

2 COUNCIL

Chair	Mayor Andy Foster
Deputy Chair	Deputy Mayor Sarah Free
Membership	Mayor and all Councillors
External Membership	None
Quorum	8
Frequency of meeting	Monthly or as required

Decision making powers

1. The Council's decision making powers include the following which cannot be delegated to committees, subcommittees, officers or any other subordinate decision-making body:¹
 - (a) The power to make a rate
 - (b) The power to make a bylaw
 - (c) The power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long-term Plan
 - (d) The power to adopt a Long-term Plan, Annual Plan, or Annual Report, including adopting changes to fees and charges
 - (e) The power to appoint a Chief Executive
 - (f) The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the Long-term Plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement
 - (g) The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy
 - (h) The power to approve or amend the Council's Standing Orders
 - (i) The power to approve or amend the Code of Conduct for elected members
 - (j) The power to appoint and discharge members of committees (when not appointed by the Mayor)
 - (k) The power to establish a joint committee with another local authority or other public body
 - (l) The power to make the final decision on a recommendation from the Ombudsman where it is proposed that Council not accept the recommendation
 - (m) The powers contained in section 15(1) of the Wellington Town Belt Act 2016

¹ For powers 1-13 see clause 32(1) Schedule 7 Local Government Act 2002. For powers 14-27 see clauses 15, 27, 30 Schedule 7 Local Government Act 2002 and section 34A of Resource Management Act 1991.

2. The Council has also decided to retain, and not delegate, the following powers:
- (a) To approve a proposed policy statement or plan under the Resource Management Act 1991
 - (b) To approve Council strategy, policy and reserve management plans
 - (c) To remove chairpersons of committees and subcommittees and to remove Portfolio Leaders
 - (d) To approve Council's recommendation to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of elected members
 - (e) To approve the Triennial Agreement under the Local Government Act 2002.
 - (f) To approve the Local Governance Statement
 - (g) To determine whether or how to fill any extraordinary Council vacancies
 - (h) To make decisions on representation reviews
 - (i) To appoint or remove trustees, directors or office holders to Council's Council-Controlled Organisations (CCOs) and Council Organisations (COs), external members to Committees and to other external bodies
 - (j) In respect of the Wellington District Plan:
 - (i) to approve the recommendation of hearings commissioners on a proposed plan, plan change or variation (including private plan change) and
 - (ii) to approve a proposed plan or a change to a district plan under clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991
 - (k) To approve the final design and commercial terms for development proposals under the Waterfront Project as required by the Waterfront Framework
 - (l) To promote any legislation or significant amendments to legislation relating to Wellington (e.g. a Local Bill)
 - (m) To exercise any authority which it has delegated to a committee, subcommittee or officer, which is referred to it for decision