



Terms of Reference for the Wind Energy Subcommittee

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1. Membership

The following 5 councillors are the members of the Wind Energy Subcommittee:

- Councillor Baber
- Councillor Greig
- Councillor Laidlaw
- Councillor Shields
- Councillors Turver

The chairperson of the subcommittee is Councillor Laidlaw.

The quorum is 3.

2. Meeting procedure

All members have equal speaking and voting rights (one per member).

Meetings will be publicly notified and open to the public, except where there are grounds to exclude the public in terms of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The Wellington Regional Council Standing Orders apply.

3. Powers

The subcommittee has the power to:

- Hear oral submissions on wind energy generation on Wellington Regional Council land.
- Consider both the written and oral submissions on wind energy generation on Wellington Regional Council land.
- Summarise the outcomes of the consultation process.
- Analyse the issues arising from submissions and recommend to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee those issues that the Council should consider when responding to submissions and deciding on whether or not the Council should pursue making Council land available to developers for possible wind energy generation.

4. Responsibilities

The subcommittee shall ensure that:

- The hearing and consideration process is carried out in a way that is effective and timely.
- Submitters are provided with the best possible opportunity to be heard in support of their submission.
- Good advice is given when recommendations are made to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee. This means, among other things, that advice adequately, fairly and demonstrably reflects the submitters' comments.
- The decision-making process is robust and transparent.
- The process and the advice the subcommittee provides to Council is consistent with the legislative requirements and stated Council policy.

5. Duration of subcommittee

The need for this subcommittee will be reviewed at the end of the current triennium by the Council. The subcommittee may by resolution recommend to Council that it be dissolved.