

Environment and Planning Committee

(Previously Environment Committee)

Chair	Gerald Hope
Deputy Chair	Barbara Faulls
Membership	Sally Arbuckle Allanah Burgess Raylene Innes Ben Minehan Thelma Sowman Mayor Nadine Taylor Simon Harvey (Rural Representative) Ruihana Smith (Iwi Representative)
Quorum	The quorum as per clause 11.1 of the Standing Orders 2022 for a meeting of the Committee is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) half of the members present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is even; and(b) a majority of the members present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is odd. Present at the meeting to constitute quorum means the member is either to be physically present in the room or attending the meeting via audio/visual link.
Meeting Cycle	6 weekly
Reports to	Full Council

Responsibilities

Purpose

1. To oversee the development, implementation, and review of Council's:
 - a. Environmental strategies, policies, plans, programs, and initiatives to address environmental issues in the region (including issues in the areas of land management, regional natural resources, compliance, monitoring, enforcement, coastal marine environment, maritime navigations and safety, biosecurity, and biodiversity).
 - b. Regulatory systems, processes, and tools to meet Council's related legislative responsibilities.

Specific responsibilities

1. The Committee's environmental responsibilities include the areas of land management, regional natural resources, compliance, monitoring, enforcement, coastal marine environment, maritime navigation and safety, biosecurity, and biodiversity.
 - a. Oversee the development and review of Council's:
 - i. Environmental strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives
 - ii. Regional resilience priorities; and
 - b. Recommend these matters (and variations) to Council for adoption.
2. Review periodically the effectiveness of implementing and delivering Council's:
 - a. Environmental strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives; and
 - b. Regional resilience priorities.

3. Consider regional, national, and international developments; emerging issues and impacts; and changes in the legislative frameworks for their implications for Council's:
 - a. Environmental strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives; and
 - b. Regulatory systems, processes, and tools.
4. Recommend to Council changes to improve the effectiveness of Council's:
 - a. Environmental strategies, policies, plans, programmes, and initiatives;
 - b. Regional resilience priorities; and
 - c. Regulatory systems, processes, and tools.
5. Ensure that the Committee's decision making:
 - a. Considers climate change-related risks (mitigation and adaptation)
6. The committee is responsible for appointing independent commissioners to carry out the council's functions or delegating the appointment power.
7. The committee is responsible for regulatory policy and bylaws. Where the committee's powers are recommendatory, the committee or the appointee will provide recommendations to the relevant decision-maker.
8. Recommending bylaws and charges to the Council for consultation and adoption

Activity areas:

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| • Environmental science and monitoring | • Monitoring of consents |
| • Enforcement and prosecution policies | • Biosecurity |
| • Animal control | • Building control |
| • Noise Control | • Resource consent processing |
| • Alcohol Licencing | • Fencing of swimming pools |
| • Food and health monitoring | • Harbour management |

Relevant legislation includes but is not limited to:

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| • All Marlborough District Council Bylaws | • Biosecurity Act 1993 |
| • Building Act 2004 | • Dog Control Act 1996 |
| • Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987 | • Health Act 1956 |
| • Land Transport Act 1998 | • Local Government Act 1974 |
| • Local Government Act 2002 | • Maritime Transport Act 1994 |
| • Psychoactive Substances Act 2013 | • Resource Management Act 1991 |
| • Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 | • Waste Minimisation Act 2008 |

Powers

1. All powers necessary to perform the committee's responsibilities, including:
 - a. approval of a submission to an external body
 - b. establishment of working parties or steering groups

2. **Associated decision:** If a matter relates primarily to the responsibilities of the Environment and Planning Committee, but aspects require additional decisions by the Animal Control Sub-Committee, or Climate Change Sub-Committee, or Hearing Sub-Committee, and/or Working for Nature Grants Sub-Committee, then the Environment and Planning Committee has the powers to make associated decisions on behalf of those other committee(s). For the avoidance of doubt, this means that matters do not need to be taken to more than one of these committees for decisions.
3. **Referral of decisions:** The Committee may, from time to time, refer matters which it would ordinarily consider, to another Committee, if it considers the matter/project would be better dealt with by that other Committee.
4. **Referral for urgency:** The Committee Chair is authorised to refer urgent matters to the Council for decision, where this Committee would ordinarily have considered the matter. The Chairperson must make this referral in writing stating reasons for the referral.

Delegation Limits (if any)

The Environment and Planning Committee may not delegate any of its responsibilities, duties or powers under the Local Government Act 2002, and its powers exclude powers that cannot be delegated to committees.

Procedure

The Chairperson will report back to Council with recommendations of Environment and Planning Committee at the next Council meeting following each committee meeting.