

Terms of Reference

For Committees of the Whole of Council, Standing Committees, Committees, Working Groups and Sub Committees

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Finance and Performance Committee of the Whole - Terms of Reference / Ngā Ārahina Mahinga

Chair	Councillor MacDonald
Deputy Chair	Councillor McLellan
Membership	The Mayors and all councillors are members of this committee
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd
Meeting Cycle	Monthly
Reports To	Council

Delegations

The Council delegates to the Finance and Performance Committee authority to oversee and make decisions on the following matters:

Capital Programme and operational expenditure

- Monitoring the delivery of the Council's Capital Programme and associated operational expenditure, including inquiring into any material discrepancies from planned expenditure.
- Approving amendments to the Capital Programme outside the Long-Term Plan or Annual Plan processes.
- Approving Capital Programme investment cases, and associated operational expenditure, as agreed in the Council's Long-Term Plan.
- Approving any capital or other carry forward requests and the use of operating surpluses.
- Approving the procurement plans (where applicable), preferred supplier, and contracts for all capital expenditure where the value of the contract exceeds \$15 Million (noting that the Committee may sub delegate authority for approval of the preferred supplier and /or contract to the Chief Executive conditional on compliance with the procurement plan strategy).
- Approving the procurement plans (where applicable), preferred supplier, and contracts, for all operational expenditure where the value of the contract exceeds \$10 Million (noting that the Committee may sub delegate authority for approval of the preferred supplier and/or contract to the Chief Executive conditional on compliance with the procurement plan strategy).

Non-financial performance

- Reviewing the delivery of services under s17A.
- Amending levels of service targets, unless the decision is precluded under section 97 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- Exercising all of the Council's powers under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002, relating to service delivery reviews and decisions not to undertake a review.

Council Controlled Organisations

- Monitoring the financial and non-financial performance of the Council and Council Controlled Organisations.
- Making governance decisions related to Council Controlled Organisations under sections 65 to 72 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- Exercising the Council's powers directly as the shareholder, or through CCHL, or in respect of an entity (within the meaning of section 6(1) of the Local Government Act 2002) in relation to:
 - (without limitation) the modification of constitutions and/or trust deeds, and other governance arrangements, granting shareholder approval of major transactions, appointing directors or trustees, and approving policies related to Council Controlled Organisations; and
 - in relation to the approval of Statements of Intent and their modification (if any).

Development Contributions

- Exercising all of the Council's powers in relation to development contributions, other than those delegated to the Chief Executive and Council officers as set out in the Council's Delegations Register.

Property

- Purchasing or disposing of property where required for the delivery of the Capital Programme, in accordance with the Council's Long-Term Plan, and where those acquisitions or disposals have not been delegated to another decision-making body of the Council or staff.

Loans and debt write-offs

- Approving debt write-offs where those debt write-offs are not delegated to staff.
- Approving amendments to loans, in accordance with the Council's Long-Term Plan.

Insurance

- All insurance matters, including considering legal advice from the Council's legal and other advisers, approving further actions relating to the issues, and authorising the taking of formal actions (Sub-delegated to the Insurance Subcommittee as per the Subcommittee's Terms of Reference).

Annual Plan and Long Term Plan

- Providing oversight and monitoring development of the Long Term Plan (LTP) and Annual Plan.

Submissions

- The Council delegates to the Committee authority:
 - To consider and approve draft submissions on behalf of the Council on topics within its terms of reference. Where the timing of a consultation does not allow for consideration of a draft submission by the Council or relevant Committee, that the draft submission can be considered and approved on behalf of the Council.

Limitations

The general delegations to this Committee exclude any specific decision-making powers that are delegated to a Community Board, another Committee of Council or Joint Committee. Delegations to staff are set out in the delegations register.

The Council retains the authority to adopt policies, strategies and bylaws.

The following matters are prohibited from being subdelegated in accordance with LGA 2002 Schedule 7 Clause 32(1):

- the power to make a rate; or
- the power to make a bylaw; or
- the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan; or
- the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan, or annual report; or
- the power to appoint a chief executive; or
- the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement; or
- the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.

Chairperson may refer urgent matters to the Council

As may be necessary from time to time, the Committee Chairperson is authorised to refer urgent matters to the Council for decision, where this Committee would ordinarily have considered the matter. In order to exercise this authority:

- The Democratic Services Advisor must inform the Chairperson in writing the reasons why the referral is necessary.
- The Chairperson must then respond to the Democratic Services Advisor in writing with their decision.

If the Chairperson agrees to refer the report to the Council, the Council may then assume decision-making authority for that specific report.

Urgent matters referred from the Council

As may be necessary from time to time, the Mayor is authorised to refer urgent matters to this Committee for decision, where the Council would ordinarily have considered the matter, except for those matters listed in the limitations above.

In order to exercise this authority:

- The Democratic Services Advisor must inform the Mayor and Chief Executive in writing the reasons why the referral is necessary.

- The Mayor and Chief Executive must then respond to the Democratic Services Advisor in writing with their decision.

If the Mayor and Chief Executive agrees to refer the report to the Committee, the Committee may then assume decision-making authority for that specific report.

Policy and Planning Committee of the Whole Council - Terms of Reference / Ngā Ārahina Mahinga

Chair	Councillor Henstock
Deputy Chair	Councillor Fields
Membership	The Mayors and all councillors are members of this committee
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd
Meeting Cycle	Monthly
Reports To	Council

Purpose

The Policy and Planning Committee oversees the development, review, implementation and adoption (where delegated) of Council strategies, policies, and plans ensuring they align with the Council's long-term strategies and comply with the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002), Resource Management Act 1991 (and any replacement Act), and other relevant legislation.

Delegations

The Council delegates to the Policy and Planning Committee authority to oversee and make decisions on:

- Council's strategies, policies, plans, and other approvals, including, but not limited to:
 - Plans under the Resource Management Act 1991 and any replacement legislation;
 - Strategic and spatial planning beyond statutory plans, including plans prepared at a regional, greater Christchurch, or local level;
 - Climate change resilience and planning;
 - Transport strategies and policies;
 - Other relevant strategies and policies not delegated to other Council committees.
- The Bylaw Review programme, including the review or amendment of bylaws, the development of new bylaws and any bylaw revocations, up to the point where they are ready for public consultation. Noting that the LGA 2002 Schedule 7 Clause 32(1) identifies that Council cannot delegate the power to make a bylaw.
- Leases, licences, easements and revocations held or managed under the Reserves Act 1977.
- Council's involvement in central government strategies, plans or initiatives that impact on Christchurch.

Where the Council cannot delegate policy or bylaw adoption under LGA 2002 Schedule 7 Clause 32(1), the Policy and Planning Committee will oversee its development and review prior to the Council's adoption.

Submissions

The Council delegates to the Committee authority:

- To consider and approve draft submissions on behalf of the Council on topics within its terms of reference. Where the timing of a consultation does not allow for consideration of a draft submission by the Council or relevant Committee, that the draft submission can be considered and approved on behalf of the Council.

Limitations

The general delegations to this Committee exclude any specific decision-making powers that are delegated to a Community Board, another Committee of Council or Joint Committee. Delegations to staff are set out in the delegations register.

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- the power to make a rate; or
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- the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan; or
- the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan, or annual report; or
- the power to appoint a chief executive; or
- the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement; or
- the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.

Chairperson may refer urgent matters to the Council or the Finance & Performance Committee of the Whole Council

As may be necessary from time to time, the Committee Chairperson is authorised to refer urgent matters to the Council or to the Finance & Performance Committee for decision, where this Committee would ordinarily have considered the matter. In order to exercise this authority:

- The Democratic Services Advisor must inform the Chairperson in writing the reasons why the referral is necessary.
- The Chairperson must then respond to the Democratic Services Advisor in writing with their decision.

If the Chairperson agrees to refer the report to the Council or Finance & Performance Committee, the Council or Finance & Performance Committee may then assume decision-making authority for that specific report.

Urgent matters referred from the Council

As may be necessary from time to time, the Mayor is authorised to refer urgent matters to this Committee for decision, where the Council would ordinarily have considered the matter, except for those matters listed in the limitations above.

In order to exercise this authority:

- The Democratic Services Advisor must inform the Mayor and Chief Executive in writing the reasons why the referral is necessary.
- The Mayor and Chief Executive must then respond to the Democratic Services Advisor in writing with their decision.

If the Mayor and Chief Executive agrees to refer the report to the Committee, the Committee may then assume decision-making authority for that specific report.

Insurance Subcommittee - Terms of Reference / Ngā Ārahina Mahinga

Chair	Cllr Barber
Deputy Chair	Cllr Harrison-Hunt
Membership	Cllr Peters
Quorum	Two
Meeting Cycle	Twice yearly and as required
Reports To	Finance and Performance Committee of the Whole

Responsibilities and Delegations

- Oversee the conduct and progress of the ongoing review of the Council's 2010/11 insurance portfolio and progress any associated actions.
- Oversee the conduct and progress of any significant claim processes.
- Make all decisions including final decisions, with full delegation to progress and settle all significant claims.
- Report back to the next practicable Finance and Performance Committee or Council meeting on any final resolutions.
- Power to sub-delegate any of these responsibilities or delegations to Subcommittee Members and/or Council Officers, including settlement and final decisions.

Audit and Risk Management Committee - Terms of Reference

/Ngā Ārahina Mahinga

Chair	Mr Bruce Robertson (Independent)
Deputy Chair	Cllr McLellan
Membership	Cllr Fields Cllr MacDonald Cllr Scandrett External Members Mrs Hilary Walton Mr Michael Wilkes
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd
Meeting Cycle	Quarterly and as required
Reports To	Council

Purpose

To assist the Council to discharge its responsibility to exercise due care, diligence and skill in relation to the oversight of:

- the robustness of the internal control framework;
- the integrity and appropriateness of external reporting, and accountability arrangements within the organisation for these functions;
- the robustness of risk management systems, process and practices;
- internal and external audit;
- accounting policy and practice;
- compliance with applicable laws, regulations, standards and best practice guidelines for public entities; and
- the establishment and maintenance of controls to safeguard the Council's financial and non-financial assets.

The foundations on which this Committee operates, and as reflected in this Terms of Reference, includes: independence; clarity of purpose; competence; open and effective relationships and no surprises approach.

Procedure

- In order to give effect to its advice the Committee should make recommendations to the Council and to Management.

- The Committee should meet the internal and the external auditors without Management present as a standing agenda item at each meeting where external reporting is approved, and at other meetings if requested by any of the parties.
- The external auditors, the internal audit manager and the co-sourced internal audit firm should meet outside of formal meetings as appropriate with the Committee Chair.
- The Committee Chair will meet with relevant members of Management before each Committee meeting and at other times as required.

Responsibilities

Internal Control Framework

- Consider the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls and the internal control framework including overseeing privacy and cyber security.
- Enquire as to the steps management has taken to embed a culture that is committed to probity and ethical behaviour.
- Review the processes or systems in place to capture and effectively investigate fraud or material litigation should it be required.
- Seek confirmation annually and as necessary from internal and external auditors, attending Councillors, and management, regarding the completeness, quality and appropriateness of financial and operational information that is provided to the Council.

Risk Management

- Review and consider Management's risk management framework in line with Council's risk appetite, which includes policies and procedures to effectively identify, treat and monitor significant risks, and regular reporting to the Council.
- Assist the Council to determine its appetite for risk.
- Review the principal risks that are determined by Council and Management, and consider whether appropriate action is being taken by management to treat Council's significant risks. Assess the effectiveness of, and monitor compliance with, the risk management framework.
- Consider emerging significant risks and report these to Council where appropriate.

Internal Audit

- Review and approve the annual internal audit plan, such plan to be based on the Council's risk framework. Monitor performance against the plan at each regular quarterly meeting.
- Monitor all internal audit reports and the adequacy of management's response to internal audit recommendations.
- Review six monthly fraud reporting and confirm fraud issues are disclosed to the external auditor.
- Provide a functional reporting line for internal audit and ensure objectivity of internal audit.
- Oversee and monitor the performance and independence of internal auditors, both internal and co-sourced. Review the range of services provided by the co-sourced partner and make recommendations to Council regarding the conduct of the internal audit function.

- Monitor compliance with the delegations policy.

External Reporting and Accountability

- Consider the appropriateness of the Council's existing accounting policies and practices and approve any changes as appropriate.
- Contribute to improve the quality, credibility and objectivity of the accounting processes, including financial reporting.
- Consider and review the draft annual financial statements and any other financial reports that are to be publicly released, make recommendations to Management.
- Consider the underlying quality of the external financial reporting, changes in accounting policy and practice, any significant accounting estimates and judgements, accounting implications of new and significant transactions, management practices and any significant disagreements between Management and the external auditors, the propriety of any related party transactions and compliance with applicable New Zealand and international accounting standards and legislative requirements.
- Consider whether the external reporting is consistent with Committee members' information and knowledge and whether it is adequate for stakeholder needs.
- Recommend to Council the adoption of the Financial Statements and Reports and the Statement of Service Performance and the signing of the Letter of Representation to the Auditors by the Mayor and the Chief Executive.
- Enquire of external auditors for any information that affects the quality and clarity of the Council's financial statements, and assess whether appropriate action has been taken by management.
- Request visibility of appropriate management signoff on the financial reporting and on the adequacy of the systems of internal control; including certification from the Chief Executive, the Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager Corporate Services that risk management and internal control systems are operating effectively;
- Consider and review the Long Term and Annual Plans before adoption by the Council. Apply similar levels of enquiry, consideration, review and management sign off as are required above for external financial reporting.
- Review and consider the Summary Financial Statements for consistency with the Annual Report.

External Audit

- Annually review the independence and confirm the terms of the audit engagement with the external auditor appointed by the Office of the Auditor General. Including the adequacy of the nature and scope of the audit, and the timetable and fees.
- Review all external audit reporting, discuss with the auditors and review action to be taken by management on significant issues and recommendations and report to Council as appropriate.
- The external audit reporting should describe: Council's internal control procedures relating to external financial reporting, findings from the most recent external audit and any steps taken to deal with such findings, all relationships between the Council and the external auditor, Critical accounting policies used by Council, alternative treatments of financial

information within Generally Accepted Accounting Practice that have been discussed with Management, the ramifications of these treatments and the treatment preferred by the external auditor.

- Ensure that the lead audit engagement and concurring audit directors are rotated in accordance with best practice and NZ Auditing Standards.

Compliance with Legislation, Standards and Best Practice Guidelines

- Review the effectiveness of the system for monitoring the Council's compliance with laws (including governance legislation, regulations and associated government policies), with Council's own standards, and Best Practice Guidelines.

Appointment of Independent Members

- Identify skills required for Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee. Appointment panels will include the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, Chair of Finance & Performance Committee and Chair of Audit & Risk Management Committee. Council approval is required for all Independent Member appointments.
- The term of the Independent members should be for three years. (It is recommended that the term for independent members begins on 1 April following the Triennial elections and ends 31 March three years later. Note the term being from April to March provides continuity for the committee over the initial months of a new Council.)
- Independent members are eligible for re-appointment to a maximum of two terms. By exception the Council may approve a third term to ensure continuity of knowledge.

Long Term Plan Activities

- Consider and review the Long Term and Annual Plans before adoption by the Council. Apply similar levels of enquiry, consideration, review and management sign off as are required above for external financial reporting.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee - Terms of Reference / Ngā Ārahina Mahinga

Chair	Cllr Scandrett
Deputy Chair	Cllr Barber
Membership	Cllr Coker Cllr Peters External Members Mr Chris Jones Ms Helen Sadgrove
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd
Meeting Cycle	Quarterly
Reports To	Council

Purpose

Maintain and continually improve Health, Safety & Wellbeing by promoting consultation, co-operation and coordination between Management and Council. Ensuring active engagement in the ongoing development of a health, safety and wellbeing programmes.

Objective

The role of the Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee of Council (Committee) is to assist Council to provide leadership in discharging its health and safety management responsibilities within the organisation.

Secretarial and Meetings

- The committee may have in attendance such members of management, including the Chief Executive and such other persons as it considers necessary to provide appropriate information and explanations.
- Meetings shall be held at least quarterly. Further meetings will be arranged on an as-needed basis.
- The Chair of the Committee will report all recommendations, key issues and findings to the Council.

Responsibilities

- To assist the Council in discharging its due diligence responsibilities as a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU), by taking reasonably practicable steps to understand the health and safety risks, and ensure that they are managed so that the organisation meets its legal obligations. Review and monitor the robustness of the organisation's health, safety and wellbeing risk management framework.
- Review and monitor the robustness of the organisation's health, safety and wellbeing risk management framework.
- Seek assurance that the organisation is effectively structured to manage health and safety risks.
- Review progress with completion of organisational Health and Safety Plan objectives.
- Monitor compliance with policies and relevant legislation.
- Seek assurance that systems used to identify and manage health and safety hazards and risk are fit for purpose, effectively implemented, regularly reviewed and continuously improved.
- Ensure that the Council is properly and regularly informed and updated on matters relating to health and safety risks.
- Enquire as to the steps management have taken to embed a proactive culture through engagement with workers and provide reasonable opportunities for workers to participate in health, safety & wellbeing.
- Seek assurance that Council are working in partnership so far as reasonably practical with other PCBU's as a primary duty of care to ensure the health and safety of workers.
- Seek advice periodically from internal and external auditors regarding the effectiveness and completeness of the health and safety systems.
- Ensure management are keeping the Committee fully apprised of all independent sources of assurance, via the health and safety framework including any internal or external audits undertaken.
- Consider whether appropriate actions are being taken by management to mitigate Council's significant health and safety risks.
- Ensure that management is kept apprised of the Council's governance body's views on health and safety issues.
- Any other duties and responsibilities that have been assigned to it from time to time by the Council.

Appointment Process for External Members

Principles

The following principles guide the appointment process for External Members of the Committee:

- The Head of People and Capability will provide candidates to the Chief Executive and GM Resources for consideration.
- The Chair of the Committee and Chief Executive will endorse the nominations, if appropriate.

Candidates will be contacted at the appropriate time to confirm their willingness to serve for the term for which External Members are appointed as set out below. If they are willing to serve, independence and confidentiality requirements and a background check will be conducted. They will also be informed of Council policies.

The Chair of the Committee and the Health and Safety Manager or Head of People and Capability will review the candidates to develop a shortlist by assessing the following:

- Professional credentials and relevant experience
- Their understanding of current Health and Safety legislative requirements
- Experience with prevention, and response to compliance risks; education, auditing and monitoring concepts
- Experience overseeing or assessing the performance of organisations with respect to their health and safety compliance or risk function
- Understanding implications for compliance and culture in a changing regulatory environment
- Potential conflicts for the candidate
- Affiliations or connections with the Council and its related entities
- Reference and background check reports

The results of the review of the candidates will be reported to the Committee's External Members Appointments Panel, who will select from the shortlist which External Members are appointed to the Committee.

Term

- External Members of the Committee will be appointed for a term of three years (subject to the terms their contract and the Council failing to resolve anything that would by implication necessarily shorten that term). The term for External Members shall, unless the Chief Executive specifies otherwise, begin on 1 April following the Triennial elections and end on 31 March three years later to provide continuity for the Committee over the initial months of a new Council.
- External Members are eligible for re-appointment by the Committee's External Members Appointments Panel for one further term. However, the Council may approve the re-appointment of External Members for any number of subsequent terms to ensure continuity of knowledge.

Delegations

External Members Appointments Panel

- The Committee delegates to its External Members Appointments Panel (Panel) the authority to consider shortlisted candidates for appointment as the External Members of the Committee and to appoint 2 External Members.
- The Chair of the Panel shall be the Chair of the Committee, and the further members of the Panel shall be the elected members of the Committee.

- The quorum of the Panel shall be half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

Chief Executive and Employment Committee - Terms of Reference / Ngā Ārahina Mahinga

Chair	The Mayor
Deputy Chair	Cllr Cotter
Membership	Deputy Mayor Henstock Cllr MacDonald Cllr McLellan
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd
Meeting Cycle	As required
Reports To	Council

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to enable the Council to meet its good employer obligations to its Chief Executive. These obligations, as well as those of the Chief Executive, are set out in the Local Government Act 2002, in employment law generally and in the Chief Executive's employment agreement.

Areas of Focus

The Committee acts for and advises the Council on all matters relating to the Chief Executive's employment including recruitment, remuneration, performance and relationship management.

Responsibilities and Delegations

- Recommend to Council for approval when required, a recruitment, selection and appointment process for a Chief Executive
- Oversee within the Council agreed process, Chief Executive recruitment and selection, and recommend candidates and proposed remuneration to Council for approval
- Conduct and complete a review of employment at least 6 months prior to the end of the Chief Executive's first term of employment (LGA 2002, Sch7, cl35) and recommend to Council whether or not the Chief Executive should be appointed for a second term of up to two years or that the position be declared vacant (LGA2002, Sch7, cl34)
- Negotiate an initial performance agreement, subsequent agreements and any variations with the Chief Executive and recommend to Council for approval
- Provide feedback and support to the Chief Executive and undertake performance reviews, all consistent with the process and timeline in the relevant performance agreement
- Report the outcome of the annual review of the Chief Executive's performance and make recommendations to Council on the outcome of that review for approval
- Review the Chief Executive's remuneration and package in accordance with the employment agreement and make recommendations to the Council for approval

- Provide updates on issues and progress to Council at other times and on request
- Engage relevant external advice including independent legal advice to assist the Committee with all or any of the matters within its delegations ensuring that such advisors are not otherwise contracted to Council for similar services
- Agree with the Chief Executive how the administration needs of the Committee will be met.

Limitations

The power to appoint a Chief Executive is one that is reserved for the Council to make and cannot be delegated (LGA 2002, Sch7, cl 32(1)(e)). The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy also cannot be delegated by Council (LGA2002, Sch7, cl32(1)(h)).

Note: The following responsibility is removed from the Committee TOR and by default will now be a Council responsibility: Council remuneration and employment policy including the living wage.

Te Hononga Council – Papatipu Rūnanga Committee - Terms of Reference / Ngā Ārahina Mahinga

Co-Chairs	Mayor Mauger and Dr Te Maire Tau
Membership	<p>Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Cllr Cotter</p> <p>Cllr Donovan</p> <p>Cllr Fields</p> <p>Cllr Harrison-Hunt</p> <p>Chair of the Finance and Performance Committee or Deputy Chair of the Finance and Performance Committee (as alternate)</p> <p>The Chairperson (or alternate) of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Rūnanga o Wairewa • Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga • Te Rūnanga o Koukourāata • Te Taumutu Rūnanga • Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke • Ōnuku Rūnanga
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.
Meeting Cycle	Quarterly, with additional meetings as required.
Reports To	Council

Context

There are four Rūnanga whose takiwā or territories lie within the Christchurch City Council's area of jurisdiction. Two, Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga, have boundaries that include Christchurch City but also extend beyond the City Council's jurisdiction.

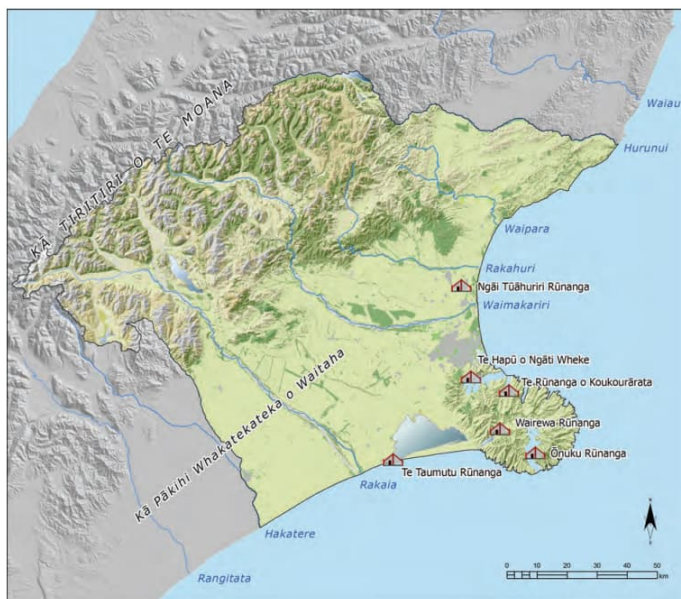
Representatives from each Rūnanga come together to form Te Kāhui Kahukura, a body which has the authority to exercise decision making powers on behalf of Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga. Through its various regulatory functions, such as District Planning and others prescribed by the Resource Management Act, the Christchurch City Council has a direct relationship with Te Kāhui Kahukura.



In this context, the Christchurch City Council established Te Hononga Council - Papatipu Rūnanga Committee, which includes representatives from the Council and the six Rūnanga, to further enhance the relationship between the Council and Ngāi Tahu.

There are three intrinsic values which are fundamental to Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga. These are protecting and enhancing water quality, protecting Māori Reserve Land, and safeguarding the interests of future generations. These are closely aligned with three equivalent values held by the Christchurch City Council. The Council has statutory responsibility for meeting the needs of future generations, providing safe drinking water and protecting its parks and reserves. The committee will work to seek alignment of these values and work towards them for the benefit of everyone in Christchurch and Banks Peninsula.

The takiwā of the six Papatipu Rūnanga was described Schedule 1 of the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996, which has since been superseded by the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Declaration of Membership) Order 2001:



Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga

The takiwā of Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga centres on Tuahiwi and extends from the Hurunui to Hakatere, sharing an interest with Arowhenua Rūnanga northwards to Rakaia, and thence inland to the Main Divide.

Rapaki Rūnanga

The takiwā of Rapaki Rūnanga centres on Rapaki and includes the catchment of Whakaraupo and Te Kaituna.

Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata

The takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata centres on Koukourārata and extends from Pohatu Pā to the shores of Te Waihora including Te Kaituna.

Wairewa Rūnanga

The takiwā of Wairewa Rūnanga centres on Wairewa and the catchment of the lake Te Wairewa and the hills and coast to the adjoining takiwā of Koukourārata, Onuku Rūnanga, and Taumutu Rūnanga.

Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku

The takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Ōnuku centres on Ōnuku and the hills and coasts of Akaroa to the adjoining takiwā of Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata and Wairewa Rūnanga.

Taumutu Rūnanga

The takiwā of Taumutu Rūnanga centres on Taumutu and the waters of Te Waihora and adjoining lands and shares a common interest with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua in the area south to Hakatere.

Responsibilities

Te Hononga Council - Papatipu Rūnanga Committee is responsible for the following:

- Leading the development of an enduring collaborative relationship between the Council and Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga.
- Building shared understanding and strong coordinated leadership on matters of mutual interest within the respective areas of jurisdiction.
- Having oversight of, and providing advice and assistance to the Council on, matters of significance or priority to Māori, and to inform Council decision making.
- Receiving regular updates from staff on Council programmes and projects of significance or priority to Māori.
- Operating in accordance with the Relationship Agreement between Christchurch City Council and Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga signed on 15 December 2016.

Delegations

This Committee can make recommendations to the Council but does not have delegated authority to make formal decisions on behalf of the Council.