

External Member – Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Greater Wellington Regional Council

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Applications close 27 February 2026

Position details

Location Wellington

Category Council Committee

Position type Appointed Council Committee Member – Part-time / Non-permanent

Reference Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (External Member)

Attachments [Finance, Risk and Audit Committee – Terms of Reference](#)

[Personal interest declaration](#)

Greater Wellington Regional Council (Council) is looking for a person with appropriate expertise and experience to serve as the external member of Council's Finance, Risk and Audit Committee.

This is an important and exciting position - at the crucial governance level - in which you will be a key 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. The Council is responsible for a range of activities and services including public transport, environmental management, flood protection and harbours.

The purpose of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee is to oversee, review and report to Council on the effectiveness of strategies, policies, systems, and processes, and delivery in the areas of financial management; risk management; internal and external audit; and legislative compliance.

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

To be considered for this appointment, you will be able to demonstrate appropriate expertise and experience at a governance level to be an effective independent voice on the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee, complementing the skills and knowledge of the other Committee members. The Council is looking for candidates that can demonstrate competency across the following areas:

- Senior experience in audit and risk governance, including service on audit, risk or equivalent committees
- A strong financial background with Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand membership or an internationally recognised equivalent being beneficial

- Experience working within, or closely with, the local government or public sector, with an understanding of accountability, regulatory and funding environments
- The ability to provide independent, objective judgement, including constructive challenge and professional scepticism
- A sound understanding of frameworks for financial management, risk management, audit and internal controls
- Experience reviewing and assessing organisational insurance arrangements
- Understanding of internal and external audit processes, including engagement with auditors and oversight of audit findings
- The ability to contribute insights that support organisational performance, efficiency and wider community outcomes
- An understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and experience supporting governance frameworks that strengthen relationships with mana whenua
- Capacity and commitment to devote the necessary time and effort required of an external member.

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 FRAC@gw.govt.nz by 27 February 2026.

For further information on this role please contact Jacob Boyes, Greater Wellington's Head of Corporate Risk & Assurance, at jacob.boyes@gw.govt.nz.

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