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1. Introduction

Pursuant to section 19 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, this Directory sets out official information held by the Council and how to access this information. It is not possible to specifically identify every item of official information that the Council holds. The purpose of this directory is to inform the public about what kinds of information are available and to assist the public in accessing that information.

The information contained within the directory is reviewed annually.

2. Location

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| Belmont Regional Park | | Telephone: 04 - 586 6614 |
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| Waterloo Water Treatment Plant | | Telephone: 04 - 569 8838 Fax: 04 - 566 6553 |
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OTAKI

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Upper Hutt

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3. Members of the Wellington Regional Council

Fourteen Councillors are elected from six constituencies:

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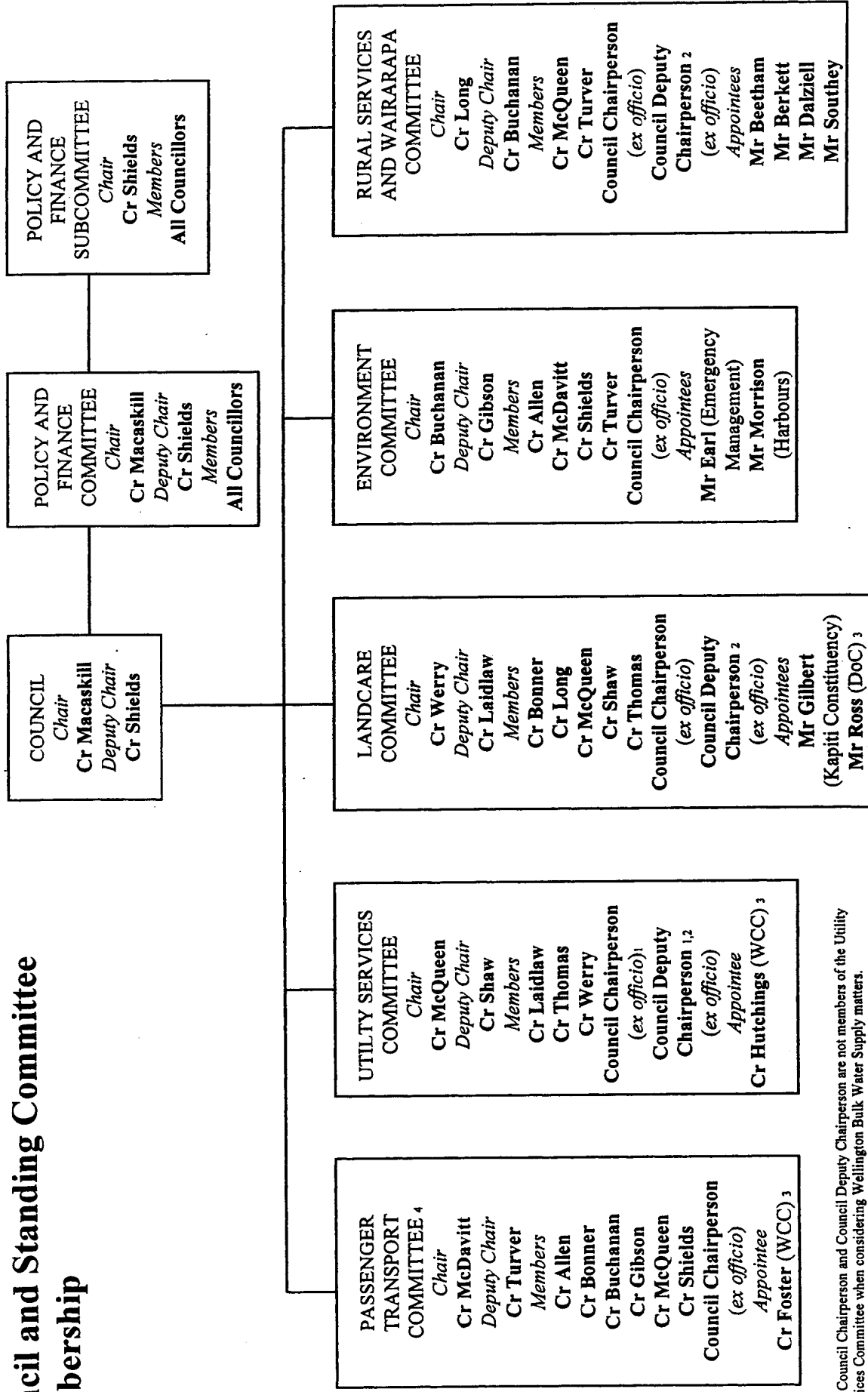
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3.1 Council and Standing Committee Membership

The Council and Standing Committee membership is set out on the chart on the following page.

Council and Standing Committee Membership



1 The Council Chairperson and Council Deputy Chairperson are not members of the Utility Services Committee when considering Wellington Bulk Water Supply matters.

2 The Deputy Council Chairperson does not vote when the Council Chairperson is present.

3 Speaking but no voting rights.

4 The Regional Land Transport Committee is a separate committee comprising members of the Passenger Transport Committee and appointees representing local authorities, Central Government agencies and users.

4. Council and Standing Committee Terms of Reference

4.1 *Wellington Regional Council*

| | | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Membership | 14 Councillors representing: | |
| | Kapiti Coast Constituency | 1 member |
| | Lower Hutt Constituency | 3 members |
| | Porirua Constituency | 2 members |
| | Upper Hutt Constituency | 1 members |
| | Wairarapa Constituency | 2 members |
| | Wellington Constituency | 5 member |
| Chairperson | Councillor S A Macaskill | |
| Deputy Chairperson | Councillor M K Shields | |
| Quorum | 7 | |

Wellington Regional Council Mission Statement

*Sustainable Environmental Management
Efficient Regional Services
Community Responsiveness*

Policies in Pursuit of the Above Mission of the Regional Council with its Statutory responsibilities are to:

- 4.1.1 Represent and advance the Wellington Region and the Region's viewpoint, within the parameters of legislative powers.
- 4.1.2 Provide the means for regional issues that are the responsibilities of the Council to be assessed, addressed and determined within the Region.
- 4.1.3 Take the necessary initiatives to develop regional strategic objectives and policies.
- 4.1.4 Act quickly and positively in response to events and circumstances that could affect the Region.
- 4.1.5 Ensure the Government is well informed on the implications for the Wellington Region of Government's policies and to promote with Government measures for the advancement of this Region.

- 4.1.6 Assess existing and proposed legislation and make submissions relevant to Regional Council activities and regional community interests.
- 4.1.7 Employ staff, services and advice and take such other actions as are necessary to achieve Regional Council's objectives and to develop and maintain efficiently and effectively those regional and local services for which the Council is responsible.
- 4.1.8 Establish the priorities for resource allocation within the Wellington Region, including the allocation of funds from Government and any grants and levies raised within the Wellington Region for regional facilities, activities and services.
- 4.1.9 Promote the transfer to the Regional Council or other regional organisations of those Government responsibilities that can most appropriately be undertaken at the regional level.
- 4.1.10 Undertake itself or jointly such other functions as are provided in law and agreed by Council, and as may be agreed by constituent authorities or other organisations either within or adjacent to the Wellington Region.
- 4.1.11 Encourage, establish and maintain effective co-operation and co-ordination with territorial and special purpose authorities, Government Departments and other public and private organisations.
- 4.1.12 Ensure that new activities necessary to the development and/or conservation of the Region's resources are undertaken by the most appropriate organisation.
- 4.1.13 Be accessible and accountable at all times to the people and community of the Wellington Region.
- 4.1.14 Delegate to each Standing Committee and Officer such powers and responsibilities as are appropriate for the maximum efficiency of operation.

4.2 General Responsibilities of Standing Committees

All Standing Committees Shall Have Common Responsibilities To:

- 4.2.1 Advise and make recommendations to Council relating to the effective and efficient performance of the Committee's functions and responsibilities, including periodic review of the Committee's Terms of Reference.

- 4.2.2 To recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee programmes, priorities and budgets identifying desired outcomes over a period of up to 10 years and the resources considered necessary for the effective and efficient performance of functions for which it is responsible.
- 4.2.3 Monitor progress on the implementation of those activities and projects contained in the current Business and Annual Plans, which are the responsibility of the Committee.
- 4.2.4 Recommend to Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, any changes in priorities and funding for activities and projects within the Committee's area of responsibility as and when considered necessary or appropriate.
- 4.2.5 Authorise expenditure for purposes set out in the Business and Annual Plans within the limits of the current approved budget and delegations authorised by Council, as set out in the Council's Delegations Manual and the current approved plans.
- 4.2.6 Evaluate and report on legislation relevant to the Committee's area of responsibility and make recommendations concerning Bylaws where appropriate.
- 4.2.7 Make recommendations to the Environment Committee on changes considered necessary or appropriate to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement or regional plans relevant to the Committee's functions and responsibilities.
- 4.2.8 Discuss and promote its activities with constituent councils and other public bodies, Government agencies, private sector organisations and the general public.
- 4.2.9 Set up and terminate subcommittees and working parties where appropriate with specific terms of reference to advise the Committee on matters relating to its area of responsibility.
- 4.2.10 Recommend for consideration by the Policy and Finance Committee, where appropriate, appointment of persons who are not regional councillors and who have a knowledge that would assist the work of the Committee.
- 4.2.11 Recommend to Council the establishment and termination of joint committees with other authorities to advise or act on matters which, in the Committee's view, require or would benefit from co-operation.

- 4.2.12 Nominate, for Council consideration, Committee members or other persons to serve as Council representatives on any body or organisation, the activities of which are relevant to the Committee's area of responsibility.
- 4.2.13 Actively promote and ensure compliance with relevant legislation.
- 4.2.14 Determine those matters delegated to it by Council in accordance with approved policies, management plans and Bylaws.
- 4.2.15 Consider such other matters, relevant to the Committee's responsibilities, as it may determine from time to time.

4.3 Policy and Finance Committee

Membership

A Special Committee of the whole Council that meets as required by Council or on requisition of the Chairperson.

Quorum: 7

Objectives

- To review progress towards achievement of **all** of the Council's objectives.
- To recommend financial policies.
- To propose the Long Term Financial Strategy and associated policies, and consider Annual and Business Plans, major activities, programmes and any changes to them, recommended by Standing Committees and make recommendations to Council.
- To provide a forum that is less formal than a meeting of Council for consideration of matters that are not the specific responsibility of any Standing Committee or which affect functions or operations in more than one area of the Council's responsibilities.

Specific Responsibilities of the Policy and Finance Committee include:

- 4.3.1 Advising the Council on the formulation and review of overall policy and financial objectives, responsibilities, policies and priorities and the resolution of conflicts emerging from competing activities of Council.
- 4.3.2 Providing policy and financial parameters as input to the preparation of

Business and Annual Plans by Standing Committees.

- 4.3.3 Examining the Business and Annual Plans prepared by all other Standing Committees and consolidating them into a Council-wide Long Term Financial Strategy and Annual Plan for consideration by Council.
- 4.3.4 Reviewing progress on all work programmes and expenditure, considering progress reports and making recommendations to Council where appropriate.
- 4.3.5 Acting as the Council's Audit Committee, considering the Council's draft Annual Report and making recommendations to Council as appropriate.
- 4.3.6 Giving initial consideration to those matters of regional significance that are not the specific responsibility of other Committees, and recommending the most appropriate means for those matters to be dealt with.
- 4.3.7 Recommending to Council policies in relation to Treasury Management including borrowing and investment activities.
- 4.3.8 Recommending to Council approval of unbudgeted reserve transfers.
- 4.3.9 Making recommendations on Council's statutory funding policies, its rating policies and levels of rates.
- 4.3.10 Recommending to Council policies on fees and charges for all goods and services provided by Council to other authorities, organisations and private individuals.
- 4.3.11 Monitoring activities of:
 - (a) Council owned companies and making recommendations concerning the appointment of directors; and
 - (b) The Wellington Regional Stadium Trust and making recommendations concerning the appointment of trustees.
- 4.3.12 Reviewing and recommending Council's electoral arrangements.
- 4.3.13 Reviewing the appointment, contract and remuneration of the General Manager.
- 4.3.14 Reviewing of decisions of the General Manager on remuneration of Executive Managers — the "one over one" principle.

- 4.3.15 Monitoring and reviewing Council's insurance and significant risk management policies.
- 4.3.16 Advising the Council and its Committees on policy matters relating to property management.
- 4.3.17 Recommending the establishment of subcommittees and working parties where appropriate, with specific terms of reference to advise on matters relevant to the Policy and Finance Committee's area of responsibilities and evaluating the recommendations of such subcommittees.
- 4.3.18 Dealing with such other matters as are referred to it by the Council, Standing Committees, the Chairperson, the General Manager or other officers.

4.4 Policy and Finance Subcommittee

Membership

All Councillors.

Quorum: 4 Councillors including the Subcommittee Chairperson.

Objectives

- To consider all submissions received from the public in relation to the Council's Long-term Financial Strategy, Annual Plan and Funding Policy.
- To provide an informal forum for the discussion of strategic communications issues.
- To monitor senior executive staffing policies and provide an informal forum for the discussion of human resource issues.
- To monitor and advise Council on the efficient and effective provision of support services to Council and Councillors.

Specific Responsibilities of the Policy and Finance Subcommittee include:

- 4.4.1 Receiving submissions on the Council's Long-term Financial Plan, Annual Plan and Funding Policy, and making recommendations to the full Policy and Finance Committee.
- 4.4.2 Providing a forum in which discussions can take place regarding strategic communications issues, with particular reference to their political impacts.
- 4.4.3 Providing a forum in which discussions with the General Manager can take place regarding human resource issues.
- 4.4.4 Reviewing budgets for corporate support responsibilities for recommendation to the full Policy and Finance Committee.
- 4.4.5 Reviewing and maintaining Council Standing Orders, regulations and policy manuals.
- 4.4.6 Such other matters as may be referred to the Subcommittee from time to time.

4.5 Environment Committee

Membership

In addition to Councillors, to include:

- (1) A statutory appointee as required by the Civil Defence Act 1983 when considering emergency management matters.
- (2) One additional person when considering harbours' matters.
- (3) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.
- (4) The Council Chairperson is a member *ex officio*.

Quorum: 3 Councillors

Objectives

- To promote the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the Region.

- To manage the use, development and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while:
 - * Sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonable foreseeable needs of future generations.
 - * Safeguarding the life supporting capacity of air, water, soil and ecosystems.
 - * Avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.
- To promote and enhance comprehensive emergency management, including mitigation, awareness, response and recovery programmes within the Region.
- To manage the harbours and coastal waters of the Wellington Region for navigation and safety purposes.

Specific Responsibilities of the Environment Committee include:

- 4.5.1 Advising the Council on policy matters relating to resource management, environmental standards, harbours and emergency management.
- 4.5.2 Developing and implementing regional policies and plans.
- 4.5.3 Considering applications for resource consents and determining them under delegated authority.
- 4.5.4 Reviewing and approving civil defence plans submitted by city and district councils.
- 4.5.5 Providing navigational aids, a communications service and enforcing maritime safety regulations on the harbours for which Council is responsible, as well as providing an oil pollution response service for regional coastal waters.
- 4.5.6 Taking into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in the decision making process and working with the Region's Iwi through Ara Tahi.

4.6 Utility Services Committee

Membership

- (1) Councillors.
- (2) Membership of the Committee includes the Council Chairperson and the Deputy Council Chairperson *ex officio*, but excludes both when the Committee is considering Wellington bulk water supply matters. When considering other matters, the Deputy Council Chairperson does not vote when the Council Chairperson is present.
- (3) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.
- (4) An appointee to represent the Wellington City Council who will have speaking rights but no voting rights.

Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors

Objectives

- To recommend policies on the provision, development, operation, and management of those services, which are the responsibility of the Committee.
- To monitor and advise the Council on the effectiveness and efficiency of the services which are the responsibility of the Committee.

Specific Responsibilities of the Utility Services Committee include:

4.6.1 Overseeing the planning, development, operation and maintenance of:

- The Wellington metropolitan bulk water supply system.
- The Wellington City Water distribution system (in accordance with a contract with Wellington City Council).
- The Engineering Consultancy Business Unit.
- The Laboratory Services Business Unit.
- Plantation forest estates owned by the Wellington Regional Council or operated jointly with other authorities, organisations or individuals.

4.6.2 Monitoring performance of Utility Services Division Business Units.

- 4.6.3 Approving under delegated authority and, where appropriate, recommending to Council commercial agreements with public and private sector authorities and organisations, and private individuals for the supply of Council services within the area of the Committee's responsibility.

4.7 Landcare Committee

Membership

- (1) Councillors.
- (2) The Conservator, Wellington Conservancy, Department of Conservation, with speaking (but no voting) rights.
- (3) The Council Chairperson and Deputy Council Chairperson are members *ex officio*, but the latter does not vote when the Council Chairperson is present.
- (4) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.

Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors

Objectives

- To recommend policies on the provision, development, operation and management of those services and facilities which are the responsibility of the Committee.
- To monitor and advise the Council on the effectiveness and efficiency of the services and facilities which are the responsibility of the Committee.

Specific Responsibilities of the Landcare Committee include:

- 4.7.1 Overseeing the planning, development, protection/conservation, operation, and maintenance of:
- Flood protection and environmental assets for the Western Region river corridors and associated watercourses, including Floodplain Management Planning; policy and implementation.
 - The recreation, environmental/ecological and heritage values of the Regional Parks network: parklands, recreation reserves,

natural forests, facilities and, as mutually agreed, other assets, owned, operated, or to be developed by, the Regional Council, or in conjunction with other parties

From 1 October 2000, it is proposed that the WRC Rural Fire District be disestablished. From that date, fire suppression will become an environmental asset management function of the Landcare Division through the wider Rural Fire community.

- 4.7.2 Approving under delegated authority and, where appropriate, recommending to Council commercial agreements with public and private sector authorities and organisations and private individuals for the use of Council property and facilities within areas of the Committee's responsibility.

4.8 Passenger Transport Committee

Membership

- (1) No more than 7 Regional Councillors appointed by Council.
- (2) The Council Chairperson is a member *ex officio*.
- (3) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of the Committee.
- (4) An appointee to represent the Wellington City Council who will have speaking rights but no voting rights.

Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors

Objective

- To promote the establishment and maintenance of appropriate, efficient, effective and sustainable passenger transport services within the Wellington Region.

Specific Responsibilities of the Passenger Transport Committee include:

- 4.8.1 Ensuring passenger transport planning work is co-ordinated with overall planning policies and objectives.
- 4.8.2 Preparation of the Regional Passenger Transport Plan.

- 4.8.5 Developing an urban transport policy framework within which the tendering of services can be managed so as to provide levels of service and improve co-ordination of services that are efficient and economic.
- 4.8.6 Ensuring that Government subsidies and the costs of urban transport services are allocated equitably across the Region to promote the economic use of all transport services and facilities, whether public or private
- 4.8.7 Exploring the potential for innovation and the introduction of new or modified systems and techniques that improve the effectiveness of the passenger transport system.
- 4.8.8 Giving due regard to environmental values and pollution in passenger transport planning.

4.9 Regional Land Transport Committee

Membership

- (1) A Regional Councillor as Chairperson
- (2) Up to six other Regional Councillors who shall be members of the Passenger Transport Committee.
- (3) The Regional Council Chairperson is a member *ex officio*.
- (4) Eight territorial authority councillors with one for each constituent territorial authority wholly within the Region.
- (5) One person to represent each of the following organisations:
 - Transfund New Zealand
 - Transit New Zealand
 - Land Transport Safety Authority
 - Police Commissioner
 - Commercial road users
 - Private road users
 - Public transport users/cyclists/pedestrians
 - Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce
- (6) Committee membership should comprise no more than 25 people.

Quorum: 3 Regional Councillors

Objectives

- To promote the establishment and maintenance of appropriate, efficient, effective and sustainable transport systems within the Wellington Region and linking it to other regions of New Zealand and the outside world consistent with its responsibilities under the Land Transport Act 1998.

Specific Responsibilities of the Regional Land Transport Committee include:

- 4.9.1 Preparation of the five year Regional Land Transport Strategy.
- 4.9.2 Ensuring the Regional Land Transport strategy is consistent with all statutory requirements.
- 4.9.3 Ensuring transport planning work is co-ordinated with overall planning policies and objectives.
- 4.9.4 Giving due regard to environmental values and pollution in passenger transport planning.

4.10 Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee

Membership

- (1) The two Councillors elected from the Wairarapa Constituency, one of whom is to be Chairperson.
- (2) Not less than one other Councillor.
- (3) The Council Chairperson and Deputy Council Chairperson are members *ex officio*, but the latter does not vote when the Council Chairperson is present.
- (4) Not less than four appointees, three of whom must be resident in the Wairarapa Constituency.

Quorum: 2 Councillors

Should the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee need to meet to consider matters solely related to the Wairarapa Constituency, the following membership applies:

- (1) The two Councillors elected from the Wairarapa Constituency.
- (2) The Council Chairperson ex-officio.
- (3) The appointees resident in the Wairarapa Constituency.

Quorum: 2 Councillors

Objectives

- To recommend policies and strategies concerning the management and control of plant and animal pest control services for the Region.
- To monitor and advise Council on the efficient and effective provision of plant and animal pest control services for the Region.
- To provide a forum for consideration of matters of concern to the rural community of the Wellington Region.

When the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meets to consider matters solely related to the Wairarapa Constituency, the following objectives apply:

- To advise and make recommendations on the formulation and implementation of regional policies with respect to the Wairarapa community.
- To monitor and advise Council on the effective and efficient provision of Council services within the Wairarapa community.
- To provide a forum for consideration of relevant matters of concern to the Wairarapa Community and to be directly involved in the advocacy of those issues.
- To establish and maintain liaison with the three district territorial authorities within the Wairarapa.

Specific Responsibilities of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee include:

- 4.10.1 Formulating regional animal and plant pest management strategies and plans that are consistent with other regional resource management policies and plans.
- 4.10.2 Ensuring appropriate funds are available to develop and maintain animal and plant pest management services.
- 4.10.3 When the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meets to consider matters solely related to the Wairarapa Constituency the following responsibilities apply:
 - 4.10.3.1 Ensuring that the Council and other Committees are well informed on the implications of Council policies with respect to the Wairarapa community.
 - 4.10.3.2 Initiating with other Committees the development of regional

strategic objectives and policies that take into account Wairarapa concerns and aspirations.

4.10.3.3 Advising on corporate relations and promotional programmes aimed at informing all sectors of the Wairarapa community on issues of Council policy and business.

4.10.3.4 To ensure so far as practicable, the separation of service and regulatory functions in the conduct of its business.

4.11 Subcommittees

From time to time subcommittees are established. Some are permanent and some are established and dissolved as required.

4.12 Further Information

Information on current subcommittees and joint committees can be obtained from the Senior Committee Secretary at the Council offices, which are situated at 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington.

5. Management Team

5.1 Management Team

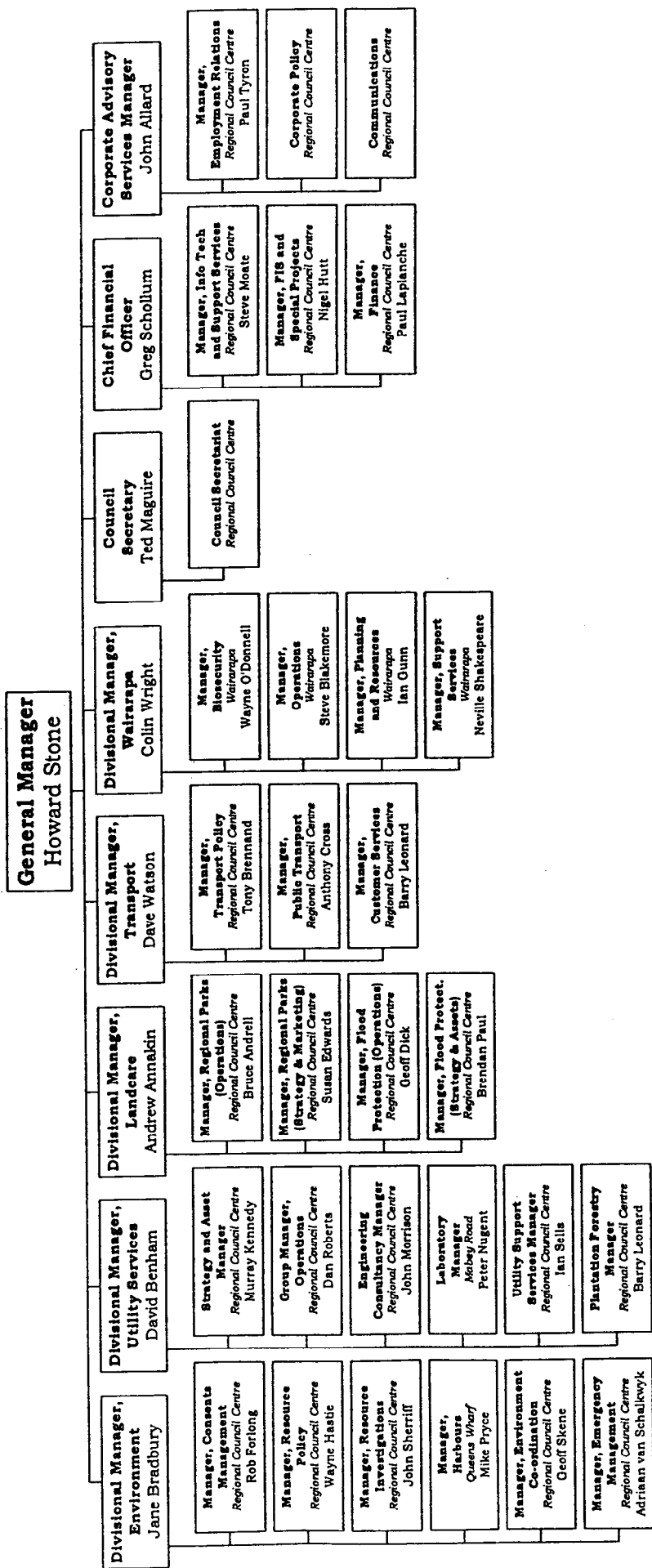
The General Manager is charged with overall responsibility for the implementation of Council policy. The Wellington Regional Council is divided into five functional divisions and three Corporate divisions. These are

- (1) Environment Division
- (2) Utility Services Division
- (3) Landcare Division
- (4) Transport Division
- (5) Wairarapa Division
- (6) Council Secretariat
- (7) Finance and Administration
- (8) Corporate Advisory Services

5.2 Management Team Structure

The management team structure and membership are set out on the chart on the following page.

Wellington Regional Council Management



5.3 Divisional and Departmental Responsibilities

Divisional and Departmental responsibilities are as follows:

(1) Environment Division

The Environment Division is the responsibility of the Divisional Manager, Environment. The Division is made up of the following departments:

Environment Co-ordination Department

Role: To oversee the implementation of the Resource Policy Statement and the environmental education/communication strategy, as well as delivering programmes for both.

Consents Management Department

Role: To provide a resource consent regime which facilitates the use and development of natural and physical resources while ensuring that the adverse environmental effects of that use and development are avoided, remedied, or mitigated.

Resource Investigations Department

Role: To monitor the state of the Regional environment, promote sustainable resource management practices and where necessary enforce the requirements of the RMA & Regional Plans.

Resource Policy Department

Role: To promote the sustainable management of the Region's natural and physical resources through well-informed and integrated policy development.

Harbours Department

Role: To provide and implement plans and policies to ensure a clean, well-regulated and safe environment for navigation and recreation within harbours and coastal waters.

Emergency Management Department

Role: To try to ensure that the Region is as ready as possible to cope with major emergency events.

(2) Utility Services Division

The Utility Services Division is the responsibility of the Divisional Manager, Utility Services. The Division is made up of the following departments:

Operations Group

Role: To ensure that a safe and constant supply of water is provided for the benefit of the people of the Wellington Metropolitan Region.

Strategy and Asset Group

Role: To enhance the management of water supply in the region by providing strategic direction, asset management and associated capital works, marketing and economics advice and quality assurance.

Engineering Consultancy Group

Role: To operate a successful consultancy business by providing competitive quality design and project management expertise for The Water Group and WRC, and to provide a return to The Water Group.

Laboratory Services

Role: To operate a successful unit and provide a return to The Water Group by providing high quality scientific analytical and interpretative services in the water quality field.

Utility Services Support

Role: To provide managerial, financial, secretarial and administrative assistance to the departments of The Water Group and Plantation Forestry.

Plantation Forestry

Role: To operate as a successful exotic forestry business by maximising returns to Council in the medium term.

(3) Landcare Division

The Landcare Division is the responsibility of the Divisional Manager, Landcare. The division is made up of the following departments:

Parks and Forests (Operations)

Role: To maintain regional park and forest lands assets, including the implementation of Asset Management Plans. Provides specialist field staff and Park and Forest Rangers. Manages recreational facilities, opportunities and areas; and protection of important natural and heritage features within the greater Wellington metropolitan area.

Parks and Forests (Strategy and Marketing)

Role: To provide strategic leadership for Regional Parks and Forest Lands:

- develops, implements and interprets an appropriate policy framework for the provision and management of the Regional Parks, natural forests and for environmental management services in Water Collection Areas;
- develops opportunities to enhance community participation, understanding and education about its Regional Parks and Forests.

Flood Protection (Operations)

Role: Management and maintenance of the Council's flood protection assets in the western part of the region. Activities also include environmental enhancement programmes, flood response and managing gravel extraction.

Flood Protection (Strategy and Assets)

Role: Preparation of Floodplain Management Plans, Asset Management Plans and flood risk assessments (including advisory services to territorial local authorities). "Design and build" responsibilities for new flood protection capital assets. Flood Protection policy development and flood warning.

(4) Transport Division

The Transport Division is the responsibility of the Divisional Manager, Transport. The Division is made up of the following departments:

Public Transport Department

Role: To ensure the provision of public transport services that meet the needs of the Regional Community in the most efficient and cost effective way.

Transport Policy Department

Role: To prepare land transport plans and programmes and to identify policies that will, when implemented, ensure the provision of efficient and effective transport systems for the Wellington Regional community.

Customer Services Department

Role: To provide information to the public on public transport services through timetables, public notices and the operation of a call centre.

(5) Wairarapa Division

The Wairarapa division is the responsibility of the Divisional Manager, Wairarapa. The Division is made up of the following departments:

Wairarapa Operations Department

Role: To provide soil conservation throughout the Region, and rivers management, land drainage, and conservation forestry in the Wairarapa.

Wairarapa Planning and Resources Department

Role: To provide services in civil defence, including flood warnings, statutory planning, environmental planning, natural resource management and monitoring.

Biosecurity Department

Role: To manage plant and animal pests, and to provide Bovine Tb vector control services throughout the Region.

Wairarapa Support Services

Role: To provide administrative and account processing support for the Wairarapa Division. Includes rating for the Council's Separate Scheme and Pest Rates, resourcing of the Masterton office and the servicing of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee.

(6) Council Secretariat

The Council Secretariat is the responsibility of the Council Secretary. The Council Secretariat supports the Regional Council's decision-making process in two primary ways:

- By providing advice on constitutional and administrative issues; and
- By providing secretariat services to the Council and its Committees.

More specifically, the Secretariat:

- Services Council and Committee meetings;
- Responds to legislative changes and external events affecting the general administration of the Council. Administers general statutory public consultation processes.
- Regularly reviews the Council's administrative policies, systems and procedures, and carries out special processes as required.
- Provides advice on the above matters to elected members and senior management.

(7) Finance and Administration

Finance and Administration is the responsibility of the Chief Financial Officer. The Division is made up of the following departments:

Finance

Role: To provide the Council with financial skills, advice and services so as to ensure that the organisation's assets, liabilities and operations are accurately accounted for, and to provide good quality financial information systems to meet the needs of Council departments.

Information Technology and Support Services

Role: To provide a source of cost effective access to Information Technology equipment and expertise, and to provide good quality support services to meet the needs of Council departments.

Property

Role: To ensure the effective management of the Council's property, and to provide advice to Council departments on various property related matters.

(8) Corporate Advisory Services

Corporate Advisory Services is the responsibility of the Corporate Advisory Services Manager.

Communications

Communications is the responsibility of the Manager, Corporate Advisory Services.

Role: To get the public of the Region to understand, value and support, the continuation of the services provided by the Wellington Regional Council.

Corporate Policy

Corporate Policy is the responsibility of the Corporate Advisory Services Manager.

Role: To provide advice to the General Manager as to the best direction for the Council and to help establish priorities.

Employment Services

Employment Services is the responsibility of the Employment Relations Manager.

Role: To provide effective and appropriate “value added” human resource services to Council management and staff including Payroll.

6. Information Held – General

Much of the official information held by the Wellington Regional Council is in the form of operational plans and related documentation for the management of Council resources and functions.

There is also information related to personnel and Council policy.

6.1 File Index

Files are kept under the following main headings:

Current Files

Correct as at August 2000

| | |
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| B | Bulk Water |
| C | Civil Defence (Closed - see Z series) |
| CC | Corporate Communications |
| CFO | Chief Financial Officer |
| CMM | Consents Management |
| CP | Corporate Policy |
| CPM | Corporate Policy Management |
| CS | Council Secretariat Management |
| D | Technical Services |
| E | Council |
| ENV | Environment Division Overall |
| F | Forestry (Held in Upper Hutt) |
| G | Financial Services |
| H | Wellington City Water |
| HT | Depot: Wellington City Water (Held at depot) |
| I | Information Technology and Support Services |
| IM | Information Technology and Support Services Management |
| J | Harbours (Held at Queens Wharf offices) |
| K | Consents Management, Resource Investigations |
| LM | Landcare Management |
| LS | Landcare Support |
| M | Wellington Regional Council Subsidiaries |
| N | Rivers Department |
| O | Operations Division Management |
| Q | Human Resources |
| R | Recreation Department |
| RIM | Resource Investigations Management |
| RPM | Resource Policy Management |
| T | Regional Transport |
| US | Utility Support Services |
| X | Planning and Policy |
| Y | Wairarapa (Held in Wairarapa) |
| Z | Emergency Management |

Wellington Regional Council Information Services also holds old Regional Council records and the records of previous organisations and bodies of the Council.

For further information about the Council's records, please contact the Information Services Officer (Records Management).

7. Information Held: Council

Towards a Greater Wellington - Investing in the Future (Volumes I & II)

Documents combining the Council's 2000/01 Annual Plan and long term financial strategy. The long term financial strategy has been produced in accordance with the following Council policies which are summarised in this document:

- Funding Policy
- Treasury Management Policy
- Specific Council policies in relation to each of the significant activities
- Section 247D analysis of contracting versus in-house service delivery.

Departmental Operating Plans

These documents are produced by every department within Council and contain detailed financial information concerning each department's activities.

Information Held: By Division

This section gives a general description of the manuals and other documents held by the Wellington Regional Council. Copies are held in the Library and/or Information Services Section of the Information Technology and Support Services Department, as well as by the appropriate department or division.

7.1 *Environment Division*

Resource Policy Department

Resource Management

- (1) Regional Plans prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991
- (2) Regional Policy Statement
- (3) Planwell
- (4) Iwi consultation material, including Charter of Understanding
- (5) Reports and maps on regional hazards (other than flooding)

Information

- (6) Geographic Information Systems database information
- (7) Various items of demographic information

Consents Management Department

- (1) Details of Resource Consents
- (2) Resource Management Charging Policy, 1997
- (3) Pamphlets on Resource Consents and consent application forms.
- (4) Resource Consents Database
- (5) Consents Processing Manual
- (6) Compliance Monitoring Manual

Resource Investigations Department

- (1) Details of reported pollution complaints
- (2) Incident Response Manual
- (3) Hydrological, air quality, water quality and other information
- (4) State of the environment reporting documents
- (5) Contaminated Sites Management Strategy
- (6) Land Use Register – This register contains information that may be personally or commercially sensitive. Information from the register will be supplied or withheld in accordance with the Council's Contaminated Site Management Strategy and the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Harbours Department

- (1) General harbours information for referral purposes
- (2) Response manuals (civil defence, pollution)
- (3) Port of Wellington information
- (4) Lloyd's Register

- (5) Harbours legislation
- (6) Shipping periodicals
- (7) General shipping information

Emergency Management Department

- (1) National Civil Defence Plan
- (2) Local Authority Civil Defence Plans
- (3) Information on the reduction of risks (mitigation)
- (4) Information on the preparedness of the community (readiness)
- (5) Information on the Region's Lifelines Group
- (6) Audio/visual resource material

Environment Co-ordination Department

- (1) Information on environmental education, resource kits, and the Environmental Education Strategy.

7.2 Utility Services Division

Water Supply Operations Group – Network Section as Contractor to the Wellington City Council

- (1) Plans of Wellington City water system
- (2) Aerial photographs of Wellington City
- (3) Codes of Practice for new construction and subdivision development
- (4) Works programmes and cost expenditure records
- (5) Contracts entered into
- (6) Records of maintenance carried out
- (7) Wellington City water information sheets (policy and procedures)

Operations Group

- (1) Plans of the Wholesale water system
- (2) History of water supply in the Wellington Region 1872 - 1985

- (3) Annual Business Reports of Works Group
- (4) Information sheets and brochures
- (5) Health and Safety Manual
- (6) Emergency Response Plans

Engineering Consultancy Group

No documents held

Strategy and Asset Group

- (1) ISO9002 & ISO 14001 Manuals
- (2) Asset Management Plans

Laboratory Services

No documents are held.

Client reports are produced which include water quality data. However any data relating to external clients can not be released.

Plantation Forestry

- (1) Data on exotic forest stands
- (2) Forest Working Plan

7.3 Landcare Division

Regional Parks

Surveys and Studies

- (1) Regional parks for the Wellington Region, Wellington Regional Planning Authority, 1976
- (2) Belmont Regional Park Landscape Assessment, 1988
- (3) Wellington Regional Recreation study, 1988

- (4) Levels of Demand for Outdoor Recreational Activities, A Survey of Wellington Region, 1993
- (5) Summer and Winter Visitor Survey of Wellington Regional Parks and Key Recreation Areas, 1995 (Volumes I and II)
- (6) Akatarawa Visitor Survey, 1999
- (7) Regional Parks Visitor Survey, 2000
- (8) Landcare Division's contribution to the Plantation Forestry Exit Strategy, 1999
- (9) Forest Health Survey, 2000

Plans

- (10) Rimutaka Incline Management Plan, July 1986
- (11) Pakuratahi Development Plan, Kaitoke Regional Park, 1987
- (12) Tunnel Gully Recreation Area Management Plan, 1988
- (13) Stratton Street Development Plan, Belmont Regional Park, 1988
- (14) Dry Creek Development Concept, Belmont Regional Park, 1989
- (15) Wellington Regional Council Ranger Review, 1990
- (16) Kaitoke Regional Park Interpretation Plan, 1991
- (17) Tunnel Gully Development Plan, 1990
- (18) Kaitoke Regional Park Management Plan, 1991
- (19) Battle Hill Farm Forest Park Management Plan, 1992
- (20) Queen Elizabeth Park Management Plan, 1993
- (21) Te Marua Entrance, Kaitoke Regional Park, Development Proposals, 1993
- (22) Maungakotukutuku Valley Management Plan, 1994
- (23) Outdoors Wellington, A Strategic Plan for Outdoor Recreation, Landscape and Heritage in the Wellington Region 1994-2004
- (24) East Harbour Regional Park Management Plan, 1995

- (25) Belmont Regional Park Management Plan, 1996
- (26) Wellington Regional Council Forest Lands and Water Collection Areas Interim Management Plan, 1996

Policies and Guidelines

- (27) Visitor Monitoring Programme for Wellington Regional Parks and Recreation Areas, 1991
- (28) Commercial Recreation and Related Services on Regional Council Lands: Concessions Policy, 1992 (currently being reviewed, draft plan prepared July 2000)
- (29) Trail Bike Riding in the Wellington Metropolitan Area, 1992
- (30) WRC Policy on Mountain Biking, 1996
- (31) Regional Parks Fees and Charges, 1996 (currently under review)
- (32) Park Brochures (full list available from Parks and Forests).
- (33) Motorised Recreational user Code and Management Guidelines 1997 – Akatarawa Forest
- (34) Animal Pest Management Strategy Council, Council Lands, 1998
- (35) Asset Management Plan June 2000
- (36) Fire Protection Guidelines – WRC Rural Fire District has been disestablished. Each Park and Forest has a Fire Protection Plan prepared in association with the Local Rural Fire Authority

Flood Protection

- (1) Plans, photographs, maps of major river systems
- (2) Aerial photographs of Hutt, Otaki, Waikanae, Porirua and Mangaone floodplains
- (3) “Living with the River”, 1996 and associated Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan documents, including Newsletters Nos 1-5
- (4) Waikanae River Floodplain Management Plan, 1997 and associated documents
- (5) Otaki River Floodplain Management Plan, 1998 and associated documents

- (6) Porirua Flood Mitigation Scheme documents
- (7) Waiwhetu Stream Management documents
- (8) Ewen Floodway Project documents
- (9) Wainuiomata Flood Hazard Assessment documents
- (10) Asset Management Plans, June 2000
- (11) Various minor watercourse investigations in the Western part of the Region

7.4 Transport Division

- (1) Regional Land Transport Strategy – Identifies future land transport needs and the most desirable means of responding to these in a safe and cost effective manner, and having regard to the environment. Contains policies and programmes for the strategic development of the transport system.
- (2) Wellington Regional Road Safety Strategy – Lists goals for road safety and proposed action.
- (3) Land Use and Urban Design Guidelines – Provides guidelines on land use and urban design to support passenger transport, cycling, efficient movement of freight and pedestrian movements.
- (4) Regional Passenger Transport Plan – Specifies administrative and operational matters relating to the passenger transport system in the Region, including policies related to fares, routes and timetables. (This document is incorporated into the Regional Land Transport Strategy document)
- (5) Bus Timetables for each route or group of routes in the Region showing all services which are funded by the Council, whether under contract or through the concessionary fares scheme. Train timetables are published by Tranz Rail. All bus and train services are also available on the Council's website at www.wrc.govt.nz/timetables.
- (6) Register of Scheduled Passenger Services – List of all scheduled public transport services that operate in the Region.
- (7) Annual Road Safety Report – Contains statistics on road accidents.
- (8) Traffic Related Air Quality Monitoring Reports – Contain air quality

information collected at several sites adjacent to the road network.

- (9) Census Day Journey To Work Data 1996: Contains Wellington regional data on travel modes for the work journey.
- (10) Population Forecasts by Territorial Local Authority area for the Wellington Region to 2021, showing predictions of population changes over time up to 2016.
- (11) Economic Forecasts by Sector in the Wellington Region to 2016 – Provide predictions on changes to employment totals by industry sector in the Wellington Region up to 2016.
- (12) 1988 Home Interview Travel Survey – Contains data on household travel patterns at 1988.
- (13) School Bus Schedules – List all the special school buses provided in the Wellington Region.
- (14) Bus and Train Guide – A fold out map and travel guide showing all train and bus services in the Wellington Region.
- (15) Bus, Train and Ferry Passenger Surveys undertaken in 1998, 1999 and 2000 (held in the Council's library)

7.5 Wairarapa Division

Biosecurity

- (1) Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy 1996-2001
- (2) Regional Animal Pest Management Strategy 1996-2001
- (3) Records of inspections and incidence of pest plants, both computer and maps
- (4) Bovine Tb vector control programme maps

Civil Defence

- (1) Hazard Identification
- (2) Plan for declared animal disease emergency
- (3) Corporate Emergency Plan
- (4) Civil Defence briefing paper (Wairarapa local authorities)

- (5) Wellington Zone/Region Headquarters Manual
- (6) Earthquake Events Survey
- (7) Regional Civil Defence Plan

Wairarapa Operations

- (1) River management scheme records, plans, maps, aerial photographs, rating classifications
- (2) Drainage management scheme records, rating classifications
- (3) Soil and water conservation plans, including maps, photos and aerial photographs
- (4) Wind erosion control and shelter plans
- (5) Soil conservation reserves – management plans and records
- (6) Catchment scheme plans, maps, aerial photographs and rating classifications
- (7) Various works programmes and cost expenditure records

Wairarapa Planning and Resources

- (1) Planning applications for new construction and subdivision development
- (2) Wairarapa Regional Planning Scheme
- (3) Water and soil policy
- (4) Transitional Regional Plan 1991
- (5) Off the Edge
- (6) Wairarapa Waste Survey
- (7) Investigations of Coastal Hazards – Riversdale Beach
- (8) Waingawa Flood Hazard Report
- (9) The Waiohine River: Assessment of potential flood damage costs
- (10) Regional Plan for Maroa shallow aquifer
- (11) Waingawa Groundwater Study

- (12) Water Allocation Plans –
 - Waingawa River
 - Waiohine River
 - Tauherenikau River
 - Kopuaranga River
- (13) Investigation Reports for the development of groundwater supply systems for Martinborough, Carterton and Masterton, plus the proposed Martinborough Irrigation Scheme and various rural water supply schemes
- (14) Details of resource consents and consent monitoring
- (15) Resource consents database
- (16) Details of pollution incidents investigated
- (17) Information pamphlets on Resource Consents and Consent application forms
- (18) Agwaste disposal policy
- (19) Pollution response manual
- (20) Rainfall and river gauging, telemetry data and accompanying water records for rivers and lakes
- (21) Flood warning manual and lists
- (22) Groundwater data – levels and pump tests
- (23) Water quality data – surface and groundwater
- (24) Air emissions inventory, Wairarapa
- (25) Various flood reports
- (26) Resource Management Administrative Charging Policy 1997
- (27) Baseline Water Quality of Wairarapa Rivers
- (28) Baseline Water Quality of Wairarapa Coastal Water
- (29) Heavy Metals, Soils and Water

Support Services

- (1) Minutes and records from the previous local authorities, namely the

Wairarapa Catchment Board, Pest Destruction Board and Wairarapa United Council

- (2) Rating records for Special Scheme Rates
- (3) Wairarapa debtor records and transaction
- (4) Wairarapa creditor records and transactions
- (5) Wairarapa inwards and outwards correspondence
- (6) Minutes and records of the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee meetings
- (7) Sundry accounting and administrative records relating to the Wairarapa Division

7.6 Council Secretariat

- (1) WRC Standing Orders Bylaw 1990 for regulation of Council business and meetings.
- (2) Wellington Regional Water Board Bylaws
- (3) Wellington Regional Council By Laws for Forests, Parks and Recreational Areas.
- (4) Corporate Objectives, Policies and Terms of Reference for Council and Standing Committees.
- (5) Delegations Manual.
- (6) Official Information Directory.
- (7) Councillors' Handbook
- (8) Funding Policy
- (9) Guide to the Privacy Act 1993
- (10) Minutes and order papers of Council and Standing Committee meetings, including reports to Council and Committees from 1989.
- (11) Minutes, order papers and reports of the former Wellington Regional Council and the Wellington Regional Water Board.
- (12) Minutes and reports of WRC Holdings Ltd.
- (13) The Councillor Services Guide – Guidelines for writing reports to

Council and Standing Committees.

7.7 Finance and Administration Division

Finance Department

Holds supporting documentation for the Annual Plan and Annual Report. This includes financial records and documentation on loans, investments, assets and liabilities.

Information Technology and Support Services Department

- (1) Holds files and records on behalf of other departments.
- (2) Copies of Council publications are held in the Regional Council Centre office library.

Property Department

Holds database of key information relating to Council property.

7.8 Corporate Advisory Services

Corporate Policy

No documentation held.

Communications

- (1) Investing in the Future 2000-2010 and 2000/01 Annual Plan – A document combining the Council's 2000/01 Annual Plan and long term financial strategy.
- (2) Annual Plans
- (3) Annual Reports

Employment Services

- (1) Personnel Database: Computerised personnel records – leave management, personal details, corporate structure, position/job, salary ranges.
- (2) Personal files for past and current employees.
- (3) Employment contracts.
- (4) Employment legislation reference material.
- (5) Information on training opportunities, seminars and conference.
- (6) Current and historical salary surveys.
- (7) Induction and information/kits for new employees.
- (8) Job descriptions/advertisements
- (9) Health and Safety Guidelines.

8. Obtaining Information

8.1 *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 applies to all information held by local authorities, including that relating to meetings. "Information" means information in its broadest sense, that is, what is known as well as what is physically recorded and includes a variety of types of records, including tapes, photographs, microfiche.

Requests for official information may be written or oral and should be directed in the first instance to the Information Services Officer (Records Management). Information Services will send a brief letter acknowledging that the request has been received.

The Council is under a statutory obligation to decide whether or not the information requested will be provided. This decision is required to be made within 20 working days of the date the request is received and the Council must inform the individual accordingly. Where the Wellington Regional Council declines a request, there is a right of review by the Ombudsman and subsequent appeal to the High Court.

Personal information is available free of charge to that person. The first hour of staff time involved in retrieving information and the first 20 pages of information are free of charge. There may be a charge of \$28 per half-hour of staff time after the first hour and 20 cents per A4 page after the first 20 pages. Other charges will be based on the recovery of actual costs.

8.2 *Privacy Act 1993*

The objective of the Privacy Act 1993 is to provide better protection for individual privacy in relation to the collection, use, access, correction and disclosure of personal information held by any public and private sector "agency", which includes the Council.

Personal information may be collected only for a lawful purpose connected with a function or activity of the Council and only if necessary for that purpose. Such information must, as a general rule, be collected directly from the individual concerned and that person must be told why the information is needed.

Only an individual who is in New Zealand, or who is a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand may make a request for personal information. Requests for privacy information may be written or oral and should be directed in the first

instance to the Information Services Officer (Records Management).

The Council is required within 20 working days after the request has been made to decide whether the request is to be granted, and to inform the individual accordingly. There is no charge for information supplied under the Privacy Act.

Where the Council refuses an individual's request for personal information, it is required to give reasons and inform the individual of their right to seek a review by the Privacy Commissioner.

9. Meetings

9.1 Council

Ordinary meetings of the Wellington Regional Council are held in six weekly intervals in the Council Chamber, Level 5, Regional Council Centre, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington.

Special meetings are held as required.

9.2 Standing Committees

The Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee generally meets in the Committee Room, Wellington Regional Council office, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton.

Meetings of all the Standing Committees are usually held in the Council Chamber.

9.3 Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Wellington Regional Council or of the Standing Committees are held as requested.

9.4 Notice of Meetings

Public notification of all Wellington Regional Council meetings is given in daily newspapers published in the region. Unless otherwise notified, all meetings commence at 9.30am.

A schedule of ordinary meetings and some special meetings is adopted annually by Council.

10. Statutory References

10.1 Legislation

Some of the more important legislation affecting the Wellington Regional Council is:

- Biosecurity Act 1993
- Building Act 1991
- Bylaws Act 1910
- Carter Observatory Act 1938
- Civil Defence Act 1983
- Companies Act 1993
- Forest and Rural Fires Act 1977 and Regulations 1979
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992
- Land Transport Act 1993
- Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968
- Local Elections and Polls Act 1976
- Local Government Act 1974
- Local Government (Local Authorities Salaries and Allowances) Determination 1998
- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
- Local Government (Wellington Region) Reorganisation Order 1989
- Maritime Transport Act 1994
- New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990
- Privacy Act 1993
- Public Finance Act 1989
- Public Bodies Leases Act 1969
- Rating Powers Act 1988
- Rating Valuations Act 1998
- Reserves Act 1977
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Secret Commissions Act 1910
- Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941
- Transit New Zealand Act 1989
- Transport Services Licensing Act 1989
- Wellington Regional Council (Stadium Empowering) Act 1996 (Local Act)
- Wellington Regional Water Board Act 1972 (Local Act)
- Wellington Region Fire District Order 1986

10.2 Bylaws

Regulations are also made under the authority of various Acts and Wellington Regional Council Bylaws:

- Wairarapa Catchment Board and Regional Water Board Bylaws 1979
- Wellington Harbour Board Bylaws
- Wellington Regional Council (Standing Orders) Bylaw 1990
- Wellington Regional Council Bylaws for Forests, Parks and Recreation Areas 1994
- Wellington Regional Water Board Bylaws 1976