

6. Landcare Committee

Membership

- (1) **Councillors.**
- (2) **The** Regional Conservator, Department of Conservation, with **speaking** (but no voting) **rights.**
- (3) The Council Chairperson and **Deputy Council Chairperson are members ex officio**, but the latter does not vote when the Council Chairperson is **present.**
- (4) An appointee from any single member constituencies, where there are likely to be matters regularly coming before the Committee which impact on that constituency, but the local Councillor is not a member of **the** Committee.

Quorum: 3 Councillors

Objectives of the Landcare Committee

Objective 6A

To recommend Policies on the provision, development, operation and management of those services and facilities which are **the responsibility** of the Committee.

Objective **6B**

To monitor and advise the Council on the effectiveness and **efficiency** of the services and facilities which are the responsibility of the Committee.

Specific Responsibilities of the Landcare Committee

6.1 Overseeing the ~~financial planning, development, protection/conservation, and management, the technical planning, development, operation, enhancement and maintenance~~ of:

- Flood protection and environmental assets for the Western Region river corridors and associated watercourses, including Floodplain Management Planning: policy and implementation.
- The recreation, environmental/ecological and heritage values of the Regional Parks network: parklands, recreation reserves, natural forests, facilities and other assets, owned, operated, or to be developed by, the Regional Council, or in conjunction with other parties.

From 1 October 2000, it is proposed that the WRC Rural Fire District be disestablished. From that date, fire suppression will become an environmental asset management function of the Landcare Division through the wider Rural Fire community.

- River management and floodplain management planning in the western part of the region.

- ~~• Natural forest areas managed by the Wellington Regional Council.~~
- ~~• Regional parks, recreation reserves and facilities owned, operated or to be developed by the Regional Council, or in conjunction with other parties.~~
- ~~• Rural fire management of the Wellington Regional Council Rural Fire District.~~

6.2 Approving under **delegated** authority and, **where** appropriate, recommending to Council commercial agreements **with** public and private sector authorities and **organisations** and private individuals for the use of Council **property** and facilities within the areas of the Committee's responsibility.