



Regional Council Informal Workshop Pack

DATE: TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2022

COMMENCING TIME: AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 09:30AM

VENUE: Bay of Plenty Regional House Chambers, 1
Elizabeth Street, Tauranga

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To: Regional Council
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Review of 2019-2022 BOPRC Governance Structure

Purpose

To seek feedback and direction from Councillors on what has worked well and what improvements could be made for the committee structure for the new triennial.

Guidance Sought from Councillors

At the workshop Councillors will be asked for their views on:

- which committees under the current Governance Structure work well,
- which require amending and why, and
- what additional committees are required to ensure the decision-making structure is fit for purpose for the next triennium to meet the changing operating environment.

Key Discussion Points

Attachment A identifies the BOPRC's current Governance Structure and an analysis of how this compares to other regional councils' structures.

The Future for Local Government Review Panel have identified that critical challenges facing local government require a move beyond current structures and siloes, creating a system approach to local governance that supports greater coordination, alignment and collaboration between the various players.

Bearing this in mind there is an opportunity to incorporate incremental changes into the governance structure to support such alignment and collaboration.

The Chief Executive will present further information on the following ideas below at the workshop for consideration.

3.1 Ideas for consideration

3.1.1 Strategic leadership/partnership joint committee

Many other regional councils have some form of regional strategic leadership/partnership joint committee. Strategic issues that affect all councils across the region (e.g. climate change, economic development, spatial planning) provide a platform for all councils to work collaboratively within a cohesive decision-making framework. This joint committee would be a forerunner to the joint committees proposed in the Resource Management (RM) reforms.

3.1.2 Planning Committee with iwi membership

A Planning Committee with BOPRC Councillors and Māori leaders, potentially co-governance chairs and iwi representatives where there aren't yet co-governance forums. This joint planning committee would also be a forerunner to the RM reforms in that it will eventually morph into a subcommittee to the joint committee that provides the "statement of environmental outcomes". It would be the decision-making governance entity for future regional plans until such time as the RM reforms are established. Both Hawkes Bay and Greater Wellington have these planning committees now via Treaty settlements in their rohe.

There would be implications regarding the roles for the current Strategy and Policy Committee and Komiti Māori if a Planning Committee such as this was considered.

3.1.3 Financial delegations for committees

Financial delegations associated with approved committee work programmes, approved through the Annual/Long Term Plans could be included in the committee's terms of reference.

Mat Taylor, General Manager Corporate will provide more detail at the workshop on how this might strengthen decision-making.

3.1.4 General administrative improvements

This will include discussion on the timing and programming of meetings and other such matters that Councillors consider where improvements could be made

Next Steps

Direction from this workshop will be included in the proposed committee structure recommendations to the incoming Council for the next triennial.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Governance Structure Review 2022 Background Information [↓](#)

2019-2022 BOPRC GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

NAME	MEMBERSHIP	FREQUENCY	THOUGHTS
Council	Full	6 weekly	
COMMITTEES			
Strategy & Policy	Full	Quarterly rotation with Strategic Session/Workshop	
Monitoring & Operations	Full	Quarterly	
Komiti Māori	Full	2 monthly	
Risk & Assurance	5 + Independent Member	Quarterly	
Public Transport	6	Quarterly or as required	
Executive Employment and Remuneration	4	As required	
Navigational Safety Bylaws Review	4 + 3 appointed members	As required	
JOINT COMMITTEES			
Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	Chairperson + alternate	Quarterly	
Regional Transport	2 + alternate	Quarterly	
SmartGrowth Leadership Group	Chairperson + 2	Quarterly (or two monthly?)	
Ōhiwa Harbour Implementation Forum	1 + alternate	Six monthly	
Eastern BOP Joint Committee	?????	Quarterly	
Bay of Plenty Mayoral Forum	Chairperson	3 times per year	
Tauranga Public Transport Committee	2	2 monthly	
STATUTORY CO-GOVERNANCE			
Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group	Chairperson + 1 + alternate	Quarterly	
Rangitaiki River Forum	Up to 5 + alternate	Quarterly	
Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority	1 + 1 informal member + alternate	Quarterly	
Tarawera Restoration Strategy Group	4		
INFORMAL ADVISORY GROUPS			
Tauranga Moana Advisory Group	4 + alternate	Quarterly	
Te Uepu Papamoa Hills Cultural Heritage Regional Park	4	6 monthly	
BOPRC River Scheme Advisory Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme 			

NAME	MEMBERSHIP	FREQUENCY	THOUGHTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rangitāiki-Tarawera Rivers Scheme • Whakatāne-Tauranga Rivers Scheme • Waioeka-Otara Rivers Scheme 			
<p>General Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could include financial delegations for all committees aligned to work programmes approved through AP/TTP budget • Could hold meetings Wednesday/Thursdays only with overnight social time for Councillors (apart from Joint committees on a Friday) 			

REGIONAL COUNCILS' CURRENT COMMITTEE STRUCTURES 2022

Committees	BOPRC	NRC	WRC	TRC	HBRC	Horizons	GWRC	ECAN	ORC	SRC	WCRC
Strategy/Policy Regional Planning	•		•	•	•	•			•	•	
Regional /Natural Resource Planning/ Resource Management					•	•	•	•			•
District Plan											•
Corporate /Strategic				•	•						
Maori	•				•						
Risk /Assurance/ Finance/ ServicesInvestment/Property/C ontracts/ Tenders	•	SC	•	• +EES		•	•	•	• +finance	• +org perform	•
Public Transport	•		•		•	•	•				
Transport/Urban Development							•	•			
Executive Employment	SC		•				•	•		SC	
Climate Action/Climate Change		JC	•			JC	•	•		SC	
Natural/Environmental Performance			•			•	•	•			
Healthy Rivers: Wai Ora			•								
Operations /Monitoring/ Implementation /Integrated Catchment Management	•		•		• + environ	•			•		
Regional Partnerships/Strategic Leadership			JC				JC	•			
Waikato Plan Leadership			•								
Regional Economic Development		JC									
Regional Connections			•								
Future Proof Implementation			JC								

Consents/Regulatory		SC		•					•	•	
Hearings		•									
Kaipara Moana Redemption Harbour		JC			•		•				
Data/Information									•		
Governance, Communication/Engagement									•		
Regional Services										•	

All have Regional Transport and CDEM