

What is the role of the Regional Councillors?

Elected members, acting as the Council, are responsible for governance. This includes:

- Developing and adopting Council policy and budgets
- Monitoring the Council's performance against its stated objectives
- Prudent stewardship of Council resources
- Employing the Chief Executive.

What does the Council do?

The Council and its various committees meet approximately every six weeks to receive reports from Greater Wellington staff, debate issues and decide on policy. The Council decides the overall policies, while the Greater Wellington's management provides advice to the Council and is responsible for carrying out the Council's decisions. In general, meetings are open to the public and notified in local newspapers and on the Greater Wellington website.

How many committees are there within the Council?

To assist in the efficient running of business, the Council has established eight committees and one subcommittee. The terms of reference for the committees and subcommittee set out the responsibilities that have been delegated by the Council.

The Council is also a member of three joint committees with other councils in the region:

- Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (administered by Greater Wellington Regional Council)
- Wellington Regional Leadership Committee (administered by Greater Wellington Regional Council)
- Wellington Water Committee (administered by Hutt City Council)
- Te Awarua-o-Porirua Harbour and Catchment Joint Committee (administered by Porirua City Council).

Greater Wellington Regional Council's committees

| Council committee | Environment | Transport | Chief Executive Employment Review | Climate | Finance, Risk and Assurance | Regional Transport | Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan | Wairarapa | Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee |
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| Chair and Deputy Chair | Chair Cr Penny Gaylor Deputy Chair Cr Ros Connelly | Chair Cr Roger Blakeley Deputy Chair Cr David Lee | Chair Cr Glenda Hughes Deputy Chair Cr Penny Gaylor | Chair Cr Thomas Nash Deputy Chair Cr David Lee | Chair Martin Matthews Deputy Chair Cr Chris Kirk-Burnnand | Chair Cr Adrienne Staples Deputy Chair Cr Daran Ponter | Co-Chair Cr Jenny Brash | Chair Cr Adrienne Staples | Chair Cr Prue Lamason Deputy Chair Cr Josh van Lier |
| Committee functions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity • Biosecurity • Harbour navigation and safety • Soil conservation/ land management • Wairarapa Moana • Community environmental groups • Flood management • Regional parks and recreation land and facilities • RMA oversight | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable transport, walking and cycling • Public transport • Reducing impacts of the region's transport system on the environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a Chief Executive recruitment process (if required) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change leaderships for Greater Wellington's strategies, programmes and initiatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit • Risk • Assurance • Health and Safety • Insurance • Monitoring and review of financial policies and financial performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the objectives of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 • Regional Land Transport Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional plan development and review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues relevant to the Wairarapa, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – flood protection – land management – biosecurity – biodiversity – public transport – natural resource management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hutt Valley-specific flood management |

The terms of reference and membership of each committee are available on Greater Wellington's website.

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