

Terms of Reference Infrastructure Committee

Status and Standing Orders

This committee is established under the Local Government Act 2002. NRC Standing Orders apply.

Purpose

The purpose of the committee is to ensure an efficient, consistent, and integrated regional approach to the planning and delivery of approved and budgeted council infrastructure and related work programmes.

Membership

Four (4) elected members, with one to be appointed as Chair of Committee
Two (2) Independent Tangata Whenua members.

Chair of Committee

The Chair must be an NRC Elected Member and appointed by the council.

Quorum

At least half of the membership (excluding any committee vacancies).

Meeting frequency

Quarterly.

Objectives

- Ensure NRC's work programmes are kept adequately informed of relevant infrastructure activity across Northland
- Monitor and review relevant NRC's infrastructure related work programmes and strategies, including: integrated flood risk management, natural hazards, coastal adaptation, integrated transport networks, and river catchment management
- Monitor and review the performance of the Infrastructure Strategy and Asset Management Plans
- Strengthen engagement and partnership with Iwi and hapū to ensure appropriate development and maintenance of resilient infrastructure.

Delegations

- Advocate for improved investment and support for appropriate and resilient infrastructure planning and funding across Northland. Where a matter is outside the scope of NRC, the relevant Territorial Authorities must be consulted
- Delegate to representatives of the committee the ability to engage with Government ministers on approved infrastructure matters. Where a matter is outside the scope of NRC, the relevant Territorial Authorities must be consulted
- Make submissions to government on infrastructure related national policy and funding mechanisms (provided this does not duplicate any specific function of another governance committee).
- Establish and disestablish working groups on matters relating to committee business
- Co-opt a person as a (non-voting) member of the committee to assist with special projects
- Make recommendations to the Council for a decision.

In Accordance Clause 32 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the committee does not have the powers of council to borrow money or purchase or dispose of assets.

Role and Responsibilities

The committee is directly responsible and accountable to the council for the exercise of its responsibilities. In carrying out its responsibilities, the committee must always recognise that primary responsibility for management of the council rests with the Chief Executive.

For reasons of efficiency and/or expediency, should the committee not be able to perform their functions, the council will assume their role and responsibilities.

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