

Public Transport Committee (A Committee of the Whole)

1 Purposes

- 1.1 Oversee the development, implementation and delivery, and review of Council's strategic direction, policies, and plans for transport and travel demand management.
- 1.2 Set the operational direction to deliver public transport and travel demand management.
- 1.3 Provide input into joint transport-related projects and initiatives.

2 Specific responsibilities

- 2.1 Apply Council's Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles when conducting the Committee's 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.

- 2.2 Ensure the Committee’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.
- 2.3 Prepare the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan (and variations) and recommend it to Council for adoption.
- 2.4 Review performance trends related to public transport and transport demand management activities.
- 2.5 Review the effectiveness of implementation and delivery of Council’s transport strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives¹, including:
 - a The Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan);
 - b Quality and frequency of public transport services; and
 - c Transport demand management.
- 2.6 Oversee Council’s involvement in major public transport programmes and projects, including Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM), National Ticketing Solution (NTS), Transit oriented developments (TODs), Future Service Procurement, Strategic Public Transport Assets, Rail network renewals, Rail Scenario 1 (RS1), and the Accessibility Action Plan.
- 2.7 Consider:
 - a Matters relating to public ownership of public transport;
 - b Regional, national, and international developments; emerging issues and impacts; and changes in the legislative frameworks for their implications for transport strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives; and
 - c Business cases for submission to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi or other agencies on strategic transport projects with the potential for significant financial impactand recommend to Council on these matters.
- 2.8 Advise Council’s representatives on the Regional Transport Committee on Council’s position to assist that committee in developing the Wellington Regional Land Transport Plan.

¹ Noting that Council retains specific responsibility to make decisions on, and review the effectiveness of implementation, of the RiverLink project.

- 2.9 Advocate:
- a To support the Wellington Region’s territorial authorities in their traffic resolution processes that improve the efficiency of moving people and goods; and
 - b For the alignment of initiatives across the Wellington Region with transport implications, including for spatial planning and land use planning.
- 2.10 Review, after each Public Transport Advisory Group meeting, a written report of the business conducted at that meeting.

3 Delegations

- 3.1 Subject to sections 3.2 to 3.6, Council delegates to the Committee all the powers, functions, and duties necessary to perform the Committee’s responsibilities (except those that must not be delegated, have been retained by Council, have been delegated to another committee, or have been delegated to the Chief Executive).
- 3.2 The Committee has the authority to approve:
- a Strategies, policies, and guidelines to deliver public transport in accordance with the Wellington Regional Public Transport Plan;
 - b Transport strategies, policies, and indicators related to transport demand management and active mode promotion; and
 - c Submissions to external organisations for matters pertaining directly to the Committee’s purposes.
- 3.3 The Committee may make decisions on matters with a financial impact only where the related costs are:
- a Budgeted for in the relevant business group’s budget; and
 - b Not budgeted for in the relevant business group’s budget but can be met from savings within that budget.
- 3.4 Where the Committee considers a decision with a material financial impact is needed², the Committee must refer the matter to Council for its decision.
- 3.5 The Committee may not make a decision that is materially inconsistent with Council’s Annual Plan or Long Term Plan.

² That is, where savings are identified from other business groups’ budgets to meet the related costs; or no savings are identified across Greater Wellington’s overall budget to meet the related costs.

4 Members

4.1 All fourteen Councillors.

4.2 The Chair of the Public Transport Advisory Group.

5 Voting entitlement

The Chair of the Public Transport Advisory Group sits at the table and has full speaking rights but has no voting rights.

6 Quorum

Eight members.

7 Remuneration

The Chair of the Public Transport Advisory Group may claim Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee and mileage allowances and/or public transport expenses for scheduled meetings of the Committee.