

# Environment and Integrated Catchments Committee

## Terms of Reference

*Adopted by resolution of Hawke's Bay Regional Council on 29 November 2023*

The purpose of the Environment and Integrated Catchments Committee (EICC) is to consider and recommend to Council:

### 1. Policy

- 1.1 carbon reduction and climate change adaptation and mitigation policies and strategies developed to guide the establishment of work plans
- 1.2 policies with regard to Council responsibilities and involvement in flood protection and drainage
- 1.3 policies with regard to Council's responsibilities for biosecurity, biodiversity and pest management
- 1.4 policies, strategies, and by-laws and compliance and enforcement programs relating to maritime and navigational safety under the Maritime Transport Act.

### 2. Environmental Monitoring and Research

- 2.1 environmental monitoring strategies and research and investigation programmes, including the State of the Environment Reports.
- 2.2 technical reports on the findings of research and investigations into the impact of activities on the receiving environments and recommend to Council the development of new policy frameworks based around such information.

### 3. Implementation

- 3.1 management plans or any similar such documents for the effective implementation of environmental enhancement and improvement programmes of Council.
- 3.2 all other policy implementation issues of Council.
- 3.3 To periodically review the effectiveness of Council's non-regulatory resource management operational work programmes within the ambit of the Committee and make recommendations to Council for any changes.
- 3.4 To assist staff, where appropriate, in identifying a preferred option and/or funding mechanism for Council consideration of biosecurity/ biodiversity initiatives, proposals for new or expansion of existing open spaces and regional parks, and infrastructure asset construction or improvement work; and in promoting the preferred option to the beneficiaries/ community.

### 4. Financial Authority

- 4.1 consideration of possible financial implications of specific initiatives.

## **5. Use of Delegated Powers for the Environment & Integrated Catchments Committee**

5.1 This Committee may, without confirmation by the local authority that made the delegations, exercise or perform them in the like manner and with the same effect as the local authority could itself have exercised or performed them, provided that the decision deserves urgency and the decision to make the resolution a decision of Council is carried unanimously.

## **6. Quorum**

The quorum at any meeting of the Committee shall be a majority of members.

<b>Members:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Councillors being: Hinewai Ormsby, Will Foley, Neil Kirton, Charles Lambert, Jerf van Beek, Martin Williams, Sophie Siers, Di Roadley, Thompson Hokianga, Jock Mackintosh</li><li>• One appointed member of the Māori Committee, Katarina Kawana</li><li>• One appointed member of the Regional Planning Committee, TBC</li></ul>
<b>Chair:</b>	A member of the Committee as elected by the Council being: councillor Sophie Siers
<b>Deputy Chair:</b>	A member of the Committee as elected by the Council being: councillor Di Roadley
<b>Meeting Frequency:</b>	Quarterly
<b>Staff Executive:</b>	Group Manager Integrated Catchment Management Group Manager Asset Management