

Terms of Reference for 2019-22 Triennium

Climate Committee

1 Purpose

To oversee and inform the development and review of Council's strategies, policies, plans, programmes and initiatives from a climate change perspective; review the implementation and delivery of these matters; and provide effective leadership on climate change for the organisation and the region to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure a climate resilient future for the Wellington Region.

2 Specific responsibilities

- 2.1 Oversee the development and review of Council's climate change strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives (including Council's Climate Emergency Response Programme¹); and recommend these matters (and variations) to Council for adoption.
- 2.2 Review Council's other strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives, and recommend changes that improve the effectiveness of these matters from a climate change perspective.
- 2.3 Review the role of Greater Wellington in regional climate change programmes and initiatives, including:
 - a Regional initiatives enabling communities to adapt to climate change
 - b The development and implementation of a Regional Climate Mitigation Plan and recommend any changes to Council
 - c Supporting the transition of the region to a resilient low emissions economy.
- 2.4 Monitor Greater Wellington's, and the Wellington Region's, emissions and climate risks.
- 2.5 Consider regional, national and international developments; emerging issues and impacts; and changes in the legislative frameworks for their implications for Council's climate change strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives.
- 2.6 Advocate for the alignment and advancement of central government's and other external organisations' programmes and initiatives in climate change programmes and initiatives, working alongside the Wellington Regional Climate Change Working Group.
- 2.7 Advocate to central government for a more comprehensive set of climate tools for application by local authorities.
- 2.8 Liaise with other regional councils and territorial authorities in the interests of building a stronger regional consensus for climate change action.

¹ The Climate Change Response Programme is the collective name for Council's Corporate Carbon Neutrality Action Plan and Regional Climate Emergency Action Plan.

3 Delegations

- 3.1 The Committee has the authority to approve submissions to external organisations on matters pertaining directly to the Committee's purpose.
- 3.2 Where a matter proposed for consideration by the Committee is of strategic importance to the Wairarapa Constituency, that matter shall first be referred to the Wairarapa Committee or its members for their consideration.

4 Members

- 4.1 Eight Councillors.
- 4.2 Two members, appointed by Council as follows, who have the necessary skills, attributes, or knowledge that will assist the work of the Committee, being:
 - a One member, nominated by Ara Tahi
 - b One member with recognised climate change expertise.

5 Quorum

Two Committee members.

6 Meeting frequency

The Committee shall meet quarterly, with additional meetings as required.