Civil Defence Act 1983 when considering emergency management matters.
- (2) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.
- (3) The Council Chairperson is a member *ex officio*.

Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors

Objectives of the Environment Committee

Objective 5A

To promote the sustainable management of ~~the natural and physical resources of~~ the Region, particularly the natural and physical resources.

Objective 5B

To manage the use, development and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while:

- Sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations.
- Safeguarding the life supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems.
- Avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.

Objective 5C

To promote and enhance comprehensive emergency management, including mitigation, awareness, response and recovery programmes, within the Region.

Objective 5D

To manage the harbours and coastal waters of the Wellington Region for navigation and safety purposes.

Specific Responsibilities of the Environment Committee

- 5.1 Advising the Council on policy matters relating to resource management, environmental standards, harbours and emergency management.
- 5.2 Developing and implementing regional policies and plans.
- 5.3 Considering applications for resource consents and determining them under delegated authority.
- 5.4 Reviewing and approving civil defence plans submitted by city and district councils.
- ~~5.5~~ ~~5.5~~ Providing navigational aids, a communications service and enforcing maritime safety regulations on the harbours for which Council is responsible, as well as providing an oil pollution response service for regional coastal waters.
- ~~5.6~~ Providing an oil pollution response service for the harbours and regional coastal waters for which the Council is responsible.
- ~~5.6~~ ~~Taking into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in the decision making process and working with the Region's Iwi through Ara Tahi.~~

Landcare Committee

6. Landcare Committee

Membership

- (1) Councillors.
- (2) The Regional Conservator, Wellington Conservancy, Department of Conservation, or his/her nominee, with speaking (but not voting) rights.
- (3) The Council Chairperson ~~is a and Deputy Council Chairperson are~~ members *ex officio*, ~~but the latter does not vote when the Council Chairperson is present.~~
- (4) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.

Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors

Objectives of the Landcare Committee

Objective 6A

To promote sustainable environmental management by recommending 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.

Objective 6B

To promote sustainable environmental management by monitoring and advising the Council on the effectiveness and efficiency of the services and facilities relating to achievement of Objective 6A.

Specific Responsibilities of the Landcare Committee

- 6.1 Overseeing the planning, development, protection/conservation, operation, and maintenance of:
 - Flood protection and environmental assets for the Western Region river corridors and associated watercourses, including Floodplain Management Planning; policy and implementation.
 - The recreation, environmental/ecological and heritage values of the Regional Parks network: parklands, recreation reserves, natural forests, facilities and, as mutually agreed, other assets, owned, operated, or to be developed by, the Regional Council, or in conjunction with other parties.
- 6.2 Approving under delegated authority and, where appropriate, recommending to Council commercial agreements with public and private sector authorities and organisations and private individuals for the use of Council property and facilities within the areas of the Committee's responsibility.

Utility Services Committee

7. Utility Services Committee

Membership

- (1) Councillors.
- (2) Membership of the Committee includes the Council Chairperson ~~and the Deputy Council Chairperson~~ *ex officio*, but excludes ~~the Council Chairperson both~~ when the Committee is considering Wellington bulk water supply matters relating to resource consents. ~~When considering other matters, the Deputy Council Chairperson does not vote when the Council Chairperson is present.~~
- (3) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.
- ~~(4) An appointee nominated by Wellington City Council who will have speaking rights but no voting rights.~~

Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors

Objectives of the Utility Services Committee

Objective 7A

To recommend policies on the provision, development, operation and management of those services which are the responsibility of the Committee.

Objective 7B

To monitor and advise the Council on the effectiveness and efficiency of the services which are the responsibility of the Committee.

Specific Responsibilities of the Utility Services Committee

- 7.1 Overseeing the planning, development, operation and maintenance monitoring of:
- The Wellington metropolitan bulk water supply system.
 - ~~□ The Wellington City Water distribution system (in accordance with a contract with Wellington City Council).~~
 - The Engineering Consultancy Business Unit.
 - The Laboratory Services Business Unit.
 - Plantation forest estates in the Western part of the Region that are owned by the Wellington Regional Council or operated jointly with other authorities, organisations or individuals.

~~7.2 Monitoring performance of Utility Services Division Business Units.~~

~~7.3 Approving under delegated authority and, where appropriate, recommending to Council commercial agreements with public and private sector authorities and organisations, and private individuals for the supply of Council services within the area of the Committee's responsibility.~~

Passenger Transport Committee

8. Passenger Transport Committee

Membership

- (1) No more than seven Regional Councillors appointed by Council.
- (2) The Council Chairperson is a member *ex officio*.
- (3) The Council may appoint a person from any single member constituencies where the local Regional Councillor is not a member of the Committee.

~~An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.~~

- (4) An appointee nominated by Wellington City Council who will have speaking rights but no voting rights. Such other non-voting members of any territorial local authority as the Council may see fit to appoint.

Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors

Objectives of the Passenger Transport Committee

Objective 8A

To promote, ~~monitor and evaluate~~ the establishment and maintenance of appropriate efficient, effective and sustainable passenger transport services within the Greater Wellington Region in keeping with any approved Regional Land transport Strategy.

Objective 8B

~~To demonstrate patronage increases on passenger transport services.~~ To make recommendations, as appropriate, on any transport matters of interest to the Regional Council.

Specific Responsibilities of the Passenger Transport Committee Include:

- 8.1.1 Developing and overseeing the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Programme, required by the Land Transport Management Act 2003, as part of the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan to implement the passenger transport policies of any Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 8.1.2 Preparing submissions or responses on any transport related matters of interest to the Council including any draft Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 8.1.3 Monitoring the implementation of the Regional Land Transport Programme.
- 8.1.4 Monitoring the key transport performance indicators of the Long Term Council Community Plan and promoting corrective action when necessary.
- 8.1.5 Receiving reports from all Quality Partnership Agreement groups and any other transport related groups established by the Council.

- ~~8.1.1 Preparation and implementation of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan.~~
- ~~8.1.2 Ensuring that Government subsidies and the costs of passenger transport services are allocated fairly across the Region.~~
- ~~8.1.3 Exploring the potential for innovation and the introduction of new or modified systems and techniques that improve the effectiveness of the passenger transport system.~~
- ~~8.1.4 Actively promoting and marketing initiatives to increase passenger transport usage.~~
- ~~8.1.5 Having regard for environmental values and pollution in passenger transport planning and provision.~~
- ~~8.1.6 Ensuring passenger transport planning is consistent with the Regional Land Transport Strategy.~~

Regional Land Transport Committee

9. Regional Land Transport Committee

Membership

(The membership, set out below, complies with Section 178(2) of the Land Transport Act 1998 and its amendments).

1. A Regional Councillor as Chairperson
2. Up to four other Regional Councillors including the Regional Council Chairpersons ex officio, to represent the Regional Council
3. One representative of each of the eight constituent Territorial Local Authorities, wholly within the Region
4. One person to represent the Land Transport Safety Authority
5. One person to represent Transfund New Zealand
6. Up to five suitable persons to represent the following objectives of the New Zealand Transport Strategy:-
 - Economic development
 - Safety and personnel security
 - Public health
 - Access and mobility
 - Environmental sustainability
7. One suitable person to represent cultural interests
8. In addition, one person to represent each of the following national network providers with speaking but not voting rights:-
 - Transit New Zealand
 - TrackCo

Quorum: The Chairperson or deputy Chairperson of the Committee and at least 50% of the total membership.

Objectives of the Regional Land Transport Committee

To promote the objectives of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 within the Greater Wellington region, linking it to other regions of New Zealand and other transport systems.

Specific Responsibilities of the Regional Land Transport

Committee include:-

1. Preparing the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy as required by the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
2. Hearing any submissions on any draft Regional Land Transport Strategy and the determination of these submissions in accordance with the consultative procedures required by the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
3. Monitoring the implementation of any Regional Land Transport Strategy.
4. Making recommendations to the Regional Council or other relevant organisations on any aspects of land transport of interest to the Regional Council.

~~A special committee of the Council, comprising no more than 21 people as follows:~~

- ~~(1) A Regional Councillor as Chairperson.~~
- ~~(2) The Regional Council Chairperson is a member *ex officio*.~~
- ~~(3) Up to three other Regional Councillors including the Chairs of the Environment Committee and the Passenger Transport Committee.~~
- ~~(4) Eight territorial authority councillors with one for each constituent territorial authority wholly within the Region.~~
- ~~(5) One person to represent each of the following organisations:
 - ~~Transfund New Zealand~~
 - ~~Transit New Zealand~~
 - ~~Land Transport Safety Authority~~
 - ~~Police Commissioner~~
 - ~~Commercial road users~~
 - ~~Private road users~~
 - ~~Public transport users/cyclists/pedestrians~~
 - ~~Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce~~~~

~~In the absence of a member, a deputy or nominated alternate member may attend to ensure continuity of representation by organisations.~~

~~The Committee meets as required, generally on a quarterly basis.~~

~~Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors~~

~~**Objectives of the Regional Land Transport Committee**~~

~~**Objective 9A**~~

~~To promote the establishment and maintenance of appropriate, efficient, effective and sustainable transport systems within the Wellington Region and linking it to other regions of New Zealand and the outside world.~~

~~Specific Responsibilities of the Regional Land Transport Committee Include:~~

~~9.1.1 Preparing of the five year Regional Land Transport Strategy.~~

~~9.1.2 Ensuring the Regional Land Transport Strategy is consistent with all statutory requirements.~~

~~9.1.3 Ensuring transport planning work is co-ordinated with overall planning policies and objectives.~~

~~9.1.4 Giving due regard to environmental values and pollution in land transport planning.~~

~~9.1.5 Receiving Annual Reports on implementation of the Regional Land Transport Strategy.~~

Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee

10. Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee

Membership

- (1) The two Councillors elected from the Wairarapa Constituency, one of whom is to be Chairperson.
- (2) Not less than one other Councillor.
- (3) The Council Chairperson ~~is a and Deputy Council Chairperson are~~ members *ex officio*, ~~but the latter does not vote when the Council Chairperson is present.~~
- (4) Not less than four appointees, three of whom must be resident in the Wairarapa Constituency.

Quorum: ~~3~~ 2 Regional Councillors

~~Should the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee need to meet to consider matters solely related to the Wairarapa Constituency, the following membership applies:~~

~~(1) The two Councillors elected from the Wairarapa Constituency.~~

~~(2) The Council Chairperson ex-officio.~~

~~(3) The appointees resident in the Wairarapa Constituency.~~

~~Quorum: 2 Regional Councillors~~

Objectives of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee

Objective 10A

~~To recommend policies and strategies concerning the management and control of plant and animal pests for the Region.~~

To promote sustainable management of the Region by recommending policies and strategies relating to plant and animal pests and to Council activities in the Wairarapa.

Objective 10B

To monitor and advise Council on the efficient and effective provision of plant and animal pest control services for the Region and for Council activities in the Wairarapa for which the Committee has responsibility.

Objective 10C

To provide a forum for consideration of matters of concern to the Wairarapa Constituency or to the rural community of the Wellington Region.

~~When the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meets to consider matters solely related to the Wairarapa Constituency, the following objectives apply:~~

~~Objective 10D~~

~~To advise and make recommendations on the formulation and implementation of regional policies with respect to the Wairarapa community.~~

~~Objective 10E~~

~~To monitor and advise Council on the effective and efficient provision of Council services within the Wairarapa Community.~~

~~Objective 10F~~

~~To provide a forum for consideration of relevant matters of concern to the Wairarapa Community and to be directly involved in the advocacy of those issues.~~

Objective 10G

To establish and maintain liaison with the three district territorial authorities within the Wairarapa.

Specific Responsibilities of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee Include

~~10.1 10.1.1 Formulating regional plant and animal pest management strategies and plans that are consistent with other regional resource management policies and plans.~~

~~Overseeing the Council's involvement with the National Pest Management Strategy for Bovine Tb.~~

~~10.2 Considering applications for resource consents in the Wairarapa and determining them under delegated authority.~~

~~10.3 Developing policy and monitoring the effectiveness of those Council activities that are delivered through the Council's Masterton office.~~

~~10.1.2 Ensuring appropriate funds are available to develop and maintain plant and animal pest management services.~~

~~10.2 When the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meets to consider matters solely related to the Wairarapa Constituency the following responsibilities apply:~~

~~10.2.1 Ensuring that the Council and other Committees are well informed on the implications of Council policies with respect to the Wairarapa community.~~

~~10.2.2 Initiating with other Committees the development of regional strategic objectives and policies that take into account Wairarapa concerns and aspirations.~~

~~10.2.3 Advising on corporate relations and promotional programmes aimed at informing all sectors of the Wairarapa community on issues of Council policy and business.~~

~~10.2.4 To ensure so far as practicable, the separation of service and regulatory functions in the conduct of its business.~~