

2 COUNCIL – Te Kaunihera o Pōneke

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.

- (n) The power to approve a proposed policy statement or plan under the Resource Management Act 1991
 - (o) 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
2. The Council has also decided to retain, and not delegate, the following powers:
- (a) To remove chairpersons of committees and subcommittees
 - (b) To approve Council's recommendation to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of elected members
 - (c) To approve the Triennial Agreement under the Local Government Act 2002.
 - (d) To approve the Local Governance Statement
 - (e) To determine whether or how to fill any extraordinary Council vacancies
 - (f) Review, develop policy and practices and make decisions in respect of governance (including representation reviews).
 - (g) Oversee, develop and approve the Council's relationship with M āori, including iwi appointments to, or removal from committees.
 - (h) To promote any legislation or promote significant amendments to legislation e.g. a Local Bill)
 - (i) To approve the setting up of a subcommittee referred to it by a committee.
 - (j) To approve the setting up of working groups referred to it by committee, or subcommittees, and approve the terms of reference.
 - (k) To exercise any authority which it has delegated to a committee, subcommittee or officer, which is referred to it for decision
 - (l) To oversee and approve the Council's strategy and policy work programme.