

Environmental Management Committee

Terms of Reference

Membership

The committee shall be comprised of five (5) councillors plus eight (8) appointments representing:

1. Far North District Council
2. Whangarei District Council
3. Kaipara District Council
4. Cultural Interests
5. Environmental Interest Groups
6. Farming Community
7. Department of Conservation
8. Forest Industry

Terms of Membership

Should any member appointed to represent an outside organisation or group be absent without prior leave from two consecutive meetings of the committee, that person's appointment is automatically terminated.

Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the committee, the Democracy and Legal Services SPM shall report this to the next meeting of the council for determination as to whether or not the nominating organisation or group is to be invited to nominate a replacement. The committee has the power to co-opt a person as a member of the committee to assist with special projects, or it may recommend to the council that additional members be appointed to the committee should it consider wider representation would be of assistance in performing its functions.

Members of the committee representing outside organisations or groups, are expected to regularly report back to their nominating organisation on matters discussed at committee meetings.

Functions

1. To regularly monitor and review progress towards the objectives and achievement of the performance targets and outcomes in the relevant Northland Community Plan and the subsequent Annual Plans in relation to the following groups of activities:
 - Resource Management Planning
 - Consents
 - Environmental Monitoring
 - Land and Rivers
 - Biosecurity
 - Maritime Operations
2. To advise and recommend to the council on matters of policy and implementation in relation to the following groups of activities:

- Resource Management Planning
 - Consents
 - Environmental Monitoring
 - Land and Rivers
 - Biosecurity
 - Maritime Operations
3. To advise the council on any significant legislative changes, programmes, plans or reports relating to the above functions.
 4. To review and recommend to council on such other functions as may be delegated from time to time.

Delegated Authority – Power to Act

1. The council grant to the committee the power to act on all matters except those matters specified by Clause 32 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002:
 - a) make a rate;
 - b) make a bylaw;
 - c) borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than that in accordance with the current Long Term Plan or Annual Plan;
 - d) adopt a Long Term Plan, or Annual Plan, or Annual Report;
 - e) appoint a Chief Executive; or
 - f) adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with a Long Term Plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.
2. Does not have the powers of council to act re:
 - the final approval of plans prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991;
 - the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
 - the Land Drainage Act 1908;
 - the Soil Conservation and Rivers Act 1941;
 - the Maritime Transport Act 1994;
 - the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002;
 - the Biosecurity Act 1993; and
 - in respect of matters under those Acts that do not permit such delegations.
3. Does have the ability to appoint subcommittees to deal with any matters of responsibility within the committee's Terms of Reference and areas of responsibility, and to make recommendations to the committee on such matters. (Any subcommittee shall not have power to act other than by a resolution of the committee with specific limitations where there is urgency or special circumstance.)
4. Does have the ability to make decisions in accordance with the Terms of Reference.