

1. Wellington Regional Strategy Committee

Objective

The Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is established to implement and develop the WRS.

Specific Responsibilities

The committee's responsibilities include:

- (a) Overseeing the ongoing selection and recommendation of five non - local government members for appointment to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.
- (b) On behalf of the Council, and acting on behalf of all councils in the region:
 - i) Taking responsibility for overall guidance and further development of the WRS.
 - ii) Recommending, in accordance with its General Responsibilities, a required funding proposal to the Council to be consulted on annually, in the course of its annual plan or long term council community plan process which will include the proposed amount and allocation of a recommended targeted rate, to be collected by the Council, to fund existing and new economic development initiatives and other initiatives outlined in the WRS.
 - iii) Overseeing the establishment, governance, funding, and accountability of a council-controlled organisation to be responsible for delivering the economic development initiatives outlined in the WRS.
 - iv) Seeking additional central government funding to support the initiatives outlined in the WRS.
 - v) Implementing (subject to available funding) other initiatives outlined in the WRS.
 - vi) Co-ordinating, monitoring, and guiding various initiatives to achieve outcomes identified in the WRS.
- (c) Supporting an independent review of the WRS and its implementation in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Conducting a review to address and make recommendations for changes to the WRS. This will include consideration of whether the committee and/or its funding and other arrangements should continue.

- (ii) Completing the review by 30 June 2011.
- (d) Recommending to Council whether or not it will continue to carry out the function of regional economic development, having considered the outcome of the review in (c) above.
- (e) Subject to a recommendation to the Council for it to continue the function of regional economic development, to undertake on behalf of the Council the process set out in section 16 of the Local Government Act 2002 or such other process that applies at the time, prior to 1 July 2012.

Operating Principles

The Council has agreed that it will not act independently of the committee, so that any committee recommendations that the Council is not prepared to accept will be referred back to the committee for further consideration.

The Council and the territorial authorities of the region intend to complete a multiparty agreement to record their agreement in regard to the future implementation, governance, and funding of the WRS by the Council.

The Local Government Chief Executive Group will be the principal advisor to the committee.

Membership

The membership will be 12 persons in total, made up and appointed by the Council (from time to time), as follows:

- **Seven Local Government Members**

1. One regional councillor.
2. One member nominated to represent the interests of the Wairarapa Constituency. This person will be nominated jointly by the Masterton, Carterton, and South Wairarapa district councils.
3. One member nominated by each of the remaining constituent territorial authorities within the region.
4. The local government members may be replaced from time to time by the respective territorial authorities providing written notice to the Council, confirming the amended nomination.

- **Five Non-Local Government Members**

5. Five non-local government members recommended by the seven local Government members, appointed on the basis of skills, experience, standing, and networks in the regional community relevant to the goals of the Wellington Regional Strategy (WRS).
6. One of the five non-local government members must be a suitable person to represent Māori interests.

- **Chairperson**

The appointment of the chairperson and deputy is to be determined by the full committee when all 12 members have been appointed. The chairperson must be a non-local government member.

The Council Chairperson is not a member ex-officio of this committee, unless appointed in accordance with the provisions for Local Government Members.

Quorum: Must include the Regional Council member, the chairperson or deputy chairperson of the committee, and at least 50% of the remaining membership.

- **Alternates**

The regional councillor appointed to the committee must have an alternate who may attend and vote at meetings of the committee in the event of the appointed regional councillor's absence or unavailability.

Each of the councils is entitled to appoint an alternate member who may attend and vote at meetings of the committee, but only in the event that the nominated and appointed member is unable to do so.

- **Remuneration**

Each council shall be responsible for remunerating its representative on the committee for the cost of that person's participation in the committee.

The remuneration of the non-local government members will be determined and approved by the Council, following consideration of any recommendation of the committee.

- **Term of Appointment**

The initial seven local government members shall be appointed for terms that expire on the date of each local government triennial election.

The subsequent local government membership shall be appointed in accordance with the process set out above as soon as possible after each local government triennial election, and for a term that expires on the date of the following local government triennial election.

The initial five non-local government members shall be appointed for terms that expire on the date of the local government triennial election in 2007. Each of the initial five non-local government members shall, subject to the following clauses, be eligible for re-appointment at the beginning of the triennium following the 2007 elections.

On 30 January 2009, and on each succeeding 30 January, one of the five non-local government members shall retire from office.

The non-local government members to retire in any year shall be the member who has been longest in office since the last appointment, but as between members who became or were appointed as members on the same day, the order in which members shall retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be decided by lot.

Notwithstanding the order drawn by lot, the Chair of the Committee will automatically be moved to the bottom of the order of retirement and the order previously drawn will be amended to reflect this.

Standing Orders

Special provisions relating to voting, as set out in Standing Orders 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 20.4, 30.1 and 30.2 of the Greater Wellington Standing Orders 2007, apply to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.

Delegations

- ii) The Council delegates to the committee all duties and powers to achieve its specific responsibilities except those matters reserved under clause 32 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, and the appointment of new members.
- iii) The committee is authorised to appoint a subcommittee of its members, as determined by the committee.

General Responsibilities

The general responsibilities in clause 3 of these terms of reference for all standing committees apply, with the exception of clause 3.13 which is amended to read as follows for this committee:

Clause 3.13

Recommend for ratification by the Council, where appropriate, appointment of members of the committee in accordance with the terms of reference.

Duration of the Committee

In accordance with clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee is not deemed to be discharged following each triennial election.