

## **Wairarapa Committee**

### **1 Purpose**

The purpose of the Wairarapa Committee is to consider matters of importance to the Wairarapa and make recommendations to the Council on these matters.

### **2 Specific responsibilities**

The Committee may consider and make recommendations to Council on any issues relevant to the Wairarapa, including but not limited to:

- flood protection
- land management
- biosecurity
- biodiversity
- public transport
- natural resource management.

### **3 Membership**

1. The Greater Wellington Regional Council Councillor elected from the Wairarapa Constituency, and two other Greater Wellington Regional Council Councillors.
2. One member, being an elected member of Carterton District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by Carterton District Council.
3. One member, being an elected member of the Masterton District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by Masterton District Council.
4. One member, being an elected member of South Wairarapa District Council appointed by the Council on nomination by South Wairarapa District Council.
5. One member, appointed by Council on the nomination of Kahungunu ki Wairarapa, for their skills, attributes or knowledge to assist the Committee.
5. One member, appointed by Council on the nomination of Rangitāne ō Wairarapa, for their skills, attributes or knowledge to assist the Committee.

#### **4 Alternates**

1. Each territorial authority is entitled to nominate an alternate member for appointment to the Committee. The alternate may attend and vote at meetings of the Committee, but only in the event that the appointed member is unable to attend.
2. In the case of the Greater Wellington Regional Council members appointed to the Committee, that Council may nominate a pool of up to three alternate members for appointment to the Committee. In the event that a Greater Wellington Regional Council member is unavailable to attend a Committee meeting any one person from the pool of the Council's alternate members may attend and vote in their place.

#### **5 Quorum**

Half the number of members, including two Wellington Regional Council members.

#### **6 Voting entitlement**

All members have equal voting and speaking rights.

The Chair, in the case of an equality of votes, does not have a casting vote (and therefore the motion is defeated and the status quo is preserved).

#### **7 Reporting and servicing**

1. The Committee reports to the Greater Wellington Regional Council.
2. The Committee is serviced by the Greater Wellington Regional Council.
3. As the servicing body, Greater Wellington Regional Council standing orders apply to the Committee, subject to the exclusion of the casting vote provision, as referenced in section 6.

#### **8 Council decision-making on Committee recommendations**

Decisions made by Council on Committee recommendations will be reported to the Committee. Where Council makes a decision that is materially different from the recommendation of the Committee the reasons for the Council decision will be set out in the report.

#### **9 Remuneration**

1. The expenses of members of the Committee who are elected members of the Greater Wellington Regional Council, Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council, or South Wairarapa District Council shall be met by the council they represent.

2. Committee members who are not otherwise being remunerated may claim Greater Wellington Regional Council daily meeting attendance allowances and expenses.

**10 Meeting frequency**

The Subcommittee shall meet on a quarterly basis, with additional meetings as required.

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