

Environmental Reference Group

Agenda

Date: Monday, 13 September 2021

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Venue: Virtual meeting - Zoom

Purpose

- Advise Council on the best ways to improve Wellingtonian’s quality of life environmentally, socially, culturally and economically by protecting and enhancing the local environment.
- Bring knowledge and insight into Council around the environment, including water, energy, waste, biodiversity, urban design, climate change, heritage and transport management, in the context of Council’s roles and priorities.

Membership

Chairperson:	Lyn Cadenhead
Members:	Steven Almond, David Batchelor, Mike Britton, Lynn Cadenhead (Co-chair), Aaron Cox, Isla Day, Sally Faisandier, George Hobson, Michelle Rush, Clare Stringer, Chris Watson, Eleanor West
Liaison Councillors:	Cr Tamatha Paul, Cr Laurie Foon (Alternate)
WCC Staff:	Mike Mendonca (Acting Chief Infrastructure Officer), Moana Mackey (Chief Advisor to the CIO and CPO), Hedi Mueller (Senior Democracy Advisor), Claire Barlow (Democracy Advisor), Sehai Orgad (Manager Government Relations and Special Projects)

Meeting Procedures

1. Apologies and minutes – note David’s apology for the meeting on 9 August were not recorded in the minutes.
2. Conflicts

Items

3. Councillor Paul update
4. Pōneke Promise, *Presented by Sehai Orgad*
5. Portfolio Discussion, *Presented by Lyn Cadenhead*
6. Workplan/Annual Report discussion, *Presented by Lyn Cadenhead*
7. Updates (liaison officers, members)

Information

Next meeting date: Monday, 11 October 2021

Actions from previous meetings:

1. Request for Roger Blakely (GWRC) to talk to the group about public transport plans
2. Request for Alison Howard to provide an update on where/how the Climate Emergency and Zero Emissions targets fit into WCC's policy work.
3. Request for the Ecology Manager to present to ERG on the Draft Green Network Plan
4. Group members to appoint someone as the portfolio lead on mana whenua relationships.
5. Include the following question in the ERG feedback form "What are the most useful points that came out of the meeting?" Hedi to send the current form to staff who attended the last two meetings.
6. ERG members to book time with Cr Paul to discuss the Three Waters Reform and WCC's position on this.
7. Group members to provide details for Annual Report to Lynn.

Portfolio / Working Groups:

Portfolio Groups	ERG lead	ERG Support	Council Officer
Transport	Michelle Rush		Joe Hewitt, Team Lead Transport Strategy
Climate Change	Chris Watson	Isla Day, Steven Almond	Alison Howard, Climate Change Response Manager
Waste	Steven Almond	Clare Stringer	Emily Taylor-Hall, Waste Operations Manager
Water	Arron Cox		Zac Jordan, Principal Advisor Resilience Infrastructure
Resilience	Lynn Cadenhead		Mike Mendonca, Chief Resilience Officer
Urban Design Agency/ Urban Growth	Eleanor West	Sally Faisandier	Vida Christeller, Manager City Design & Place Planning; Phil Becker, Manager Build Wellington
Mana whenua and treaty relations			Renaee Clarke, Senior Advisor Iwi Partnerships

Biodiversity/Open Space	George Hobson	Clare Stringer	Daniela Biaggio, Urban Ecology Manager
Heritage	Lynn Cadenhead	Clare Stringer	Mark Lindsay, Heritage Manager