

External Chair – Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee

Greater Wellington Regional Council

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Applications close 7 August 2020

Position details

Location Wellington
Category Council Committee
Position type Appointed Council Committee Member and Chair – Part-time / Non-permanent
Reference Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee (External Chair)

Attachments [Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee – Terms of Reference](#)
[Personal interest declaration](#)

Greater Wellington Regional Council is looking for a person with appropriate skills and experience to serve as the external member and Chair of Council's Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee.

This is an important and exciting position - at the crucial governance level - in which you will be a key facilitator and contributor.

The Wellington Region covers a geographical area in excess of 8,000 square kilometres of the lower North Island - the northern boundary runs from north of Ōtaki on the west coast across to north of Castlepoint on the east coast. Council is responsible for a range of activities and services including public transport, environmental management, flood protection, harbours, and the supply of bulk drinking water to the four city councils within the Wellington Region.

The purpose of the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee is to oversee, review and report to Council on the management and delivery of Greater Wellington's policies and frameworks for financial management, risk management, and assurance.

It is anticipated that the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee will meet four times a year.

To be considered for this appointment, you will be able to demonstrate the skills, attributes or knowledge at a governance level to lead the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee and complement the skills and knowledge of the other Committee members. The Council is looking for candidates that can demonstrate competency across the following attributes:

- Experience with audit and risk governance, including reviewing related policies, frameworks, plans, and reports and recommending changes to improve the effectiveness of these documents

- Understanding of business operations, health and safety, risk management, insurance, internal and external audit, finance and accounting (including financial reporting), and reporting to governance bodies
- Understanding of the management and delivery of policies and frameworks for financial management, risk management, assurance and internal controls
- Intellectual curiosity and professional scepticism (e.g. inquiring, and challenging and testing assumptions, new ideas, operations and advice)
- Experience with local government or public sector governance committees
- Experience providing an independent view through constructive challenge
- Experience facilitating both robust discussions and collaboration during meetings to deliver clear decisions
- Experience working constructively by promoting open and proactive dialogue and developing good working relationships (within the Finance, Risk and Assurance Committee, with the Council Chair and the Chief Executive/management, and with external auditors)
- Capacity to devote the necessary time and effort to the responsibilities of an independent Chair.

To apply for this role please email your cover letter (which should address the above attributes), curriculum vitae (including three referees), and completed personal interest declaration to democratic.services@gw.govt.nz by 7 August 2020.

For further information on this role please contact Mike Timmer, Greater Wellington's Treasurer at mike.timmer@gw.govt.nz or on 04 830 4238.

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