

## **Council**

### ***Council's powers, functions, and duties***

The Council will:

- Retain the full right to exercise its powers, functions, and duties.
- Consider and adopt key strategies, policies, plans, including Council's Long Term Plan, Annual Plan, Annual Report, Regional Policy Statement, Natural Resources Plan, and floodplain management plans.
- Oversee Council's Long Term Plan and Annual Plan process.
- Review quarterly Greater Wellington's operational and financial performance against the agreed levels of service, target measures, budgets, and financial statements outlined in the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan.
- Council bodies:
  - o Establish standing committees, subcommittees, hearing committees, and advisory bodies (Council bodies) where appropriate;
  - o Delegate powers, functions, and duties (except where this is not permitted) to such committees (as appropriate) [Council retains for itself the power to establish advisory bodies];
  - o Appoint members to these Council bodies; and
  - o Consider the recommendations and matters referred (as appropriate) to it by committees.
- Establish a framework and governance arrangements to oversee the implementation of recommendations for the delivery of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, whitua implementation programmes, and related iwi management plans.
- Provide regional leadership in promoting and facilitating discussion on key issues that require a collaborative approach between a number of parties to achieve solutions.
- Pursue proactively its commitment, obligations, and responsibilities to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including as set out in provisions to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and/or its principles in legislation to which Council or Greater Wellington are bound.
- Chief Executive:
  - o Approve any recruitment and selection process for the Chief Executive;
  - o Appoint and agree the contract for the Chief Executive;
  - o Approve the Chief Executive's performance agreement; and

- o Review and agree the Chief Executive’s performance and remuneration at least annually.
- Delegations:
  - o Establish a delegations framework; and
  - o Approve all delegations to the Chief Executive (including the authority for sub-delegation to Greater Wellington officers) or specific Greater Wellington officers (except where this is not permitted or it wishes to retain the related powers, functions, and duties)).
- Review the performance of the council-controlled trading organisations, council controlled organisations (CCOs), and the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust (WRST).
- Appoint directors to the council-controlled trading organisations (including WRC Holdings) and CCOs, trustees to the WRST, and representatives to any other organisations on which Council is entitled to representation.
- Review and adopt Council’s electoral and representation arrangements.
- Approve the setting of, and changes to, public transport fares (including temporary and targeted changes).
- Oversee Greater Wellington’s interests in the implementation of the Water Services Delivery Plan for the Wellington metropolitan area, including:
  - o Finalise the Foundation Documents;
  - o Transfer of assets and land;
  - o Review performance (until replacement of the Bulk Water Levy); and
  - o Position on future Greater Wellington involvement in the water company.
- Reforms:
  - o Consider matters relating to the government’s legislative reforms, and local government reform in the Wellington Region;
  - o Approve:
    - Council’s position on these reforms, and
    - Submissions to external organisations on reform proposals, except where this power is delegated to a committee; and
  - o Oversee Greater Wellington’s organisational responses to these reforms.
- Make decisions on, and review the effectiveness of implementation of, the RiverLink project.
- Receive iwi management plans.

- Consider issues of regional significance that are not the responsibility of any committee or that are of such regional significance / high public interest that Council needs to make the decision(s). Such issues include, but are not limited to:
  - o Regional spatial and economic development, including Complex Development Opportunities and Transit Oriented Development and Council’s position on matters to be considered by the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee;
  - o Water supply, including future water collection areas; and
  - o Emergency management, for those matters that are not the responsibility of the Wellington Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) joint committee.

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Council has the following elements:

- Responsibilities:
  - o Exercise Council’s ‘powers, functions, and duties’ as stated above;
  - o Apply Council’s Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles when conducting its business and making decisions:
    - a **Pātuitanga | Relationships and Partnerships** – ensure decisions are based on shared knowledge, expertise and values maintained and sustained through active relationships and meaningful partnerships with mana whenua. These relationships and partnerships will contribute to Greater Wellington’s core business services, functions and systems to develop and deliver our shared aspirations across our Greater Wellington rohe;
    - b **Kōwhiringa | Options** – actively partner with mana whenua to enable effective governance decision making that is informed by kaupapa Māori and mātauranga Māori analytical frameworks and knowledge systems in identifying feasible and meaningful options and solutions;
    - c **Tino rangatiratanga | Self Determination** – position Greater Wellington to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and uphold the interests of mana whenua in exercising their tino rangatiratanga in planning and promoting quality services that enable self-determination for whānau and community;
    - d **Whakamaru | Active protection** – assess how decisions work towards protecting mana Motuhake (rights and interests of mana whenua) through relevant mutually beneficial strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives; and
    - e **Oritetanga | Equity** - uphold the principle of fairness in the design and distribution of Greater Wellington’s resources and services through the Long Term Plan to meet the needs and aspirations of whānau within our Greater Wellington rohe; and

- Ensure that Council's decision making:
  - a Considers climate change-related risks (mitigation and adaptation), and
  - b Is consistent with Council's plans and initiatives to give effect to Council's declaration of a climate emergency on 21 August 2019, including agreed emissions reduction targets.
- Members – all fourteen Councillors.
- Quorum – seven Councillors.