

## **Terms of Reference for 2019-2022 Triennium**

### **Farming Reference Group** (An advisory body to the Environment Committee)

#### **1 Purpose**

To provide advice, information and recommendations on matters concerning Greater Wellington's functions as these relate to the well-being of the Wellington Region's farming communities.

#### **2 Objectives**

- 2.1 To promote, demonstrate and encourage the sustainable management of the Wellington Region within a framework of environmental and economic sustainability as it relates to the following issues:
  - a Soil conservation
  - b Flood protection
  - c Plant and animal pests
  - d Climate change
  - e Nutrient management
  - f Biodiversity protection and enhancement
  - g Riparian management.
- 2.1 To provide a forum to consider and provide advice on farming matters during the development of the Wellington Region's Natural Resources Plan.
- 2.2 To provide a forum to consider and provide advice on matters related to Greater Wellington's other functions as these affect the farming communities within the Wellington Region.
- 2.3 To establish robust and enduring partnerships between Greater Wellington and the Wellington Region's farming communities and stakeholders.

#### **3 Reporting**

The Farming Reference Group (the Group) shall report to the Environment Committee on matters that the Group considers warrant consideration by Council.

#### **4 Members**

Up to ten persons appointed by Council, as follows:

- a Two Councillors
- b Up to eight persons, nominated on the basis of their experience and skills relevant to the Group and their networks in the Wellington Region's farming sector community.

## **5 Chair**

Once all members are appointed, Council appoints the Chair from the Group's non-Councillor members.

## **6 Quorum**

At least 50 percent of the members.

## **7 Term of appointment**

A member's term of appointment ceases:

- a At the end of the 2019-22 triennium.
- b If the member resigns or misses two consecutive meetings without tendering an apology.

## **7 Remuneration and expenses**

Members (who are not otherwise being remunerated) may claim Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee and mileage allowances and expenses.

## **8 Meeting procedure and frequency**

- 8.1 All members have equal speaking and voting rights (one vote per member).
- 8.2 The Group meets up to six times each year, with additional meetings arranged, as required.

## **9 Status**

The Farming Reference Group is an advisory body established by Council. It does not form part of Council's sub-ordinate governance structure.

## **10 Duration of the Farming Reference Group**

In the absence of Council's prior decision to continue the Group in the next triennium, the Group is dissolved at the end of the 2019-22 triennium.