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Request for information 2025-091 and 2025-092

I refer to your requests for information dated 11 March 2025, which were received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 11 March 2025. You have requested the following:

For 2025-091:

“Would you please advise specific details on

- 1. how the committee [the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee] is funded*
- 2. what contributions are made by each members*
- 3. what payments are made to each member of the committee*
- 4. a copy of the latest financial accounts for the committee.”*

For 2025-092:

“Would you please advise

- 1. where I can access the agenda and minutes for the committee meetings*
- 2. what involvement, discussions and decisions have there been had by the Committee in preparing and submitting a regional deal to government [Regional Deals information for councils - dia.govt.nz](https://www.gw.govt.nz/regional-deals)”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

For 2025-091

1. *how the committee [the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee] is funded*

The Wellington Regional Leadership Committee (the Committee) is funded by the councils, members of the Committee. A contribution percentage has been calculated pro rata to each council's population share in the region and agreed by the Committee members – this funds the projects. Greater Wellington also funds the core personnel of the Secretariat, overheads and members’ allowances.

The Committee has in the past also received support from central government partners, via grants.

2. *what contributions are made by each members*

The allocation per member for the 2024-2027 period (for projects) is as follows (noting this the amount for 3 years not per annum):

		Funding Request
GWRC	33%	671,083
Horowhenua	4%	88,312
Carterton District	1%	24,325
Hutt City	13%	258,879
Kapiti Coast District	7%	134,573
Masterton District	3%	66,615
Porirua City	7%	143,072
South Wairarapa District	1%	28,427
Upper Hutt City	5%	110,132
Wellington	24%	487,830
	100%	2,013,250

3. what payments are made to each member of the committee

Iwi members are entitled to receive an annual taxable honorarium of \$2,500, Greater Wellington's daily meeting fee of \$235 and mileage or reimbursement of public transport costs.

The current chairperson (Darrin Apanui, Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust) is entitled to receive an annual taxable honorarium of \$13,500 and a taxable daily meeting for Committee meetings and workshops of \$470, standard mileage or reimbursement of public transport costs.

All other members are remunerated by their respective organisations.

4. a copy of the latest financial accounts for the committee.

Greater Wellington is the administering authority for the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee. As such, the Committee does not produce financial reports, and their financials are part of Greater Wellington's and are included in Greater Wellington's financial reports.

The Committee collects money from its partners (included Greater Wellington) to fund its projects. The costs of the Committee's personnel and associated overheads are covered by Greater Wellington (unless that personnel has been brought in to work on a specific project, in which case the costs will be covered by the partners' contribution).

The contributions are collected ahead of the projects which means that in some years more money is received than spent. These funds go into a reserve that can be used by the Committee for these projects in subsequent years.

WRLC Financial Impact Statement	FY23/24
110 – Rates*	\$491,645
130 - Fees Charges & Other**	\$1,239,408
Total revenue	\$1,731,053
210 - Personnel	\$818,782
220 - Materials, Supplies & Services	\$73,632
230 - Contractor & Consultants	\$506,731
250 – Other***	\$530,349
Total Expenses	\$1,929,494
Net deficit	\$198,441

WRLC Reserve as at 30/06/2024	\$574,099
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*Rates: money collected to fund the Committee's personnel and overheads

**Fees Charges & Other: money collected from partners (included Greater Wellington to fund project costs)

***Other is made up mostly of overhead costs

For 2025-092

1. *where I can access the agenda and minutes for the committee meetings*

Public order papers and minutes are available on Greater Wellington's website. The following link provides a list of future meetings. <https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/events-and-meetings/?start=0&date-range=future-dates&from-date=15%2F02%2F2024&to-date=&topics=committee-meetings%2Ccouncil-meeting>

The Public order paper for the meeting held on 18 March 2025, and the unconfirmed minutes of this meeting, are available here <https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/events-and-meetings/wellington-water-committee-meeting/>

Additionally, the order papers are provided to the democratic services/governance teams at each council.

2. *what involvement, discussions and decisions have there been had by the Committee in preparing and submitting a regional deal to government* [Regional Deals information for councils - dia.govt.nz](#)

Below is a summary of the key actions and discussions undertaken by the Committee in relation to the preparation and submission of a Regional Deal to the government.

19 March 2024:

- The Committee endorsed the overall approach and framework for an initial discussion with Ministers on a Regional Deal.
- It supported the Chair and Deputy Chair meeting with government Ministers on behalf of the Committee.

1 October 2024:

- The Committee noted national-level progress on Regional Deals since its last meeting.
- It agreed to appoint a Project Lead/Sponsor and Project Manager for preparatory work, utilising Greater Wellington's process, with consultation from the Chair and Deputy Chair.
- The Committee discussed the scope of work to be undertaken before its next formal meeting in March 2025.
- It agreed to develop a set of regionally important projects/proposals for submission to the Infrastructure Priorities Programme, with applications to be made by relevant organisations.
- The Committee agreed that the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee would coordinate a regional response regarding infrastructure priorities.

21 November 2024:

- Hon. Simeon Brown, then Minister for Local Government, offered the Committee the opportunity to submit a regional deal light-touch proposal for consideration.

November – December 2024:

- Discussions took place among Committee Chairs, the Secretariat, Chief Executives and senior staff from councils, senior advisors, the Department of Internal Affairs, and mana whenua.
- On 26 November, the Committee held a workshop to discuss the proposed actions and timing in response to the Minister's letter.
- On 18 December, the Committee expressed interest in submitting a proposal by 28 February 2025.

24 January 2024:

- The Regional Deal was discussed at the Mayoral Forum.

21 February 2025:

- The Committee informed Hon. Simon Watts, Minister for Local Government, that it would not be able to submit a proposal by the deadline. The Committee also outlined the next steps it would take in the coming months to reflect on a transformational approach to regional growth. For further details, please refer to the letter from the Committee Chairs to Hon. Simon Watts, attached as **Attachment 1**.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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