

## **Upper Ruamahanga River Management Advisory Committee** (An advisory body to the Wairarapa Committee)

### **1 Purpose<sup>1</sup>**

Oversee the implementation of the Te Kāuru Upper Ruamāhanga Floodplain Management Plan (the FMP).

### **2 Specific responsibilities**

- 2.1 Review periodically the effectiveness of implementation and delivery of the FMP, and recommend any changes to the Wairarapa Committee<sup>2</sup>.
- 2.2 Oversee the public involvement process during implementation of the FMP.
- 2.3 Ensure the methods adopted through the FMP to manage the effects of flooding and erosion consider the river / stream environment, recognising the unique nature and the role that rivers / streams play in the lives of the community.

### **3 Status of the Advisory Committee**

- 3.1 The Advisory Committee is an advisory body established by Council.
- 3.2 The Advisory Committee is not a subordinate decision-making body of Council and is not a committee under the Local Government Act 2002.

### **4 Members**

- 4.1 Two Councillors, being the Councillor elected by the Wairarapa Constituency and one other Councillor.
- 4.2 Fourteen members, appointed by Council as follows:
  - a Three elected members of Masterton District Council, nominated by that council.
  - b Two elected members of Carterton District Council, nominated by that council.
  - c Seven members, being members nominated by the river management groups of the Upper Ruamahanga river schemes.
  - d One member, nominated by Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa.
  - e One member, nominated by Rangitāne ō Wairarapa.

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<sup>1</sup> The Council's Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles apply when the advisory group conducts its business and makes decisions – refer to Section 3 of the [Approved Terms of Reference Council, Committees, Subcommittees and Advisory Bodies \(including Delegations to Committees\): 2022–25 triennium](#).

<sup>2</sup> Recommendations on the FMP, made by the Wairarapa Committee to Council, do not require consideration by the Environment Committee prior to the decision being made by Council. Council retains the final decision on the adoption or otherwise of the FMP.

- 4.3 Such other members, appointed by the Wairarapa Committee on the nomination of the Advisory Committee, who have the necessary skills, attributes, or knowledge that will assist the work of the Advisory Committee.

## **5 Chair**

Council appoints the Chair on nomination of the Advisory Committee.

## **6 Quorum**

At least 50 percent of members, including one Councillor member.

## **7 Voting entitlement**

All members have equal speaking and voting rights.

## **8 Reporting and servicing**

The Advisory Committee reports to the Wairarapa Committee and is serviced by Greater Wellington.

## **9 Remuneration and expenses**

- 9.1 Elected members' remuneration and expenses are met by the council they represent.
- 9.2 Non-elected members (who are not otherwise being remunerated) may claim Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting attendance allowances and expenses.
- 9.3 Provided that the Chair is not an elected member of a council, the Chair shall also be eligible to receive an annual taxable honorarium of \$5,000 (in addition to Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting attendance allowances and expenses).

## **10 Meeting frequency and dissolution**

- 10.1 The Advisory Committee meets as required.
- 10.2 The Advisory Committee may recommend its dissolution to the Wairarapa Committee.
- 10.3 In the absence of a prior decision by Council to continue the Advisory Committee in the next triennium, the Advisory Committee will dissolve at the end of the 2022—25 triennium.