

Agenda 2022

Council Meeting

Date: Thursday, 27 October 2022
Time: 11:00 AM
Venue: Council Chamber
Environment Canterbury
200 Tuam Street, Christchurch



Membership

Membership

Councillor Greg Byrnes
Councillor Iaeen Cranwell
Councillor Joe Davies
Councillor Paul Dietsche
Councillor David East
Councillor Grant Edge
Councillor Tutehounuku Korako
Councillor Ian Mackenzie
Councillor Claire McKay
Councillor Craig Pauling
Councillor Genevieve Robinson
Councillor Peter Scott
Councillor Vicky Southworth
Councillor John Sunckell
Councillor Deon Swiggs
Councillor Nick Ward

Council Meeting

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1. Mihi/Karakia Timatanga - Opening

The meeting will be opened with a mihi whakatau, followed by a member of the Council with a karakia.

2. Apologies

At the time the agenda closed there were no apologies received.

3. Conflicts of Interest

Members are reminded to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

4. Public Forum, Deputations and Petitions

There were no requests for public forum, deputations and petitions at the time the agenda was prepared.

5. Extraordinary and Urgent Business

The Chairperson will give notice of items requiring urgent attention not on the agenda as follows.

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Council:

A meeting may deal with an item of business that is not on the agenda where the meeting resolves to deal with that item and the Chairperson provides the following information during the public part of the meeting:

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting. The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Council.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Council:

A meeting may discuss an item that is not on the agenda only if it is a minor matter relating to the general business of the meeting and Chairperson explains at the beginning of the public part of the meeting that the item will be discussed. The meeting may not make a resolution, decision or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

6. Report Items

6.1. Councillor membership of Environment Canterbury for the 2022-2025 Triennium

Council report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 27 October 2022
Author	Catherine McMillan, General Manager Governance
Responsible Director	Dr Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive

Purpose

1. To present the final declaration of 2022 results as per the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Act 2022 confirming the membership of the Canterbury Regional Council.

Background

2. The final declaration of election results is attached. All seven of the constituencies were contested.
3. The official result was received by the Council and published on the Environment Canterbury website on Friday, 14 October 2022.
4. The notification from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is attached.

Final declaration of results of election to Canterbury Regional Council

5. North Canterbury/Ōpukepuke Regional Constituency (2 vacancies) **Votes Received**

MCKAY, Claire		13,453
EDGE, Grant	Independent	11,577
LISSINGTON, Shaun		9,222
VAUGHAN, Rachel		9,152

Grant EDGE and Claire MCKAY were declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 45.3% being 26,848 votes, excluding special votes.

6. Christchurch Central/Ōhoko Regional Constituency (2 vacancies) **Votes Received**

BYRNES, Greg		10,871
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ROBINSON, Genevieve	Independent	10,693
STOCKS, Brynlea	The People's Choice	9,556
WIIG, Murray	Independent	5,840
BOYCE (BOYCEY), Lindon	Independent	1,771

Greg BYRNES and Genevieve ROBINSON were declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 36.66% being 24,262 votes, excluding special votes.

7. Christchurch North East/Ōrei Regional Constituency (2 vacancies) Votes Received

EAST, David	Independent	15,512
DAVIES, Joe	The People's Choice - Labour	9,963
CAMPBELL, Ashley	Independent	8,011
APANUI, Tane	Rail and Simplified Transport	7,622
KNOX, John	Independent	6,516

Joe DAVIES and David EAST were declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 43.46%, being 30,661 votes, excluding special votes.

8. Christchurch South/Ōwhanga Regional Constituency (2 vacancies) Votes Received

SOUTHWORTH, Vicky	Independent	17,844
DIETSCHE, Paul	Get Things Done	10,612
HORN, Chrys	The People's Choice	9,535
DANN, James Macbeth		7,973

Paul DIETSCHE and Vicky SOUTHWORTH were declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 48.24% being 29,461 votes, excluding special votes.

9. Christchurch West/Ōpuna Regional Constituency (2 vacancies) Votes Received

PAULING, Craig	The People's Choice	13,534
SWIGGS, Deon	Independent	11,132
STRINGER, John		10,485
FRANICEVIC, Paul	Independent	8,543
DAVIS (MURRAY), Andrea		7,456

Craig PAULING and Deon SWIGGS were declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 44.84%, being 32,722 votes, excluding special votes.

10. Mid-Canterbury/Ōpākihi Regional Constituency (2 vacancies) Votes Received

MACKENZIE, Ian		18,760
SUNCKELL, John	Independent	16,557
TROLOVE, Peter	NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers	11,624
COFFEY, Matt	Independent	6,546

Ian MACKENZIE and John SUNCKELL were declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 45.05%, being 32,418 votes, excluding special votes.

11. South Canterbury/Ōtuhituhi Regional Constituency (2 vacancies) Votes Received

WARD, Nick		10,985
SCOTT, Peter	Independent	10,574
MCKENZIE, Elizabeth	Independent	10,166
SNOW, Roy Teweringa		3,805

Peter SCOTT and Nick WARD were declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 49.77%, being 22,083 votes, excluding special votes.

12. Ngāi Tahu Councillors (2 vacancies appointed), as following:

CRANWELL Iaeon
KORAKO Tutehounuku (Nuk)

Attachments

1. Triennial Elections 2022 final declaration of result [6.1.1 - 2 pages]
2. Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu notification of result [6.1.2 - 1 page]

Legal review	Robyn Fitchett, Acting General Counsel
Peer reviewers	Vivienne Ong, Committee Advisor



Environment Canterbury

2022 Triennial Elections

DECLARATION OF RESULT

The final result for the Environment Canterbury elections held on Saturday 8th October is as follows.

North Canterbury/Ōpukepuke Regional Constituency (2 vacancies)		Votes Received
MCKAY, Claire		13,453
EDGE, Grant	Independent	11,577
LISSINGTON, Shaun		9,222
VAUGHAN, Rachel		9,152
INFORMAL		22
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		3,157

Grant EDGE and Claire MCKAY are declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 45.3%, being 26,848 votes, excluding special votes.

Christchurch West/Ōpuna Regional Constituency (2 vacancies)		Votes Received
PAULING, Craig	The People's Choice	13,534
SWIGGS, Deon	Independent	11,132
STRINGER, John		10,485
FRANICEVIC, Paul	Independent	8,543
DAVIS (MURRAY), Andrea		7,456
INFORMAL		7
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		3,221

Craig PAULING and Deon SWIGGS are declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 44.84%, being 32,722 votes, excluding special votes.

Mid-Canterbury/Ōpakihi Regional Constituency (2 vacancies)		Votes Received
MACKENZIE, Ian		18,760
SUNCKELL, John	Independent	16,557
TROLOVE, Peter	NZ Federation of Freshwater Anglers	11,624
COFFEY, Matt	Independent	6,546
INFORMAL		117
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		2,171

Ian MACKENZIE and John SUNCKELL are declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 45.05%, being 32,148 votes, excluding special votes.

South Canterbury/Ōtuhituhi Regional Constituency (2 vacancies)

WARD, Nick		10,985
SCOTT, Peter	Independent	10,574
MCKENZIE, Elizabeth	Independent	10,166
SNOW, Roy Teweringa		3,805
INFORMAL		25
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		2,364

Peter SCOTT and Nick WARD are declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 49.77%, being 22,083 votes, excluding special votes.

Christchurch North East/Ōrei Regional Constituency (2 vacancies)**Votes Received**

EAST, David	Independent	15,512
DAVIES, Joe	The People's Choice - Labour	9,963
CAMPBELL, Ashley	Independent	8,011
APANUI, Tane	Rail And Simplified Transport	7,622
KNOX, John	Independent	6,516
INFORMAL		5
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		2,648

Joe DAVIES and David EAST are declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 43.46%, being 30,661 votes, excluding special votes.

Christchurch Central/Ōhoko Regional Constituency (2 vacancies)**Votes Received**

BYRNES, Greg		10,871
ROBINSON, Genevieve	Independent	10,693
STOCKS, Brynlea	The People's Choice	9,556
WIIG, Murray	Independent	5,840
BOYCE (BOYCEY), Lindon	Independent	1,771
INFORMAL		8
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		2,537

Greg BYRNES and Genevieve ROBINSON are declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 36.66%, being 24,262 votes, excluding special votes.

Christchurch South/Ōwhanga Regional Constituency (2 vacancies)**Votes Received**

SOUTHWORTH, Vicky	Independent	17,844
DIETSCH, Paul	Get Things Done	10,612
HORN, Chrys	The People's Choice	9,535
DANN, James Macbeth		7,973
INFORMAL		8
BLANK VOTING PAPERS		2,948

Paul DIETSCH and Vicky SOUTHWORTH are declared elected.

The voter return percentage was 48.24%, being 29,461 votes, excluding special votes.

Anthony Morton
Electoral Officer
Environment Canterbury
14 October 2022



Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU

7 October 2022

Stefanie Rixecker
Canterbury Regional Council
200 Tuam Street,
Christchurch 8011

Tēnā koe Stefanie

Canterbury Regional Council

The passing of the Canterbury Regional Council (Ngāi Tahu Representation) Act 2022 acknowledges Ngāi Tahu manawhenua and rangatiratanga by enabling Ngāi Tahu to appoint two members of Canterbury Regional Council.

After a rigorous process that was led by the Papatipu Rūnanga within the Canterbury Regional Council region, on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, I confirm the two Ngai Tahu appointments to the Canterbury Regional Council are:

- Iaeen Cranwell
- Tutehounuku Korako

This decision is embargoed until noon on Monday 10 October 2022.

If you would like to discuss, please give me a call.

Nā māua noa, nā

Arihia Bennett
Chief Executive Officer

6.2. Declaration of Office by Councillors

Council report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 27 October 2022
Author	Catherine McMillan, General Manager Governance
Responsible Director	Dr Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive

Purpose

1. For Councillors to make the declaration required by clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Declaration

2. Councillors are invited to come forward in alphabetical order to make the following declaration:

Declaration by Member

I, _____ declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment execute and perform, in the best interests of the Canterbury Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as a member of the Canterbury Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 or any other Act.

Dated at Christchurch this 27th day of October 2022.

Te whakapuakitanga a ia Kaikaunihera

Ko ahau, ko _____, e oati ana ka whai ahau i te pono me te tōkeke, i runga hoki i te mutunga kē mai nei o āku pūkenga, o āku whakatau hoki kia whakatutuki, kia mahi anō hoki i te mana whakahaere, te mana whakatau me ngā momo mahi kua uhia ki runga i a au kia whiwhi painga mō te takiwā o te Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha, hei kaikaunihera o te Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha, e ai hoki ki te Ture Kāwanatanga-ā-rohe 2002, ki te Ture Kāwanatanga-ā-rohe Whakapae me te Hui 1987, me ētahi Ture anō rānei.

He mea whakaū tēnei i Ōtautahi i tēnei rā 27 o Hiringa-ā-nuku i te tau 2022.

Attachments

Nil

Legal review	Robyn Fitchett, Acting General Counsel
Peer reviewers	Vivienne Ong, Committee Advisor

6.3. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Council report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 27 October 2022
Author	Catherine McMillan, General Manager Governance
Responsible Director	Dr Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive

Purpose

1. To advise the Council of the procedure to elect the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Recommendations

That the Council:

1. **Chooses voting system A or voting system B for the election of the Council Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson:**
 - 1.1. **Voting system A (election by the majority of members) OR**
 - 1.2. **Voting system B (election by the greatest number of votes)**
2. **Agrees that in the event of a tie under voting system A, the candidate to be excluded from the next round of voting shall be resolved by lot as described in section 3.1 of this report.**
3. **Agrees that in the event of a tie under voting system B, the candidate to be elected shall be resolved by lot as described in section 7 of this report.**

Background

2. Under Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), the Council must elect the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson at the first meeting of the Council following the triennial general elections.
3. For each election the Council must choose one of two voting systems:
 - Election by the majority of members present and voting; or
 - Election by receiving a greater number of votes than any candidate.

Characteristics of election by majority (voting system A)

4. The person who is elected receives the votes of a majority of the members of the Council.

- There is a first round of voting for all candidates.
- If no candidate is elected in that round there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded.
- If no candidate is successful in the second round there is a third, and so on. Each time the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded.
- If, in any round, two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.
- Rounds of voting will only be required where there are more than two candidates.

Characteristics of election by greatest number of votes (voting system B)

5. A person is elected if they receive more votes than any other candidate.

- There is only one round of voting.
- If two or more candidates tie for the most vote, the tie is resolved by lot.

Comment

6. The Council can choose either of the two voting systems described above to elect the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson. The Council is entitled to adopt different systems for the election of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson; however, for reasons of ease and practicality, it is suggested that Council adopt the same procedure for the election of both the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Determining by 'lot' when there is a tie

7. Both voting systems require a resolution by 'lot' if two candidates receive an equal number of votes and no one else is elected. The most common procedure is for the names of the candidates with the same number of votes to be placed in a container and the name of the person drawn out by an independent person is deemed the winner, i.e., elected or not excluded from the next round. It is recommended that this process be used in the event that there is a tie between candidates.

Which voting system is best?

8. If Council wants to guarantee that the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson receive the votes of a majority of the members of Council it should adopt voting system A, i.e., election by majority. This is because the alternative voting procedure, where a candidate is elected by receiving the greatest number of votes, does not ensure that the

winning candidate has the support of more than half the members of Council in every instance.

New Chairperson to take the chair before Deputy Chairperson is elected

9. Once the voting procedure has been decided the Chief Executive will call for nominations for the office of Council Chairperson. Once elected, the Chairperson must make and attest to the declaration required under clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the LGA. After making the declaration, the newly elected Chairperson shall take the chair for the rest of the meeting.
10. Declaration by Chairperson:

I, _____, declare that I will faithfully and impartially, and according to the best of my skill and judgment, execute and perform, in the best interests of the Canterbury Region, the powers, authorities, and duties vested in, or imposed upon, me as Chairperson of the Canterbury Regional Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, or any other Act.

Dated at: Christchurch this 27th day of October 2022.

Te whakapuakitanga a ia tiamana:

Ko ahau, ko _____, e oati ana ka whai ahau i te pono me te tōkeke, i runga hoki i te mutunga kē mai nei o āku pūkenga, o āku whakatau hoki kia whakatutuki, kia mahi anō hoki i te mana whakahaere, te mana whakatau me ngā momo mahi kua uhia ki runga i a au kia whiwhi painga mō te takiwā o te Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha, hei tiamana o te Kaunihera Taiao ki Waitaha, e ai hoki ki te Ture Kāwanatanga-ā-rohe 2002, ki te Ture Kāwanatanga-ā-rohe Whakapae me te Hui 1987, me ētahi Ture anō rānei.

He mea whakaū tēnei i Ōtautahi i tēnei rā 27 o Hiringa-ā-nuku i te tau 2022.

Attachments

Nil

Legal review	Robyn Fitchett, Acting General Counsel
Peer reviewers	Vivienne Ong, Committee Advisor

6.4. Explanation of Statutory Obligations

Council report

Date of meeting	27 October 2022
Author	Philip Maw/Stephanie Woods, Wynn Williams
Responsible Director	Dr Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive

Purpose

1. This report contains a general explanation of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and other laws affecting members.
2. The Local Government Act 2002 requires this to be provided to the first meeting of the Council following a triennial general election of members.

Recommendations

That the Council:

1. **Receives this explanation of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 and other statutes affecting members.**

Background

3. Clause 21 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Chief Executive to include, as part of the agenda of the inaugural meeting of the Council, a general explanation of certain statutes that impose duties and obligations on Councillors.
4. Those statutes are:
 - a. The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987;
 - b. The appropriate provisions of the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968;
 - c. Sections 99, 105, and 105A of the Crimes Act 1961;
 - d. The Secret Commissions Act 1910;
 - e. The Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013; and
 - f. Other laws affecting Councillors, which staff consider significant, including the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015

5. A general explanation of those statutes is attached as Appendix 1 (this information is also included in the Councillors' induction folder) and Mr Maw will be present at the meeting to speak to these obligations.

Attachments

1. Summary of Statutes Affecting Councillors 18 October 2022 [6.4.1 - 5 pages]

Legal review	Robyn Fitchett, Acting General Counsel
Peer reviewers	Vivienne Ong, Committee Advisor

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)

The stated purposes of the LGOIMA are to:

- make official information held by local authorities more freely available
- provide for proper access by each person to official information relating to that person which is held by local authorities
- provide for the admission of the public to meetings of local authorities
- protect official information held by local authorities and the deliberations of local authorities to the extent consistent with the public interest and the preservation of personal privacy.

'Official information' is any information held by a local authority. This can include hard copies of documents (including emails), electronic/digital data and audio and audio-visual recordings.

The fundamental principle of availability is that information must be released unless there is good reason under the Act to withhold it and, where good reason exists, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by the public interest in making it available.

Reasons for refusing a request are set out in the Act. These include withholding information in order to:

- protect an individual's privacy
- prevent unreasonable prejudice to the commercial position of a person
- protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence
- maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between members and between members and staff
- maintain legal professional privilege
- enable the Council to carry out commercial activities or conduct negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

The Council may also refuse a request on a number of administrative grounds, including that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, or it will soon be publicly available.

Anyone may make a request for information. Where the information is held by the Council, a decision on the request must be made within 20 working days of it being received. If the Council does not hold the information, but believes it knows who does, it has 10 working days in which to transfer the request to another organisation.

The Ombudsman is authorised to investigate and review a decision to refuse a request. The outcome of the investigation may be a recommendation that the Council release the information requested in which case, if the Council refuses, the recommendation will be published in the Gazette along with the Council's reasons for its decision.

The Act requires meetings of the Council, its committees and its subcommittees, to be publicly notified and for agendas and reports to be available to the public at least two working days before every meeting. Anyone may attend meetings, but the Council has the right to exclude the public for the whole or any part of the proceedings. The reasons for doing so are set out in the Act, and are similar to the reasons for withholding information.

The Act also contains provisions that apply when a meeting is open to the public, including the maintenance of order. If the behaviour of any member of the public is likely to prejudice the orderly conduct of the meeting, the chairperson has the right to require that person to leave.

Finally, the Act provides that written statements contained in agenda items, or made orally at meetings, are protected by privilege unless the statements are proven to be motivated by ill-will. This is known as qualified privilege and applies in situations where a person acting in good faith and without any improper motive makes a statement that is defamatory.

The rationale for this is that people who represent local government electors should be able to speak freely on any matter they believe affects the interests of their constituents. However, for privilege to apply there must be a positive belief in the truth of what is said or written and no suggestion of personal spite or ill-will.

Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

The main purposes of this Act are to ensure members are not affected by personal motives when they participate in Council decisions, and to prevent members with an interest in any contract with the Council from using their position to obtain preferential treatment.

There are two specific rules providing that Members may not:

- participate in matters before the Council in which they have a pecuniary interest, other than an interest in common with the public
- enter into contracts with the Council worth more than \$25,000 (incl. GST) in a financial year.

Pecuniary interest

A pecuniary interest is one that involves money. It can sometimes be difficult to decide whether an interest in a particular matter is pecuniary or some other kind of interest. The test currently used by the Auditor-General's office is whether, if the matter were dealt with in a particular way, discussing or voting on that matter could reasonably give rise to an expectation of a gain or a loss of money for the member concerned.

The Act also refers to indirect pecuniary interests, which means that if a member's spouse or partner has a pecuniary interest in a matter before the Council, then the member is deemed to have the same interest. This also applies if the pecuniary interest is through a company in which the member, and/or his or her spouse or partner owns 10% or more of the shares, or is general manager or managing director.

It is important for members to recognise that when a matter reaches the stage where it can reasonably be expected to affect the member's interests, he or she should no longer take part in the decision-making process.

An exemption to this requirement may be granted if, in the opinion of the Auditor-General, application of the rule would impede the transaction of business by the Council, or it would be in the interests of electors for the rule not to apply.

Contracts over \$25,000

Any member of Council or of a committee will be automatically disqualified from office if he or she is 'concerned or interested' in contracts with the Council and the total payments made, or to be made, by the Council exceed the financial limit imposed by the Act. The limit relates to the value of payments made for all contracts, it does not apply separately to each contract.

Even if the contract is between the Council and another person, a member will still have an interest in it if he or she has a personal connection with that person, or could benefit from the contract. For example, where a spouse or partner is personally involved, or the contract is between the Council and a company in which the member and/or his or her spouse or partner own 10% or more of the shares, or is general manager or managing director (an indirect pecuniary interest as referred to earlier).

The Auditor-General's office may grant an exemption to the Act's requirements and approve contracts that would otherwise exceed the \$25,000 limit. Criteria to be considered will include whether the reasons for the Council awarding the contract are justifiable and the process followed is fair and transparent.

The Auditor-General's role also includes providing guidance for members and Council staff to assist with any compliance issues in particular situations and investigating and prosecuting alleged offences against the Act. The Auditor-General has published a useful guide on this issue, which is available on its website at

<https://www.oag.govt.nz/good-practice/conflicts-of-interest/for-councillors>.

Penalties for breach are immediate loss of office and the possibility of a fine.

Crimes Act 1961, sections 99, 105 and 105A

Section 99 of the Crimes Act provides a definition of 'official', which includes any member or employee of a local authority.

Sections 105 and 105A create offences for corruption and corrupt use of information.

 CONTROLLER & AUDITOR-GENERAL
Treasury & the Māori Authority

Good practice guide

Guidance for
members of
local authorities
about the Local
Authorities
(Members'
Interests) Act
1968

Section 105 provides that it is unlawful for an official to corruptly accept a bribe for acting or not acting in relation to the business of Council. Section 105A provides that it is unlawful for an official to use information gained in the course of their duties for their, or another person's, monetary gain or advantage.

These offences are punishable by a term of imprisonment of seven years or more. Councillors convicted of these offences will also be automatically ousted from office.

Secret Commissions Act 1910

Under this Act it is unlawful for a Councillor (or officer) to advise anyone to enter into a contract with a third person and receive a gift or reward from that third person as a result, or to present false receipts to Council.

If convicted of any offence under this Act a person can be imprisoned for up to seven years. A conviction therefore would trigger the ouster provisions of the Local Government Act and result in the removal of the Councillor from office.

Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013

The Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 imposes on Councillors the same responsibilities as those that are on company directors, whenever Council offers securities (debt or equity) to the public. Councillors may be personally liable if investment documents, such as a disclosure statement, contain untrue statements and may be liable for criminal prosecution if the requirements of the Act are not met.

Clearly, professional advice, both internally and externally, would be sourced and provided before the Council considered and made any decisions on disclosure statements. However, members should be aware they may be personally liable and at risk of criminal prosecution if the requirements of the Act are not met.

The Act also prohibits any Councillor who has information about a listed company that is not generally available to the market from trading in that company's shares or from disclosing that information.

The penalties for certain offences under this Act (false or misleading statements in disclosure documents – 10 years; or insider trading – five years) are such that if a Councillor were convicted, that conviction would result in being ousted from office.

Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

The Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA) places a duty of 'due diligence' on Councillors as Officers of the Council under the Act.

Exercising due diligence as an officer means taking reasonable steps to:

- continuously learn about, and keep up-to-date with, work health and safety issues
- understand the work of the organisation

- know the risks that workers, volunteers, and any other people who could be affected by the organisation's actions may face
- check the organisation has processes:
 - and appropriate resources to eliminate or minimise risks to health and safety, and uses them
 - to communicate and consider information about work health and safety, and to respond to that information
 - to comply with any duties and requirements under HSWA, and uses them.

While the due diligence requirements fully apply, members of a governing body of a territorial authority or regional council are expressly excluded from liability for offences under sections 47, 48 and 49 of the Act for failing to comply with a duty imposed on officers under section 44 (duties of officers).

In essence, this means members of local authorities are responsible but not accountable for a due diligence failure. Councillors are responsible and accountable under the Act for ensuring the safety of themselves while undertaking their duties as a Councillor and that his or her acts or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons.

6.5. Standing Orders

Council report

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Purpose

1. The report presents the current Standing Orders that were adopted by Canterbury Regional Council in 2021.
2. The current Standing Orders remain in force until new standing orders are adopted.

Recommendations

That the Council:

1. **Notes the Canterbury Regional Council Standing Orders (21 October 2021) appended to this report.**
2. **Notes that the Local Government Act 2022 (clause 16 of schedule 7) requires members to comply with the Council's Standing Orders.**
3. **Notes that there will be an opportunity to review and, if Council considers appropriate, to adopt new Standing Orders at a later Council meeting.**

Key points

3. Councils are required to adopt a set of Standing Orders as per clause 27, schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2022 (LGA). The current Standing Orders remain in force until new standing orders are adopted.
4. Standing Orders provide a set of agreed principles and rules for how meetings will be conducted and for how members should behave in meetings.
5. In September 2022, Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) prepared an updated Standing Orders template for councils to adopt for the orderly conduct of their meetings. The template is updated every three years to ensure it reflects new legislation and incorporates evolving standards of best practice.

Background

6. Standing Orders outline rules for the conduct of meetings of the Council and its committees. They must not contravene the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), or any other Act.

7. Good local governance requires Council to ensure that the way in which we undertake public decision-making is open, transparent, and fair. Standing Orders aims to achieve this. They are a critical element of good governance and local democracy, as well-run meetings and hui should increase community understanding of Council decision-making processes and trust in local political institutions.

Standing Orders

8. The Canterbury Regional Council last reviewed and adopted its Standing Orders in October 2021. The current Standing Orders closely follow the 2019 LGNZ template, with a few specific amendments including around timing for speaking at public forums and deputations, the Chair's casting vote, and the addition of a section on Tumu Taiao roles in meetings.
9. Once adopted, a Council's Standing Orders continue in existence and force until they are replaced or altered in accordance with schedule 7 of the LGA 2002. The current Standing Order therefore continue to apply to all meetings of this Council and its committees.
10. The adoption or amendment of standing orders by a Council requires a vote of not less than 75% of the members present. The Council may also temporarily suspend Standing Orders during a meeting where not less than 75% of the members present and voting agree to do so.
11. The September 2022 updated LGNZ Standing Orders template contains a range of minor changes to improve clarity and consistency. It is proposed that the Council consider a review of the current Standing Orders as early as practicable with the intention of adopting updated Standing Orders.

Cost, compliance and communication

Financial implications

12. There are no financial implications.

Risk assessment and legal compliance

13. The current Standing Order continue to apply to all meetings of this Council and its committees until new Standing Orders are adopted.

Engagement, Significance and Māori Participation

14. Standing orders are a mechanism for enabling members to work collectively to advance the public interests of their hāpori: they are a tool for promoting active citizenship. Enabling the participation of Māori citizens is one of the duties that the Crown has placed on local governments to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations, as set out in Article 3.

15. The current Standing Orders contain provisions around Tumu Taiao roles in meetings, which are now redundant as the Ngāi Tahu representations are now full Members of Council.

Consistency with council policy

16. The current Standing Orders are consistent with Council policy.

Climate Change Impacts

17. There are no relevant climate change impacts.

Next steps

18. Staff are preparing a Standing Orders briefing paper and Councillor training workshop to advise on the 2022 LGNZ updates and obtain feedback from Members about any changes the Members wish to make to the Standing Orders, with a view to preparing an updated set of proposed Standing Orders for Council to consider as soon as practicable.

Attachments

1. Standing Orders adopted 21 October 2021 [6.5.1 - 82 pages]

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Canterbury Regional Council

Standing Orders

Standing Orders adopted 21 October 2021

Preface

Standing orders contain rules for the conduct of the proceedings of local authorities, committees, subcommittees and subordinate decision-making bodies. Their purpose is to enable local authorities to exercise their decision-making responsibilities in a transparent, inclusive and lawful manner.

In doing so the application of standing orders contributes to greater public confidence in the quality of local governance and democracy in general.

These standing orders have been designed specifically for local authorities, their committees, subcommittees and subordinate decision-making bodies. They fulfil the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 with regard to the conduct of meetings.

It is mandatory that councils adopt standing order for the conduct of their meetings and the meetings of any subordinate bodies, such as committees and subcommittees (see cl. 27 Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002).

For clarity's sake whenever a question about the interpretation or application of these standing orders is raised, particularly where a matter might not be directly provided for, it is the responsibility of the Chairperson of each meeting to make a ruling.

All members of a local authority must abide by standing orders.

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1. Introduction

These Standing Orders have been prepared to enable the orderly conduct of local authority meetings. They incorporate the legislative provisions relating to meetings, decision making and transparency. They also include practical guidance on how meetings should operate so that statutory provisions are complied with and the spirit of the legislation fulfilled.

To assist elected members and officials the document is structured in three parts:

- 1.1. Part 1 deals with general matters.
- 1.2. Part 2 deals with pre-meeting procedures.
- 1.3. Part 3 deals with meeting procedures.

The Appendix, which follows Part 3, provides templates and additional guidance for implementing provisions within the standing orders. Please note, the Appendix is an attachment to the standing orders and not part of the standing orders themselves, consequently amendments to the Appendix do not require the agreement of 75% of those present. In addition, the 'Guide to Standing Orders' provides additional advice on the application of the Standing Orders and are also not part of the Standing Orders.

1.1. Principles

Standing Orders are part of the framework of processes and procedures designed to ensure that our system of local democracy and in particular decision-making within local government is transparent and accountable. They are designed to give effect to the principles of good governance, which include that a local authority should:

- Conduct its business in an open, transparent and democratically accountable manner;
- Give effect to its identified priorities and desired outcomes in an efficient and effective manner;
- Make itself aware of, and have regard to, the views of all of its communities;
- Take account, when making decisions, of the diversity of the community, its interests and the interests of future communities as well;
- Ensure that any decisions made under these standing orders comply with the decision-making provisions of Part 6 of the LGA; and
- Ensure that decision-making procedures and practices meet the standards of natural justice.

These principles are reinforced by the requirement that all local authorities act so that “governance structures and processes are effective, open and transparent” (s. 39 LGA 2002).

1.2. Statutory references

The Standing Orders consist of statutory provisions about meetings along with guidance on how those provisions should be applied in practice. Where a statutory provision has been augmented with advice on how it might be implemented the advice (so as not to confuse it with the statutory obligation) is placed below the relevant legislative reference. In some cases the language in the

statutory provision has been modernised for ease of interpretation or amended to ensure consistency with more recently enacted statutes.

It is important to note that statutory references in the standing orders apply throughout the period of a meeting, regardless of whether or not parts or all of the Standing Orders have been suspended. These provisions must also be carried through into any amendment of the standing orders that might be made. Please note, where it is employed the word 'must', unless otherwise stated, identifies a mandatory legislative requirement.

1.3. Acronyms

LGA 2002	Local Government Act 2002
LGOIMA	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
LAMIA	Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968

1.4. Application

For the removal of any doubt these standing orders do not apply to workshops or meetings of working parties and advisory groups unless specifically included in their terms of reference.

2. Definitions

Adjournment means a break in the proceedings of a meeting. A meeting, or discussion on a particular business item, may be adjourned for a brief period, or to another date and time.

Advisory group means a group of people convened by a local authority for the purpose of providing advice or information that is not a committee or subcommittee. These standing orders do not apply to such groups. This definition also applies to workshops, working parties, working group, panels, forums, portfolio groups, briefings and other similar bodies.

Agenda means the list of items for consideration at a meeting together with reports and other attachments relating to those items in the order in which they will be considered. It is also referred to as an 'order paper'.

Amendment means any change of proposed change to the original or substantive motion.

Audio link means facilities that enable audio communication between participants at a meeting when one or more of the participants is not physically present at the place of the meeting.

Audio-visual link means facilities that enable audiovisual communication between participants at a meeting when one or more of them is not physically present at the place of the meeting.

Chairperson means the person presiding at a meeting – the presiding member.

Chief executive means the chief executive of a regional council appointed under section 42 of the LGA 2002, and includes, for the purposes of these standing orders, any other officer authorized by the chief executive.

Clear working days means the number of working days (business hours) prescribed in these Standing Orders for giving notice and excludes the date of the meeting and date on which the notice is served.

Committee includes, in relation to a local authority:

- (a) A committee comprising all the members of that authority;
- (b) A standing committee or special committee appointed by that authority;
- (c) A joint committee appointed under clause 30A of Schedule 7 of the LGA 2002; and
- (d) Any subcommittee of a committee described in (a), (b) and (c) of this definition.

Contempt means being disobedient to, or disrespectful of, the chair of a meeting, or disrespectful to any members, officers or the public.

Council means, in the context of these Standing Orders, the governing body of a local authority.

Deputation means a request from any person or group to make a presentation to the local authority which is approved by the Chairperson and which may be made in English, te reo Māori or New Zealand Sign Language.

Electronic link means both an audio and audio-visual link.

Emergency meeting has the same meaning as defined in clause 22A of Schedule 7 of the LGA 2002.

Extraordinary meeting has the same meaning as defined in clause 22 of Schedule 7 of the LGA 2002.

Foreshadowed motion means a motion that a member indicates their intention to move once the debate on a current motion or amendment is concluded.

Internet site means, in relation to a local authority or other person or entity, an Internet site that is maintained by, or on behalf of, the local authority, person, or entity and to which the public has free access.

Joint committee means a committee in which the members are appointed by more than one local authority in accordance with clause 30A of Schedule 7 of the LGA 2002.

Karakia timatanga means an opening prayer.

Karakia whakamutunga means a closing prayer.

Lawfully excluded means a member of a local authority who has been removed from a meeting due to behaviour that a Chairperson has ruled to be contempt.

Leave of absence means a pre-approved absence for a specified period of time consistent with the council policy should one be in place.

Local authority means in the context of these standing orders a regional council, as defined in s. 5 of the LGA 2002, which is named in these standing orders, and any subordinate decision-making bodies established by the local authority.

Meeting means any first, inaugural, ordinary, or extraordinary meeting of a local authority, committee, subcommittee or subordinate decision-making bodies of the local authority convened under the provisions of LGOIMA.

Member means any person elected or appointed to the local authority.

Mihi whakatau means a brief welcome typically delivered by one person without any further formalities.

Minutes means the record of the proceedings of any meeting of the local authority.

Motion means a formal proposal to a meeting.

Mover means the member who initiates a motion.

Newspaper means a periodical publication published (whether in New Zealand or elsewhere) at intervals not exceeding 40 days, or any copy of, or part of any copy of, any such publications; and this includes every publication that at any time accompanies and is distributed along with any newspaper.

Notice of motion means a motion given in writing by a member in advance of a meeting in accordance with, and as provided for, in these standing orders.

Open voting means voting that is conducted openly and in a transparent manner (i.e. enables an observer to identify how a member has voted on an issue) and may be conducted by electronic means. The result of the vote must be announced immediately it has concluded. Secret ballots are specifically excluded.

Order paper means the list of items for consideration at a meeting together with reports and other attachments relating to those items set out in the order in which they will be considered. An order paper is also referred to as an agenda.

Ordinary meeting means any meeting, other than the first meeting, of a local authority publicly notified in accordance with sections 46(1) and (2) of LGOIMA.

Petition means a request to a local authority which contains at least 20 signatures.

Powhiri means a formal welcome involving a Karanga from the Tangata Whenua (the home people) followed by formal speech making. A Powhiri is generally used for formal occasions of the highest significance.

Present at the meeting to constitute quorum means the member is to be physically present in the room.

Presiding member means the person chairing a meeting.

Procedural motion means a motion that is used to control the way in which a motion or the meeting is managed as specified in standing orders 24.1 – 24.7.

Public excluded information refers to information, which is currently before a public excluded session, is proposed to be considered at a public excluded session, or had previously been considered at a public excluded session and not yet been released as publicly available information. It includes:

- Any minutes (or portions of minutes) of public excluded sessions which have not been subsequently released by the local authority; and
- Any other information which has not been released by the local authority as publicly available information.

Public excluded session, also referred to as confidential or in-committee session, refers to those meetings or parts of meetings from which the public is excluded by the local authority as provided for in LGOIMA.

Public forum refers to a period set aside usually at the start of a meeting for the purpose of public input.

Public notice in relation to a notice given by a local authority, means one that is made publicly available, until any opportunity for review or appeal in relation to the matter notified has lapsed, on the local authority's Internet site. And in addition, is published in at least one daily newspaper circulating in the region of the local authority, or one or more other newspapers that have a combined circulation in that region which is at least equivalent to that of a daily newspaper circulating in that region

Publicly notified means notified to members of the public by a notice contained in a newspaper circulating in the region of the local authority, or where there is no such newspaper, by notice displayed in a public place. The notice may also be replicated on a council's website.

Qualified privilege means the privilege conferred on member by s. 52 and s. 53 of LGOIMA.

Quasi-judicial means a meeting involving the consideration of issues requiring the evaluation of evidence, the assessment of legal argument and/or the application of legal principles.

Quorum means the minimum number of members required to be present in order to constitute a valid meeting.

Regional Council Chairperson means the member of the governing body of a regional council elected as Chairperson of that regional council under cl.25 Schedule 7 LGA 2002.

Resolution means a motion that has been adopted by the meeting.

Right of reply means the right of the mover of a motion to reply to those who have spoken to the motion. (The right does not apply to an amendment).

Second means the member who seconds a motion.

Sub judice means under judicial consideration and therefore prohibited from public discussion elsewhere.

Subordinate decision-making body means committees, subcommittees, and any other bodies established by a local authority that have decision-making authority.

Substantive motion means the original motion. In the case of a motion that is subject to an amendment, the substantive motion is the original motion incorporating any amendments adopted by the meeting.

Substantive resolution means the substantive motion that has been adopted by the meeting or a restatement of a resolution that has been voted on in parts.

Subcommittee means a subordinate decision-making body established by a council, or a committee of a council. See definition of “Committee”.

Tumu Taiao means the two mana whenua experts on Council appointed by the ten Papatipu Rūnanga Chairs of the Canterbury region to provide advice to Council in the interests of mana whenua, in accordance with the Te Ara Whakamua Agreement and in alignment with the principles contained within the Tuia Agreement.

Working day means a day of the week other than:

- (a) Saturday, Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, the Sovereign’s birthday, and Waitangi Day. If Waitangi Day or Anzac Day falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, then the following Monday;
- (b) The day observed in the appropriate area as the anniversary of the province of which the area forms a part; and
- (c) A day in the period commencing with 20 December in any year and ending with 10 January in the following year.

Should a local authority wish to meet between the 20th of December and the 10th of January of the following year any meeting must be notified as an extraordinary meeting, unless there is sufficient time to notify an ordinary meeting before the commencement of the period.

Working party means a group set up by a local authority to achieve a specific objective that is not a committee or subcommittee and to which these standing orders do not apply.

Workshop, means in the context of these standing orders, a gathering of elected members for the purpose of considering matters of importance to the local authority at which no decisions are made and to which these standing orders do not apply. Workshops may include non-elected members. See definition of “advisory group”. Workshops are also described as briefings.

General matters

3. Standing orders

3.1. Obligation to adopt standing orders

A council is required to operate in accordance with standing orders for the conduct of its meetings and the meetings of its committees and subcommittees. Standing orders must not contravene any Act.

cl. 27(1) & (2), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

3.2. Process for adoption and alteration of standing orders

The adoption of standing orders and any amendment to standing orders must be made by the Council and by a vote of not less than 75% of the members present.

cl. 27(3) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

3.3. Members must obey standing orders

All members of the local authority, including members of committees and subcommittees, must obey these standing orders.

cl. 16(1) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

3.4. Application of standing orders

These standing orders apply to all meetings of the local authority, its committees, subcommittees and subordinate decision-making bodies, including meetings and parts of meetings that the public are excluded from.

3.5. Temporary suspension of standing orders

Any member of a council, committee, subcommittee and subordinate may move a motion to suspend specified standing orders at a meeting of which they are a member. Any such motion must also include the reason for the suspension. If seconded, the Chairperson must put the motion without debate and at least 75 per cent of the members present and voting must support the motion for it to be carried.

cl. 27(4), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

A motion to suspend standing orders may also identify the specific standing orders to be suspended. In the event of suspension those standing orders prescribed in statute will continue to apply, such as the quorum requirements.

3.6. Quasi-judicial proceedings

For quasi-judicial proceedings the local authority may amend meeting procedures. For example, committees hearing applications under the RMA 1991 have additional powers under the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908.

3.7. Physical address of members

Every member of a local authority must give to the chief executive a physical residential or business address within the region of the local authority and, if desired, an electronic or other address, to which notices and material relating to meetings and local authority business may be sent or delivered. Members are to provide their address within 5 working days of the publication of the declaration of the election results.

4. Meetings

4.1. Legal requirement to hold meetings

The local authority must hold meetings for the good government of its region. Meetings must be called and conducted in accordance with:

- (a) Schedule 7 of the LGA 2002;
- (b) Part 7 of LGOIMA; and
- (c) These standing orders.

A meeting can be adjourned to a specified time and day if required by resolution of the meeting.

4.2. Meeting duration

A meeting cannot continue more than six hours from when it starts (including any adjournments) or after 10.30pm, unless the meeting resolves to continue. If there is no such resolution any business on the agenda that has not been dealt with must be adjourned, transferred to the next meeting or transferred to an extraordinary meeting.

No meeting can sit for more than two hours continuously without a break of at least ten minutes unless the meeting resolves to extend the time before a break.

4.3. Language

A member may address a meeting in English, te reo Māori or New Zealand Sign Language. A Chairperson may require that a speech is translated and printed in English or te reo Māori.

If a member intends to address the meeting in New Zealand Sign Language, or in te reo Māori when the normal business of the meeting is conducted in English, they must give prior notice to the Chairperson not less than 2 working days before the meeting.

Where the normal business of the meeting is conducted in te reo Māori then prior notice of the intention to address the meeting in English must also be given to the Chairperson not less than 2 working days before the meeting.

4.4. Webcasting meetings

Webcast meetings should be provided in accordance with the protocols contained in Appendix 5.

4.5. First meeting (inaugural)

The first meeting of a local authority following a local authority triennial general election must be called by the chief executive as soon as practicable after the results of the election are known. The chief executive must give elected members not less than 7 days' notice of the meeting. However, in the event of an emergency the chief executive may give notice of the meeting as soon as practicable.

cl. 21(1) - (4), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

4.6. Requirements for the first meeting

The chief executive (or, in the absence of the chief executive, their nominee) must chair the first meeting until the Chairperson has made an oral declaration and attested the declaration (see cl. 21(4), Schedule 7 (LGA 2002)).

The business to be conducted at the first meeting following a general election must include the following:

- (a) The making and attesting of the declarations required of the Chairperson (if any) and members under cl.14, Schedule7, (LGA 2002);
- (b) The election of the Chairperson and the making and attesting of the declaration required of the Chairperson under cl. 14 Schedule7, (LGA 2002);
- (c) A general explanation, given or arranged by the Chief Executive, of:
 - i. LGOIMA; and
 - ii. Other laws affecting members, including the appropriate provisions of the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968; and sections 99, 105, and 105A of the Crimes Act 1961; and the Secret Commissions Act 1910; and the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.
- (d) The fixing of the date and time of the first meeting of the local authority, or the adoption of a schedule of meetings; and
- (e) The election of the deputy Chairperson in accordance with cl.17 Schedule7, (LGA 2002).

cl. 21(5), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

It is common for councils to adopt standing orders at the first meeting; however, this is not always necessary as, if not amended, standing orders will remain in force after each triennial election.

5. Appointments and elections

5.1. Elections of regional Chairpersons, and deputy Chairpersons

The council (or a committee responsible for making the appointment) must decide by resolution to use one of two voting systems (see standing order 5.3) when electing people to the following positions:

- The Chairperson and deputy Chairperson of a regional council;
- The Chairperson and deputy Chairperson of a committee; and
- A representative of a local authority.

cl. 25 Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

5.2. Removal of a Chairperson deputy Chairperson

A Chairperson or deputy Chairperson can only be removed in accordance with the process set out in cl. 18, Schedule 7, of the LGA 2002. See Appendix 9.

cl. 18, Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

5.3. Voting system for Chairpersons, deputy Chairpersons and committee chairs

When electing a regional council chair, a deputy Mayor or a committee chair the local authority must resolve to use one of the following two voting systems.

System A

The candidate will be elected or appointed if he or she receives the votes of a majority of the members of the local authority or committee who are present and voting. This system has the following characteristics:

- (a) There is a first round of voting for all candidates;
- (b) If no candidate is successful in the first round, there is a second round of voting from which the candidate with the fewest votes in the first round is excluded; and
- (c) If no candidate is successful in the second round, there is a third round, and if necessary subsequent rounds, of voting from which, each time, the candidate with the fewest votes in the previous round is excluded.

In any round of voting, if two or more candidates tie for the lowest number of votes, the person to be excluded from the next round is resolved by lot.

System B

The candidate will be elected or appointed if he or she receives more votes than any other candidate. This system has the following characteristics:

- (a) There is only one round of voting; and
- (b) If two or more candidates tie for the most votes, the tie is resolved by lot.

cl. 25 Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

6. Delegations

6.1. Limits on delegations

Unless clearly stated in the LGA or any other Act, a council may, for the purposes of efficiency and effectiveness, delegate to a committee, subcommittee, subordinate decision-making body, member, or officer of the local authority, any of its responsibilities, duties, or powers except:

- (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;
- (e) The power to appoint a chief executive;
- (f) The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the LGA in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement;
- (g) Repealed; and
- (h) The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.

cl. 32 (1) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

6.2. Committees may delegate

A committee, subcommittee or subordinate decision-making body, member, or officer of the local authority, may delegate any of its responsibilities, duties, or powers to a subcommittee or person, subject to any conditions, limitations, or prohibitions imposed by the body that made the original delegation.

cl. (2) & (3), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

6.3. Use of delegated powers

The committee, subcommittee, other subordinate decision-making body or member or officer of the local authority to which or to whom any responsibilities, powers, duties are delegated may, without confirmation by the council, committee or body or person that made the delegation, exercise or perform them in the like manner and with the same effect as the local authority could itself have exercised or performed them.

cl. 32(2) & (3)(4) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

6.4. Decisions made under delegated authority cannot be rescinded or amended

Nothing in these standing orders allows a council, committee and subcommittee to rescind or amend a lawfully made decision of a subordinate decision-making body carried out under a delegation authorising the making of that decision.

cl. 30 (6), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

6.5. Committees and sub committees subject to the direction of the local authority

A committee, subcommittee or other subordinate decision-making body is subject in all things to the control of the local authority, and must carry out all general and special directions of the local authority given to them.

cl. 30 (3) & (4), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

Please note: A council is advised to delegate a range of decision-making responsibilities to its chief executive to cover the period from the day following the Electoral Office's declaration until the new council is sworn in. See the 2019 Guide to Standing Orders for further information.

7. Committees

7.1. Appointment of committees and subcommittees

A council may appoint the committees, subcommittees, and other subordinate decision-making bodies that it considers appropriate. A committee may appoint the subcommittees that it considers appropriate, unless it is prohibited from doing so by the council.

cl. 30(1) & (2), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

7.2. Discharge or reconstitution of committees and subcommittees

Unless expressly provided otherwise in legislation or regulation:

- (a) A local authority may discharge or reconstitute a committee or subcommittee, or other subordinate decision-making body; and
- (b) A committee may discharge or reconstitute a subcommittee.

A committee, subcommittee, or other subordinate decision-making body is, unless a council resolves otherwise, discharged when members elected at a subsequent triennial general election come into office.

cl. 30 (5) & (7), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

Please note: s.12 (2) of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002 states that a Civil Defence and Emergency Management Group is not deemed to be discharged following a triennial election.

7.3. Appointment or discharge of committee members and subcommittee members

A council may appoint or discharge any member of a committee and, if established by the council, a subcommittee. A committee may appoint or discharge any member of a subcommittee appointed by the committee unless directed otherwise by the council.

cl. 31 (1) & (2), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

7.4. Elected members on committees and subcommittees

The members of a committee or subcommittee may be, but are not required to be, elected members of a local authority. A council or committee may appoint a person who is not a member of the local authority to a committee or subcommittee if, in the opinion of the council or committee, the person has the skills, attributes or knowledge to assist the committee or subcommittee.

At least one member of a committee must be an elected member of the council. A staff member of the local authority, in the course of their employment, can be a member of a subcommittee but not a committee.

cl. 31(4) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

7.5. Local authority may replace members if committee not discharged

If a local authority resolves that a committee, subcommittee or other subordinate decision-making body is not to be discharged under cl. 30 (7) Schedule 7, LGA 2002, the local authority may replace the members of that committee, subcommittee or subordinate decision-making body after the next triennial general election of members.

cl. 31(5) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

7.6. Decision not invalid despite irregularity in membership

For the purpose of these standing orders a decision of a local authority or committee is not invalidated if:

1. There is a vacancy in the membership of the local authority or committee at the time of the decision; or

2. Following the decision some defect in the election or appointment process is discovered and/or that the membership of a person on the committee at the time is found to have been ineligible.

cl. 29, Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

7.7. Appointment of joint committees

A local authority may appoint a joint committee with another local authority or other public body if it has reached agreement with each local authority or public body. The agreement must specify:

- (a) The number of members each party may appoint;
- (b) How the Chairperson and deputy Chairperson are to be appointed;
- (c) The terms of reference of the committee;
- (d) What responsibilities, if any, are to be delegated to the committee by each party; and
- (e) How the agreement may be varied.

The agreement may also specify any other matter relating to the appointment, operation, or responsibilities of the committee agreed by the parties.

cl. 30A (1) & (2), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

7.8. Status of joint committees

A joint committee is deemed to be both a committee of a council and a committee of each other participating local authority or public body.

cl. 30A (5), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

7.9. Power to appoint or discharge individual members of a joint committee

The power to discharge any individual member of a joint committee and appoint another member in their stead must be exercised by the council or public body that made the appointment.

cl. 30A (6)(a), Schedule 7, LGA 2002

Pre-meeting

8. Giving notice

8.1. Public notice – ordinary meetings

All meetings scheduled for the following month must be publicly notified not more than 14 days and not less than 5 days before the end of the current month, together with the dates, the times and places on and at which those meetings are to be held. In the case of meetings held on or after the 21st day of the month public notification may be given not more than 10 nor less than 5 working days before the day on which the meeting is to be held. (See Guide to Standing Orders for more information).

s. 46, LGOIMA.

8.2. Notice to members - ordinary meetings

The chief executive must give notice in writing to each member of the local authority of the date, time and place of any meeting. Notice must be given at least 14 days before the meeting unless the council has adopted a schedule of meetings, in which case notice must be given at least 14 days before the first meeting on the schedule.

cl. 19 (5), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

8.3. Extraordinary meeting may be called

An extraordinary council meeting may be called by:

- (a) Resolution of the council: or
- (b) A requisition in writing delivered to the chief executive which is signed by:
 - i. The Chairperson; or
 - ii. Not less than one third of the total membership of the council (including vacancies).

cl. 22 (1) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

8.4. Notice to members - extraordinary meetings

The chief executive must give notice, in writing, of the time and place of an extraordinary meeting called under Standing Order 8.3, as well as the general nature of business to be considered to each member of the council at least 3 working days before the day appointed for the meeting. If the meeting is called by a resolution then notice must be provided within such lesser period as is specified in the resolution, as long as it is not less than 24 hours.

cl. 22 (3), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

8.5. Emergency meetings may be called

If the business a council needs to deal with requires a meeting to be held at a time earlier than is allowed by the notice requirements for holding an extraordinary meeting and it is not practicable to call the meeting by resolution, an emergency meeting may be called by:

- (a) The Chairperson; or
- (b) If the Chairperson is unavailable, the Chief Executive.

cl. 22A(1), Schedule 7 LGA 2002.

8.6. Process for calling an emergency meeting

The notice of the time and place of an emergency meeting, and of the matters in respect of which the emergency meeting is being called, must be given by the person calling the meeting or by another person on that person's behalf.

The notice must be given, by whatever means is reasonable in the circumstances, to each member of the local authority, and to the chief executive, at least 24 hours before the time appointed for the meeting.

cl. 22A (2), Schedule 7 LGA 2002.

8.7. Public notice – emergency and extraordinary meetings

Where an emergency or extraordinary meeting of a local authority is called but the notice of the meeting is inconsistent with these standing orders, due to the manner in which it was called, the local authority must cause that meeting and the general nature of business to be transacted at that meeting:

- (a) To be publicly notified as soon as practicable before the meeting is to be held; or
- (b) If it is not practicable to publish a notice in newspapers before the meeting, to be notified as soon as practicable on the local authority's Internet site and in any other manner that is reasonable in the circumstances.

s. 46 (3) LGOIMA.

8.8. Meetings not invalid

The failure to notify a public meeting under these standing orders does not of itself make that meeting invalid. However, where a local authority becomes aware that a meeting has been incorrectly notified it must, as soon as practicable, give public notice stating:

- That the meeting occurred without proper notification;
- The general nature of the business transacted; and
- The reasons why the meeting was not properly notified.

s. 46 (6), LGOIMA.

8.9. Resolutions passed at an extraordinary meeting

A local authority must, as soon as practicable, publicly notify any resolution passed at an extraordinary meeting of the local authority unless:

- (a) The resolution was passed at a meeting or part of a meeting from which the public was excluded; or
- (b) The extraordinary meeting was publicly notified at least 5 working days before the day on which the meeting was held.

s. 51A, LGOIMA.

8.10. Meeting schedules

Where the local authority adopts a meeting schedule it may cover any period that the council considers appropriate and may be amended. Notification of the schedule, or an amendment, will constitute notification to members of every meeting on the schedule or the amendment. This does not replace the requirements under LGOIMA to also publicly notify each meeting.

cl. 19 (6) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

8.11. Non-receipt of notice to members

A meeting of a local authority is not invalid if notice of that meeting was not received, or not received in due time, by a member of the local authority unless:

- (a) It is proved that the person responsible for giving notice of the meeting acted in bad faith or without reasonable care; and
- (b) The member concerned did not attend the meeting.

A member of a local authority may waive the need to be given notice of a meeting.

cl. 20 (1) & (2) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

8.12. Meeting cancellations

The Chairperson of a scheduled meeting may cancel the meeting if, in consultation with the chief executive, they consider this is necessary for reasons that include lack of business, lack of quorum or clash with another event.

The chief executive must make a reasonable effort to notify members and the public as soon as practicable of the cancellation and the reasons behind it.

9. Meeting agenda

9.1. Preparation of the agenda

It is the chief executive's responsibility to prepare an agenda for each meeting listing and attaching information on the items of business to be brought before the meeting so far as is known, including the names of the relevant members.

When preparing business items for an agenda the chief executive should consult the Chairperson.

9.2. Process for raising matters for a decision

Requests for reports may be made by a resolution of the council, committee, subcommittee or subordinate decision-making body and, in the case of all decision-making bodies other than the council, must also fall within the scope of their specific delegations. A process for requesting reports is described in Appendix 10.

9.3. Chief executive may delay or refuse request

The chief executive may delay commissioning any reports that involve significant cost or are beyond the scope of the committee that made the request. In such cases the chief executive will discuss options for meeting the request with the respective Chairperson and report back to a subsequent meeting with an estimate of the cost involved and seek direction on whether the report should still be prepared.

If a member makes a direct request to a chief executive asking that a report is prepared the chief executive may refuse. In such cases an explanation should be provided to the member.

9.4. Order of business

At the meeting the business is to be dealt with in the order in which it stands on the agenda unless the Chairperson, or the meeting, decides otherwise. An example of a default order of business is set out in Appendix 10.

The order of business for an extraordinary meeting must be limited to items that are relevant to the purpose for which the meeting has been called.

9.5. Chairperson's recommendation

A Chairperson, either prior to the start of the meeting and/or at the meeting itself, may include a recommendation regarding any item on the agenda brought before the meeting. Where a Chairperson's recommendation varies significantly from an officer's recommendation the reason for the variation must be explained.

9.6. Chairperson's report

The Chairperson of a meeting has the right, through a report, to direct the attention of a meeting to any matter which is on the agenda or which falls within the responsibilities of that meeting, as described in its terms of reference.

9.7. Public availability of the agenda

All information provided to members at a local authority meeting must be publicly available except where an item included in the agenda refers to a matter reasonably expected to be discussed with the public excluded.

s. 5 & 46A, LGOIMA.

9.8. Public inspection of agenda

Any member of the public may, without payment of a fee, inspect, during normal office hours and within a period of at least 2 working days before a meeting, all agendas and associated reports circulated to members of the local authority relating to that meeting. The agenda:

- (a) Must be available for inspection at the public offices of the local authority (including service centres), at public libraries under the authority's control and on the council's website; and
- (b) Must be accompanied by either:
 - i. The associated reports; or
 - ii. A notice specifying the places at which the associated reports may be inspected.

s. 46A (1), LGOIMA.

9.9. Withdrawal of agenda items

If justified by circumstances an agenda item may be withdrawn by the chief executive. In the event of an item being withdrawn the chief executive should inform the Chairperson.

9.10. Distribution of the agenda

The chief executive must send the agenda to every member of a meeting at least two clear working days before the day of the meeting, except in the case of an extraordinary meeting or an emergency meeting (see Standing Orders 8.4 and 8.10).

The chief executive may send the agenda, and other materials relating to the meeting or other council business, to members by electronic means.

9.11. Status of agenda

No matter on a meeting agenda, including recommendations, may be considered final until determined by formal resolution of that meeting.

9.12. Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed

A meeting may deal with an item of business that is not on the agenda where the meeting resolves to deal with that item and the Chairperson provides the following information during the public part of the meeting:

- (a) The reason the item is not on the agenda; and
- (b) The reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

s. 46A (7), LGOIMA.

Items not on the agenda may be brought before the meeting through a report from either the chief executive or the Chairperson.

Please note that nothing in this standing order removes the requirement to meet the provisions of Part 6, LGA 2002 with regard to consultation and decision-making.

9.13. Discussion of minor matters not on the agenda

A meeting may discuss an item that is not on the agenda only if it is a minor matter relating to the general business of the meeting and the Chairperson explains at the beginning of the public part of the meeting that the item will be discussed. However, the meeting may not make a resolution, decision or recommendation about the item, except to refer it to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

s. 46A (7A), LGOIMA.

9.14. Public excluded business on the agenda

Items that are likely to be discussed under public excluded must be indicated on each agenda and state the general subject of the item. The chief executive, however, may exclude public access to any reports, or parts of reports, which are reasonably expected to be discussed with the public excluded.

s. 46A (9), LGOIMA.

9.15. Qualified privilege relating to agenda and minutes

Where any meeting is open to the public and a member of the public is supplied with a copy of the agenda, or the minutes of that meeting, the publication of any defamatory matter included in the agenda or in the minutes is privileged. This does not apply if the publication is proved to have been made with ill will or improper advantage has been taken of the publication.

s. 52, LGOIMA.

Meeting Procedures

10. Opening and closing

Local authorities may, at the start of a meeting, choose to recognise the civic importance of the occasion through some form of reflection. This could be an expression of community values, a reminder of the contribution of members who have gone before or a formal welcome, such as a mihi whakatau.

Options for opening a meeting could include a karakia timitanga, mihi whakatau, or powhiri as well as a karakia whakamutunga to close a meeting where appropriate.

11. Quorum

11.1. Council meetings

The quorum for a meeting of the council is:

- (a) Half of the members physically present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is even; and
- (b) A majority of the members physically present, where the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.

cl. 23 (3)(a) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

11.2. Committees and subcommittee meetings

A council sets the quorum for its committees and subcommittees, either by resolution or by stating the quorum in the terms of reference. Committees may set the quorums for their subcommittees by resolution provided that it is not less than two members. (See also 7.4).

In the case of subcommittees the quorum will be two members unless otherwise stated. In the case of committees at least one member of the quorum must be a member of the council.

cl. 23 (3)(b) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

11.3. Joint Committees

The quorum at a meeting of a joint committee must be consistent with Standing Order 11.1. Local authorities participating in the joint committee may decide, by agreement, whether or not the quorum includes one or more members appointed by each local authority or any party.

cl. 30A (6)(c) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

11.4. Requirement for a quorum

A meeting is constituted where a quorum of members is present, whether or not they are all voting or entitled to vote. In order to conduct any business at a meeting, a quorum of members must be present for the whole time that the business is being considered.

cl. 23(1) & (2) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

11.5. Meeting lapses where no quorum

A meeting must lapse, and the Chairperson vacate the chair, if a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the advertised start of the meeting. Where members are known to be travelling to the meeting, but are delayed due to extraordinary circumstance, the Chairperson has discretion to wait for a longer period.

No business may be conducted while waiting for the quorum to be reached. Minutes will record when a meeting lapses due to a lack of a quorum, along with the names of the members who attended.

Should a quorum be lost the meeting will lapse if the quorum is not present within 15 minutes.

11.6. Business from lapsed meetings

Where meetings lapse the remaining business will be adjourned and be placed at the beginning of the agenda of the next ordinary meeting, unless the Chairperson sets an earlier meeting and this is notified by the chief executive.

12. Public access and recording

12.1. Meetings open to the public

Except as otherwise provided by Part 7 of LGOIMA, every meeting of the local authority, its committees and subcommittees must be open to the public.

s.47 & 49(a), LGOIMA.

12.2. Grounds for removing the public

The Chairperson may require any member of the public whose conduct is disorderly, or who is creating a disturbance, to be removed from the meeting.

12.3. Local authority may record meetings

Meeting venues should contain clear signage indicating and informing members, officers and the public that proceedings may be recorded by the local authority and may be subject to direction by the Chairperson.

12.4. Public may record meetings

Members of the public may make electronic or digital recordings of meetings which are open to the public. Any recording of meetings must be notified to the Chairperson at the commencement of the meeting to ensure that the recording does not distract the meeting from fulfilling its business.

Where circumstances require the Chairperson may stop the recording for a period of time.

13. Attendance

13.1. Members right to attend meetings

A member of a local authority, or of a committee of a local authority, has, unless lawfully excluded, the right to attend any meeting of the local authority or committee.

cl. 19(2), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

If the member of the local authority is not an appointed member of the meeting at which they are in attendance they may not vote on any matter at that meeting. However, they may, with the leave of the chair, take part in the meeting's discussions.

A member attending a meeting of which they are not an appointed member is not a member of the public for the purpose of s.48 LGOIMA. Consequently, if the meeting resolves to exclude the public any members of the local authority who are present may remain unless they are lawfully excluded.

Please note: this section does not confer any rights to non-elected members appointed to committees of a local authority.

13.2. Attendance when a committee is performing judicial or quasi-judicial functions

When a committee is performing judicial or quasi-judicial functions members of the local authority who are not members of that committee are not entitled to take part in the proceedings.

13.3. Temporary absences

The Chairperson may grant a member permission to be temporarily absent from the meeting to allow the member to breastfeed, express, care for an infant or child, or attend to medical needs.

13.4. Leave of absence

A council may grant a member leave of absence following an application from that member. The council may delegate the power to grant a leave of absence to the Chairperson in order to protect a members' privacy.

The Chairperson may approve a members' application, and the Council may approve an application from the Chairperson. The Chairperson will advise all members of the council whenever a member has been granted leave of absence under delegated authority. Meeting minutes will record a leave of absence for a member as an apology for that meeting.

13.5. Apologies

A member who does not have leave of absence may tender an apology should they be absent from all or part of a meeting. The Chairperson (or acting chair) must invite apologies at the beginning of each meeting, including apologies for lateness and early departure. The meeting may accept or decline any apologies. Members may be recorded as absent on council business where their absence is a result of a commitment made on behalf of the council.

For clarification, the acceptance of a member's apology constitutes a grant of 'leave of absence' for that specific meeting(s).

13.6. Recording apologies

The minutes will record any apologies tendered before or during the meeting, including whether they were accepted or declined and the time of arrival and departure of all members.

13.7. Absent without leave

Where a member is absent from four consecutive meetings of the council without leave of absence or an apology being accepted (not including extraordinary or emergency meetings) then the office held by the member will become vacant. A vacancy created in this way is treated as an extraordinary vacancy.

cl. 5 (d) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

13.8. Right to attend by audio or audio-visual link

Provided the conditions in standing orders 13.11 and 13.12 are met members of the local authority and its committees (and members of the public for the purpose of a deputation approved by the Chairperson), have the right to attend meetings by means of an electronic link, unless they have been lawfully excluded.

13.9. Member's status: quorum

Members who attend meetings by electronic link will not be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum.

cl. 25A (4), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

13.10. Member's status: voting

Where a meeting has a quorum, determined by the number physically present, the members attending by electronic link can vote on any matters raised at the meeting.

13.11. Chairperson's duties

Where the technology is available and a member is attending a meeting by audio or audio-visual link, the Chairperson must ensure that:

- (a) The technology for the link is available and of suitable quality; and
- (b) Procedures for using the technology in the meeting will ensure that:
 - i. Everyone participating in the meeting can hear each other;
 - ii. The member's attendance by audio or audio-visual link does not reduce their accountability or accessibility of that person in relation to the meeting;
 - iii. The requirements of Part 7 of LGOIMA are met; and
 - iv. The requirements in these standing orders are met.

If the Chairperson is attending by audio or audio-visual link then chairing duties will be undertaken by the deputy chair or a member who is physically present.

cl. 25A (3) schedule 7, LGA 2002.

13.12. Conditions for attending by audio or audio-visual link

Noting standing order 13.7, the Chairperson may give approval for a member to attend meetings by electronic link, either generally or for a specific meeting. Examples of situations where approval can be given include:

- (a) Where the member is at a place that makes their physical presence at the meeting impracticable or impossible;
- (b) Where a member is unwell; and
- (c) Where a member is unable to attend due to an emergency.

13.13. Request to attend by audio or audio-visual link

Where possible, a member will give the Chairperson and the chief executive at least 2 working days' notice when they want to attend a meeting by audio or audio-visual link. Should, due to illness or emergency, this is not possible the member may give less notice.

Where such a request is made and the technology is available, the chief executive must take reasonable steps to enable the member to attend by audio or audio-visual link. However, the council has no obligation to make the technology for an audio or audio-visual link available.

If the member's request cannot be accommodated, or there is a technological issue with the link, this will not invalidate any acts or proceedings of the local authority or its committees.

13.14. Chairperson may terminate link

The Chairperson may direct that an electronic link should be terminated where:

- (a) Use of the link is increasing, or may unreasonably increase, the length of the meeting;
- (b) The behaviour of the members using the link warrants termination, including the style, degree and extent of interaction between members;
- (c) It is distracting to the members who are physically present at the meeting; and
- (d) The quality of the link is no longer suitable.

13.15. Giving or showing a document

A person attending a meeting by audio or audio-visual link may give or show a document by:

- (a) Transmitting it electronically;
- (b) Using the audio-visual link; or
- (c) Any other manner that the Chairperson thinks fit.

cl. 25(A) (6) schedule 7, LGA 2002.

13.16. Link failure

Where an audio or audio-visual link fails, or there are other technological issues that prevent a member who is attending by link from participating in a meeting, that member must be deemed to be no longer attending the meeting.

13.17. Confidentiality

A member who is attending a meeting by audio or audio-visual link must ensure that the meeting's proceedings remain confidential during any times that the public are excluded. At such times, the Chairperson may require the member to confirm that no unauthorised people are able to view or hear the proceedings.

14. Chairperson and Tumu Taiao role in meetings

14.1. Chairperson's role at Council meetings

The Chairperson must preside at meetings of the council unless they vacate the chair for a part or all of a meeting. If the Chairperson is absent from a meeting or vacates the chair, the deputy Chairperson must act as chairperson. If the deputy Chairperson is also absent the local authority members who are present must elect a member to be the Chairperson at that meeting. This person may exercise the meeting responsibilities, duties and powers of the Chairperson for that meeting.

cl. 26(1), (5) & (6) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

14.2. Chairperson's role at other meetings

In the case of committees, subcommittees and subordinate decision-making bodies, the appointed Chairperson must preside at each meeting unless they vacate the chair for all or part of a meeting. If the Chairperson is absent from a meeting or vacates the chair, the deputy Chairperson (if any) will act as Chairperson. If the deputy Chairperson is also absent, or has not been appointed, the committee members who are present must elect a member to act as Chairperson. This person may exercise the meeting responsibilities, duties and powers of the Chairperson.

cl. 26(2), (5) & (6), schedule 7 LGA 2002.

14.3. Addressing the Chairperson

Members will address the Chairperson in a manner that the Chairperson has determined.

14.4. Chairperson's rulings

The Chairperson will decide all procedural questions where insufficient provision is made by these standing orders and with regard to all points of order. Any refusal to obey a Chairperson's ruling or direction constitutes contempt.

14.5. Chairperson standing

Whenever the Chairperson stands during a debate, members are required to sit down (if required to stand to address the meeting) and be silent so that they can hear the Chairperson without interruption.

14.6. Member's right to speak

Members are entitled to speak in accordance with these standing orders. Members should address the Chairperson when speaking. They may not leave their place while speaking, unless they have the leave of the Chairperson.

14.7. Chairperson may prioritise speakers

When two or more members want to speak the Chairperson will name the member who may speak first. Other members who wish to speak have precedence where they intend to:

- (a) Raise a point of order, including a request to obtain a time extension for the previous speaker; and/or
- (b) Move a motion to terminate or adjourn the debate; and/or
- (c) Make a point of explanation; and/or
- (d) Request the chair to permit the member a special request.

14.8. Tumu Taiao role at meetings

Tumu Taiao have been appointed to Council as part of Council's commitment to work in the spirit of genuine partnership with Ngāi Tahu and to assist the Council in fulfilling its duties as a partner with Ngāi Tahu. The Tumu Taiaos' role is to support effective partnerships with Papatipu Rūnanga, recognise the relevance of Te Ao Māori and provide advice to Council in the interests of mana whenua.

To the greatest extent possible within the law, Canterbury Regional Council will treat the Tumu Taiao as having the same mana, rights, powers, duties and obligations as councillors, reflecting the unique nature of the Tumu Taiao role, and the inclusive and collaborative principles underlying the Te Ara Whakamua Agreement.

14.9. Tumu Taiao role at Council meetings

Tumu Taiao have full speaking rights at Council meetings but may not move, second or vote on motions or amendments.

14.10. Tumu Taiao role at Committee meetings

As appointed members of Committees, Tumu Taiao have full speaking, moving, seconding and voting rights in accordance with these Standing Orders applicable to meetings of Committees.

15. Public Forums

Public forums are a defined period of time, usually at the start of an ordinary meeting, which, at the discretion of a meeting, is put aside for the purpose of public input. Public forums are designed to enable members of the public to bring matters, not necessarily on the meeting's agenda, to the attention of the local authority.

In the case of a committee or subcommittee any issue, idea or matter raised in a public forum must fall within the terms of reference of that body.

15.1. Time limits

A period of up to 30 minutes, or such longer time as the meeting may determine, will be available for the public forum at each scheduled local authority meeting. Requests must be made to the chief executive (or their delegate) at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson. Requests should also outline the matters that will be addressed by the speaker(s).

Speakers can speak for up to 10 minutes. No more than two speakers can speak on behalf of an organisation during a public forum. Where the number of speakers presenting in the public forum exceeds 6 in total, the Chairperson has discretion to restrict the speaking time permitted for all presenters.

15.2. Restrictions

The Chairperson has the discretion to decline to hear a speaker or to terminate a presentation at any time where:

- A speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the same public forum;
- The speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff;
- The speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive;
- The speaker has previously spoken on the same issue;
- The matter is subject to legal proceedings; and
- The matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

15.3. Questions at public forums

At the conclusion of the presentation, with the permission of the Chairperson, elected members may ask questions of speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by a speaker.

15.4. No resolutions

Following the public forum no debate or decisions will be made at the meeting on issues raised during the forum unless related to items already on the agenda. (See the 2019 Guide to Standing Orders for suggestions of good practice in dealing with issues raised during a forum).

16. Deputations

The purpose of a deputation is to enable a person, group or organisation to make a presentation to a meeting on a matter or matters covered by that meeting's terms of reference. Deputations should be approved by the Chairperson, or an official with delegated authority, five working days before the meeting. Deputations may be heard at the commencement of the meeting or at the time that the relevant agenda item is being considered.

16.1. Time limits

Speakers can speak for up to 10 minutes, or longer at the discretion of the Chairperson. No more than two speakers can speak on behalf of an organisation's deputation.

16.2. Restrictions

The Chairperson has the discretion to decline to hear or terminate a deputation at any time where:

- A speaker is repeating views presented by an earlier speaker at the meeting;
- The speaker is criticising elected members and/or staff;
- The speaker is being repetitious, disrespectful or offensive;
- The speaker has previously spoken on the same issue;
- The matter is subject to legal proceedings; and
- The matter is subject to a hearing, including the hearing of submissions where the local authority or committee sits in a quasi-judicial capacity.

16.3. Questions of a deputation

At the conclusion of the deputation members may, with the permission of the Chairperson, ask questions of any speakers. Questions are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the deputation.

16.4. Resolutions

Any debate on a matter raised in a deputation must occur at the time at which the matter is scheduled to be discussed on the meeting agenda and once a motion has been moved and seconded.

17. Petitions

17.1. Form of petitions

Petitions may be presented to the local authority or any of its committees as long as the subject matter falls within the terms of reference of the intended meeting.

Petitions must contain at least 20 signatures and consist of fewer than 150 words (not including signatories). They must be received by the chief executive at least 5 working days before the date of the meeting at which they will be presented.

Petitions must not be disrespectful, use offensive language or include malicious statements (see standing order 19.9 on qualified privilege). They may be written in English or te reo Māori.

Petitioners planning to present their petition in te reo or sign language should advise the chief executive in time to allow translation services to be arranged.

17.2. Petition presented by petitioner

A petitioner who presents a petition to the local authority or any of its committees and subcommittees may speak for 5 minutes (excluding questions) about the petition, unless the meeting resolves otherwise. The Chairperson must terminate the presentation of the petition if he or she believes the petitioner is being disrespectful, offensive or making malicious statements.

Where a petition is presented as part of a deputation or public forum the speaking time limits relating to deputations or public forums shall apply. The petition must be received by the chief executive at least 5 working days before the date of the meeting concerned.

17.3. Petition presented by member

Members may present petitions on behalf of petitioners. In doing so, members must confine themselves to presenting:

- (a) The petition;
- (b) The petitioners' statement; and
- (c) The number of signatures.

18. Exclusion of public

18.1. Motions and resolutions to exclude the public

Members of a meeting may resolve to exclude the public from a meeting. The grounds for exclusion are those specified in section 48 of LGOIMA (see Appendix 1).

Every motion to exclude the public must be put while the meeting is open to the public, and copies of the motion must be available to any member of the public who is present.

If the motion is passed the resolution to exclude the public must be in the form set out in schedule 2A of LGOIMA (see Appendix 2). The resolution must state:

- (a) The general subject of each matter to be excluded;
- (b) The reason for passing the resolution in relation to that matter; and
- (c) The grounds on which the resolution is based. The resolution will form part of the meeting's minutes.

s. 48 LGOIMA.

18.2. Specified people may remain

Where a meeting resolves to exclude the public, the resolution may provide for specified persons to remain if, in the opinion of the meeting, they will assist the meeting to achieve its purpose. Any such resolution must state, in relation to the matter to be discussed, how the knowledge held by the specified people is relevant and be of assistance.

No such resolution is needed for people who are entitled to be at the meeting, such as relevant staff and officials contracted to the council for advice on the matter under consideration.

s.48 (6) LGOIMA.

18.3. Public excluded items

The chief executive must place in the public-excluded section of the agenda any items that he or she reasonably expects the meeting to consider with the public excluded. The public excluded section of the agenda must indicate the subject matter of the item and the reason the public are excluded.

s.46A (8) LGOIMA.

18.4. Non-disclosure of information

No member or officer may disclose to any person, other than another member, officer or person authorised by the chief executive, any information that has been, or will be, presented to any meeting from which the public is excluded, or proposed to be excluded.

This restriction does not apply where a meeting has resolved to make the information publicly available or where the chief executive has advised, in writing, that one or both of the following apply:

- (a) There are no grounds under LGOIMA for withholding the information; and
- (b) The information is no longer confidential.

18.5. Release of information from public excluded session

A local authority may provide for the release to the public of information which has been considered during the public excluded part of a meeting.

Each public excluded meeting must consider and agree by resolution, what, if any, information will be released to the public. In addition, the chief executive may release information which has been considered at a meeting from which the public has been excluded where it is determined the grounds to withhold the information no longer exist. The chief executive will inform the subsequent meeting of the nature of the information released.

19. Voting

19.1. Decisions by majority vote

Unless otherwise provided for in the LGA 2002, other legislation or standing orders, the acts of and questions before a local authority must be decided at a meeting through a vote exercised by the majority of the members of that meeting voting.

cl. 24 (1), Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

19.2. Open voting

An act or question coming before the local authority must be done or decided by open voting.

cl. 24 (3) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

19.3. Chairperson does not have casting vote

The chairperson at any meeting has a deliberative vote and, in case of equality of votes, does not have a casting vote. To avoid doubt, in the case of the equality votes, the question is defeated and the status quo is preserved.

cl. 24 (2) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

19.4. Method of voting

The method of voting must be as follows:

- 19.4.1 The Chairperson in putting the motion must call for an expression of opinion on the voices or take a show of hands, the result of either of which, as announced by the Chairperson, must be conclusive unless such announcement is questioned immediately by any member, in which event the Chairperson will call a division;
- 19.4.2 The Chairperson or any member may call for a division instead of or after voting on the voices and/or taking a show of hands; and
- 19.4.3 Where a suitable electronic voting system is available that system may be used instead of a show of hands, vote by voices, or division, and the result publicly displayed and notified to the Chairperson who must declare the result.

19.5. Calling for a division

When a division is called, the chief executive must record the names of the members voting for and against the motion and abstentions and provide the names to the Chairperson to declare the result. The result of the division must be entered into the minutes and include members' names and the way in which they voted.

The Chairperson may call a second division where there is confusion or error in the original division.

19.6. Request to have votes recorded

If requested by a member immediately after a vote the minutes must record the member's vote or abstention. Recording any other matters e.g. reason for the vote or abstention is not permitted.

19.7. Members may abstain

Any member may abstain from voting.

20. Conduct

20.1. Calling to order

When the Chairperson calls members to order they must be seated and stop speaking. If the members fail to do so, the Chairperson may direct that they should leave the meeting immediately for a specified time.

20.2. Behaviour consistent with Code of Conduct

No member, at any meeting, may act inconsistently with their Code of Conduct or speak or act in a manner which is disrespectful of other members, staff or the public.

20.3. Retractions and apologies

In the event of a member or speaker who has been disrespectful of another member or contravened the council's Code of Conduct, the Chairperson may call upon that member or speaker to withdraw the offending comments, and may require them to apologise. If the member refuses to do so the Chairperson may direct that they should leave the meeting immediately for a specified time and/or make a complaint under the Code of Conduct.

20.4. Disorderly conduct

Where the conduct of a member is disorderly or is creating a disturbance, the Chairperson may require that member to leave the meeting immediately for a specified time.

If the disorder continues the Chairperson may adjourn the meeting for a specified time. At the end of this time the meeting must resume and decide, without debate, whether the meeting should proceed or be adjourned.

The Chairperson may also adjourn the meeting if other people cause disorder or in the event of an emergency.

20.5. Contempt

Where a member is subject to repeated cautions by the Chairperson for disorderly conduct the meeting may, should it so decide, resolve that the member is in contempt. Any such resolution must be recorded in the meeting's minutes.

20.6. Removal from meeting

A member of the police or authorised security personnel may, at the Chairperson's request, remove or exclude a member from a meeting.

This standing order will apply where the Chairperson has ruled that the member should leave the meeting and the member has refused or failed to do so; or has left the meeting and attempted to re-enter it without the Chairperson's permission.

20.7. Financial conflicts of interests

Every member present at a meeting must declare any direct or indirect financial interest that they hold in any matter being discussed at the meeting, other than an interest that they hold in common with the public.

No member may vote on, or take part in, a discussion about any matter in which they have a direct or indirect financial interest unless an exception set out in s.6 LAMIA applies to them, or the Auditor-General has granted them an exemption or declaration under s.6.

Members with a financial interest should physically withdraw themselves from the table unless the meeting is in public excluded in which case they should leave the room.

Neither the Chairperson nor the meeting may rule on whether a member has a financial interest in the matter being discussed. The minutes must record any declarations of financial interests and the member's abstention from any discussion and voting on the matter.

s. 6 & 7 LAMIA.

20.8. Non-financial conflicts of interests

Non-financial interests always involve questions of judgement and degree about whether the responsibility of a member of a local authority could be affected by some other separate interest or duty of that member in relation to a particular matter. If a member considers that they have a non-financial conflict of interest in a matter they must not take part in the discussions about that matter or any subsequent vote.

The member must leave the table when the matter is considered but does not need to leave the room. The minutes must record the declaration and member's subsequent abstention from discussion and voting.

Neither the Chairperson nor the meeting may rule on whether a member has a non-financial interest in the matter being discussed.

20.9. Qualified privilege for meeting proceedings

Any oral statement made at any meeting of the local authority in accordance with the rules adopted by the local authority for guiding its proceedings is privileged, unless the statement is proved to have been made with ill will or took improper advantage of the occasion of publication.

s. 53, LGOIMA.

20.10. Qualified privilege additional to any other provisions

The privilege referred to above is in addition to any other privilege, whether absolute or qualified, that applies as a result of any other enactment or rule of law applying to any meeting of the local authority.

s. 53, LGOIMA.

20.11. Electronic devices at meetings

Electronic devices and phones can only be used to advance the business of a meeting.

Personal use may only occur at the discretion of the chair. A Chairperson may require that an electronic device is switched off if its use is likely to distract a meeting from achieving its business or a member is found to be receiving information or advice from sources not present at the meeting which may affect the integrity of the proceedings.

21. General rules of debate

21.1. Chairperson may exercise discretion

The application of any procedural matters in this section of the standing orders, such as the number of times a member may speak or when a chair can accept a procedural motion to close or adjourn a debate, is subject to the discretion of the Chairperson.

21.2. Time limits on speakers

The following time limits apply to members speaking at meetings:

- 21.5.1 Movers of motions when speaking to the motion – not more than 5 minutes;
- 21.5.2 Movers of motions when exercising their right of reply – not more than 5 minutes;
- and
- 21.5.3 Other members – not more than 5 minutes.

Time limits can be extended if a motion to that effect is moved, seconded and supported by a majority of members present.

21.3. Questions to staff

During a debate, members can ask staff questions about the matters being discussed. Questions must be asked through the Chairperson and how the question should be dealt with is at the Chairperson's discretion.

21.4. Questions of clarification

At any point of a debate a member may ask the Chairperson for clarification about the nature and content of the motion which is the subject of the debate and the particular stage the debate has reached.

21.5. Members may speak only once

A member may not speak more than once to a motion at a meeting of the council, except with permission of the Chairperson. Members can speak more than once to a motion at a committee or subcommittee meeting with the chairperson's permission.

21.6. Limits on number of speakers

If three speakers have spoken consecutively in support of, or in opposition to, a motion, the Chairperson may call for a speaker to the contrary. If there is no speaker to the contrary, the Chairperson must put the motion after the mover's right of reply.

Members speaking must, if requested by the Chairperson, announce whether they are speaking in support of, or opposition to, a motion.

21.7. Secunder may reserve speech

A member may second a motion or amendment without speaking to it, reserving the right to speak later in the debate.

21.8. Speaking only to relevant matters

Members may speak to any matter before the meeting; a motion or amendment which they propose; and to raise a point of order arising out of debate, but not otherwise. Members must confine their remarks strictly to the motion or amendment they are speaking to.

The Chairperson's rulings on any matters arising under this standing order are final and not open to challenge.

21.9. Restating motions

At any time during a debate a member may ask, for their information, that the Chairperson restate a motion and any amendments; but not in a manner that interrupts a speaker.

21.10. Criticism of resolution

A member speaking in a debate may not unduly criticise the validity of any resolution except by a notice of motion to amend or revoke the resolution.

21.11. Objecting to words

When a member objects to any words used by another member in a speech and wants the minutes to record their objection, they must object at the time when the words are used and before any other member has spoken. The Chairperson must order the minutes to record the objection.

21.12. Right of reply

The mover of an original motion has a right of reply. A mover of an amendment to the original motion does not. In their reply, the mover must confine themselves to answering previous speakers and not introduce any new matters.

A mover's right of reply can only be used once. It can be exercised either at the end of the debate on the original, substantive or substituted motion or at the end of the debate on a proposed amendment.

However, the original mover may reserve their right of reply and speak once to the principal motion and once to each amendment without losing that right of reply. If a closure motion is carried the mover of the motion has the right of reply before the motion or amendment is put to the vote.

21.13. No other member may speak

In exercising a right of reply, no other member may speak:

- 21.16.1 After the mover has started their reply;
- 21.16.2 After the mover has indicated that they want to forego this right; and
- 21.16.3 Where the mover has spoken to an amendment to the original motion and the Chairperson has indicated that he or she intends to put the motion.

21.14. Adjournment motions

The carrying of any motion to adjourn a meeting must supersede other business still remaining to be disposed of. Any such business must be considered at the next meeting. Business referred to, or referred back to, a specified committee is to be considered at the next ordinary meeting of that committee, unless otherwise specified.

21.15. Chairperson's acceptance of closure motions

The Chairperson may only accept a closure motion where there have been at least two speakers for and two speakers against the motion that is proposed to be closed, or the Chairperson considers it reasonable to do so.

However, the Chairperson must put a closure motion if there are no further speakers in the debate. When the meeting is debating an amendment, the closure motion relates to the amendment. If a closure motion is carried, the mover of the motion under debate has the right of reply after which the Chairperson puts the motion or amendment to the vote.

22. General procedures for speaking and moving motions

22.1. Procedure for speaking and moving options

This subsection provides three options for speaking and moving motions and amendments at a meeting of a local authority, its committees and subcommittees.

Option A applies unless, on the recommendation of the chairperson at the beginning of a meeting, the meeting resolves by a vote of not less than 75% of the members present to adopt either Option B or Option C for the meeting generally, or for any specified items on the agenda.

Option A – default

- The mover and seconder of a motion cannot move or second an amendment. (This does not apply when the mover or seconder of a motion to adopt a report of a committee wants to amend an item in the report. In this case the original mover or seconder may also propose or second the suggested amendment).
- Only members who have not spoken to the original or substituted motion may move or second an amendment to it.
- The mover or seconder of an amendment whether it is carried or lost cannot move or second a subsequent amendment.
- Members can speak to any amendment and, provided they have not spoken to the motion or moved or seconded an amendment, they can move or second further amendments.
- The meeting by agreement of the majority of members present may amend a motion with the agreement of the mover and seconder.

Option B

- The mover and seconder of a motion cannot move or second an amendment. (This does not apply when the mover or seconder of a motion to adopt a report of a committee wants to amend an item in the report. In this case the original mover or seconder may also propose or second the suggested amendment).
- Any members, regardless of whether they have spoken to the original or substituted motion, may move or second an amendment to it.
- The mover or seconder of an amendment that is carried can move or second a subsequent amendment. A mover or seconder of an amendment which is lost cannot move or second a subsequent amendment.
- Members can speak to any amendment.
- The meeting by agreement of the majority of members present may amend a motion with the agreement of the mover and seconder.

Option C

- The mover and seconder of a motion can move or second an amendment.
- Any members, regardless of whether they have spoken to the original or substituted motion, may move or second an amendment to it.
- The mover or seconder of an amendment whether it is carried or lost can move or second further amendments.
- Members can speak to any amendment.
- The meeting by agreement of the majority of members present may amend a motion with the agreement of the mover and seconder.

22.2. Procedure if no resolution reached

If no resolution is reached the Chairperson may accept a new motion to progress the matter under discussion.

23. Motions and amendments**23.1. Proposing and seconding motions**

All motions and amendments moved during a debate must be seconded (including notices of motion). The Chairperson may then state the motion and propose it for discussion.

Amendments and motions that are not seconded are not valid and are not entered in the minutes.

23.2. Motions in writing

The Chairperson may require movers of motions and amendments to provide them in writing, signed by the mover.

23.3. Motions expressed in parts

The Chairperson, or any member, can require a motion that has been expressed in parts to be decided part by part.

23.4. Substituted motion

Where a motion is subject to an amendment the meeting may substitute the motion with the amendment, provided the mover and seconder of the original motion agree to its withdrawal. All members may speak to the substituted motion.

23.5. Amendments to be relevant and not direct negatives

Every proposed amendment must be relevant to the motion under discussion. Proposed amendments cannot be similar to an amendment that has already been lost. An amendment cannot be a direct negative to the motion or the amended motion.

Please note that amendments that are significantly different must comply with the decision-making provisions of the Part 6, LGA 2002.

23.6. Chairperson may recommend amendment

A Chairperson, when moving the adoption of a recommendation from a committee or sub-committee to the council can include in the motion an amendment to the committee or sub-committee's recommendation.

23.7. Foreshadowed amendments

The meeting must dispose of an existing amendment before a new amendment can be foreshadowed. However, members may notify the Chairperson that they intend to move further amendments as well as the nature of the content of those amendments.

23.8. Lost amendments

Where an amendment is lost, the meeting will resume the debate on the original or substituted motion. Any member who has not spoken to that motion may speak to it, and may move or second a further amendment.

23.9. Carried amendments

Where an amendment is carried the meeting will resume the debate on the original motion as amended. This will now be referred to as the substantive motion. Members who have not spoken to the original motion may speak to the substantive motion, and may move or second a further amendment to it.

23.10. Where a motion is lost

In a situation where a motion that recommends a course of action is lost a new motion, with the consent of the Chairperson, may be proposed to provide direction.

23.11. Withdrawal of motions and amendments

Once a motion or amendment which has been seconded has been put to the meeting by the Chairperson the mover cannot withdraw it without the consent of the majority of the members who are present and voting.

The mover of an original motion, which has been subject to an amendment that has been moved and seconded, cannot withdraw the original motion until the amendment has either been lost or withdrawn by agreement, as above.

23.12. No speakers after reply or motion has been put

A member may not speak to any motion once:

- 23.15.1 The mover has started their right of reply in relation to the motion; and
- 23.15.2 The Chairperson has started putting the motion.

24. Revocation or alteration of resolutions

24.1. Member may move revocation of a decision

A member may give the chief executive a notice of motion for the revocation or alteration of all or part of a previous resolution of the council or committee. The notice must set out:

- 24.4.1 The resolution or part of the resolution which the member proposes to revoke or alter;
- 24.4.2 The meeting date when the resolution was passed;
- 24.4.3 The motion, if any, which the member proposes to replace it with; and
- 24.4.4 Sufficient information to satisfy the decision-making provisions of sections 77-82 of the LGA 2002.

If the mover of the notice of motion is unable to provide this information, or the decision is likely to be deemed a significant decision, the notice of motion should provide that the proposal is referred to the chief executive for consideration and report.

24.2. Revocation must be made by the body responsible for the decision

If a resolution is made under delegated authority by a committee, subcommittee or subordinate decision-making body, only that body may revoke or amend the resolution, assuming the resolution is legally made.

This provision does not prevent the body that made the delegation from removing or amending a delegation given to a subordinate body.

cl. 30 (6) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

24.3. Requirement to give notice

A member must give notice to the chief executive at least 5 working days before the meeting at which it is proposed to consider the motion. The notice is to be signed by not less than one third of the members of the local authority, including vacancies. Notice can be sent via email and include the scanned electronic signatures of members. If the notice of motion is lost, no similar notice of motion which is substantially the same in purpose and effect may be accepted within the next twelve months.

24.4. Restrictions on actions under the affected resolution

Once a notice of motion to revoke or alter a previous resolution has been received no irreversible action may be taken under the resolution in question until the proposed notice of motion has been dealt with.

Exceptions apply where, in the opinion of the Chairperson:

- 24.7.1 The practical effect of delaying actions under the resolution would be the same as if the resolution had been revoked; and
- 24.7.2 By reason of repetitive notices, the effect of the notice is an attempt by a minority to frustrate the will of the local authority or the committee that made the previous resolution.

In either of these situations, action may be taken under the resolution as though no notice of motion had been given to the chief executive.

24.5. Revocation or alteration by resolution at same meeting

A meeting may revoke or alter a previous resolution made at the same meeting where, during the course of the meeting, it receives fresh facts or information concerning the resolution. In this situation 75 per cent of the members present and voting must agree to the revocation or alteration.

24.6. Revocation or alteration by recommendation in report

The local authority, on a recommendation in a report by the Chairperson, chief executive, or any committee or subcommittee, may revoke or alter all or part of a resolution passed by a previous meeting. The chief executive must give at least two clear working days' notice of any meeting that will consider a revocation or alteration recommendation.

cl. 30 (6) Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

25. Procedural motions

25.1. Procedural motions must be taken immediately

A procedural motion to close or adjourn a debate will take precedence over other business, except points of order and rights of reply. If the procedural motion is seconded the Chairperson must put it to the vote immediately, without discussion or debate. A procedural motion to close or adjourn debate can be taken after two speakers have spoken for the motion and two against or, in the chairperson's opinion, it is reasonable to accept the closure motion.

25.2. Procedural motions to close or adjourn a debate

Any member who has not spoken on the matter under debate may move any one of the following procedural motions to close or adjourn a debate:

- 25.5.1 That the meeting be adjourned to the next ordinary meeting (unless the member states an alternative time and place);
- 25.5.2 That the motion under debate should now be put (a closure motion);
- 25.5.3 That the item being discussed should be adjourned to a specified time and place and not be further discussed at the meeting;
- 25.5.4 That the item of business being discussed should lie on the table and not be further discussed at this meeting; (items lying on the table at the end of the triennium will be deemed to have expired); and
- 25.5.5 That the item being discussed should be referred (or referred back) to the relevant committee.

A member seeking to move a procedural motion must not interrupt another member who is already speaking.

25.3. Voting on procedural motions

Procedural motions to close or adjourn a debate must be decided by a majority of all members who are present and voting. If the motion is lost no member may move a further procedural motion to close or adjourn the debate within the next 15 minutes.

25.4. Debate on adjourned items

When debate resumes on items of business that have been previously adjourned all members are entitled to speak on the items.

25.5. Remaining business at adjourned meetings

Where a resolution is made to adjourn a meeting, the remaining business will be considered at the next meeting.

25.6. Business referred to the council or a committee

Where an item of business is referred (or referred back) to a committee, the committee will consider the item at its next meeting unless the meeting resolves otherwise.

25.7. Other types of procedural motions

The Chairperson has discretion about whether to allow any other procedural motion that is not contained in these standing orders.

26. Points of order

26.1. Members may raise points of order

Any member may raise a point of order when they believe these standing orders have been breached. When a point of order is raised, the member who was previously speaking must stop speaking and sit down (if standing).

26.2. Subjects for points of order

A member who is raising a point of order must state precisely what its subject is. Points of order may be raised for the following subjects:

- 26.5.1 Disorder – to bring disorder to the attention of the Chairperson;
- 26.5.2 Language – to highlight use of disrespectful, offensive or malicious language;
- 26.5.3 Irrelevance – to inform the chair that the topic being discussed is not the matter currently before the meeting;
- 26.5.4 Misrepresentation – to alert the chair of a misrepresentation in a statement made by a member, an officer or a council employee;
- 26.5.5 Breach of standing order – to highlight a possible breach of a standing order while also specifying which standing order is subject to the breach; and
- 26.5.6 Recording of words – to request that the minutes record any words that have been the subject of an objection.

26.3. Contradictions

Expressing a difference of opinion or contradicting a statement by a previous speaker does not constitute a point of order.

26.4. Point of order during division

A member may not raise a point of order during a division, except with the permission of the Chairperson.

26.5. Chairperson's decision on points of order

The Chairperson may decide a point of order immediately after it has been raised, or may choose to hear further argument about the point before deciding. The Chairperson's ruling on any point of order, and any explanation of that ruling, is not open to any discussion and is final.

27. Notices of motion

27.1. Notice of intended motion to be in writing

Notice of intended motions must be in writing signed by the mover, stating the meeting at which it is proposed that the intended motion be considered, and must be delivered to the chief executive at least 5 clear working days before such meeting. Notice of an intended motion can be sent via email and include the scanned electronic signature of the mover.

Once the motion is received and accepted by the chief executive, he or she must give members notice in writing of the intended motion at least 2 clear working days' notice of the date of the meeting at which it will be considered.

27.2. Refusal of notice of motion

The chief executive and the chairperson may refuse to accept any notice of motion which, in their joint opinion:

- (a) is inappropriate, or states fact or opinion that cannot form part of an effective resolution;
- (b) does not meet the requirements of the LGA 2002 in respect of decisions of the type sought by the notice of motion;
- (c) Is disrespectful or which contains offensive language or statements made with malice; or
- (d) Is not related to the role or functions of the local authority or meeting concerned; or
- (e) Contains an ambiguity or a statement of fact or opinion which cannot properly form part of an effective resolution, and where the mover has declined to comply with such requirements as the chief executive officer may make; or
- (f) Is concerned with matters which are already the subject of reports or recommendations from a committee to the meeting concerned; or
- (g) Fails to include sufficient information as to satisfy the decision-making provisions of s.77-82 LGA 2002; or
- (h) Concerns a matter where decision-making authority has been delegated to a committee or subordinate body.

Reasons for refusing a notice of motion should be provided to the mover. Where the refusal is due to (h) the notice of motion may be referred to the appropriate committee.

If the chief executive and chairperson believe there are grounds for refusing to accept a notice of motion, the chief executive may discuss with the mover an alternative approach to achieving the outcome sought by the mover. For example, if the matter is considered to be sufficiently urgent it may be possible to include it as an agenda item under Standing Order 9.11 or 9.12. Another option may be to advise the mover to seek an amendment to a resolution proposed in respect of an item already on the agenda.

If, on the advice of the chief executive, the notice of motion seeks an outcome that would not meet the decision-making requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 the chief executive may suggest that the notice of motion is restricted to a request for a report from staff.

For the sake of clarity, it is for the chief executive and chairperson jointly to determine whether or not a proposed notice of motion is accepted, or if an alternative approach is possible.

27.3. Mover of notice of motion

Notices of motion may not proceed in the absence of the mover unless moved by another member authorised to do so, in writing, by the mover.

27.4. Alteration of notice of motion

Only the mover, at the time the notice of motion is moved and with the agreement of a majority of those present at the meeting, may alter a proposed notice of motion. Once moved and seconded no amendments may be made to a notice of motion.

27.5. When notices of motion lapse

Notices of motion that are not moved and seconded when called for by the Chairperson must lapse.

27.6. Referral of notices of motion

Any notice of motion received that refers to a matter ordinarily dealt with by a committee may be referred to that committee or board by the chief executive.

Where notices are referred the proposer of the intended motion, if not a member of that committee, must have the right to move that motion and have the right of reply, as if a committee or community board member.

27.7. Repeat notices of motion

The chairperson may direct the chief executive to refuse and notice of motion that the chairperson considers:

- Has substantially the same purpose and effect as a notice of motion rejected within the previous six months, unless one-third of all members of the Council, committee, or board have signed the new notice;
- Is to the same effect as a notice of motion that has been considered twice and rejected within the previous six months; and/or
- Is to the same effect as a notice of motion already adopted and which still stands.

28. Minutes

28.1. Minutes to be evidence of proceedings

The local authority, its committees, subcommittees and subordinate decision-making bodies must keep minutes of their proceedings. These minutes must be kept in hard or electronic copy, authorised by a Chairperson's manual or electronic signature once confirmed by resolution at a subsequent meeting. Once authorised the minutes are the prima facie evidence of the proceedings they relate to.

cl. 28 Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

28.2. Matters recorded in minutes

The Chief Executive must keep the minutes of meetings. The minutes must record:

- 28.2.1 The date, time and venue of the meeting;
- 28.2.2 The names of the members present;
- 28.2.3 The Chairperson;
- 28.2.4 Any apologies or leaves of absences;
- 28.2.5 The arrival and departure times of members;
- 28.2.6 Any failure of a quorum;
- 28.2.7 A list of any external speakers and the topics they addressed;
- 28.2.8 A list of the items considered;
- 28.2.9 The resolutions and amendments related to those items including those that were lost, provided they had been moved and seconded in accordance with these standing orders;
- 28.2.10 The names of all movers, and seconders;
- 28.2.11 Any objections made to words used;
- 28.2.12 All divisions taken and, if taken, a record of each members' vote;
- 28.2.13 The names of any members requesting that their vote or abstention be recorded;
- 28.2.14 Any declarations of financial or non-financial conflicts of interest;
- 28.2.15 The contempt, censure and removal of any members;
- 28.2.16 Any resolutions to exclude members of the public;
- 28.2.17 The time at which the meeting concludes or adjourns; and
- 28.2.18 The names of people permitted to stay in public excluded.

Please Note: hearings under the RMA, Dog Control Act 1996 and Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 may have special requirements for minute taking.

28.3. No discussion on minutes

The only topic that may be discussed at a subsequent meeting, with respect to the minutes, is their correctness.

28.4. Minutes of last meeting before election

The chief executive and the relevant Chairpersons must sign, or agree to have their digital signature inserted, the minutes of the last meeting of the local authority, its committees and subcommittees before the next election of members.

29. Keeping a record

29.1. Maintaining accurate records

A local authority must create and maintain full and accurate records of its affairs, in accordance with normal, prudent business practice, including the records of any matter that is contracted out to an independent contractor.

All public records that are in its control must be maintained in an accessible form, so as to be able to be used for subsequent reference.

s. 17 Public Records Act 2005.

29.2. Method for maintaining records

Records of minutes may be kept in hard copy (Minute Books) and/or in electronic form. If minutes are stored electronically the repository in which they are kept must meet the following requirements:

- 29.2.1 The provision of a reliable means of assuring the integrity of the information is maintained; and
- 29.2.2 The information is readily accessible so as to be usable for subsequent reference.

s. 229(1) of the Contract and Commercial Law Act 2017.

29.3. Inspection

Whether held in hard copy or in electronic form minutes must be available for inspection by the public.

s. 51 LGOIMA.

29.4. Inspection of public excluded matters

The chief executive must consider any request for the minutes of a meeting, or part of a meeting, from which the public was excluded as if it is a request for official information in terms of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Referenced documents

- Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908
- Crimes Act 1961
- Contract and Law Act 2017
- Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013
- Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 (LAMIA)
- Local Electoral Act 2001 (LEA)
- Local Government Act 1974 and 2002 (LGA)
- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)
- Marine Farming Act 1971
- Public Records Act 2005
- Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)
- Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012
- Secret Commissions Act 1910
- Securities Act 1978

Appendix 1: Grounds to exclude the public

A local authority may, by resolution, exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the following grounds:

A1 That good reason exists for excluding the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting as the public disclosure of information would be likely:

29.4.1 To prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial; or

29.4.2 To endanger the safety of any person.

A2 That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to:

- (a) Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons; or
- (b) Protect information where the making available of the information would:
 - a. Disclose a trade secret; or
 - b. Be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- (c) In the case only of an application for a resource consent, or water conservation order, or a requirement for a designation or heritage order, under the Resource Management Act 1991, to avoid serious offence to tikanga Māori, or to avoid the disclosure of the location of waahi tapu; or
- (d) Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would:
 - i. Be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or
 - ii. Be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.
- (c) Avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public; or
- (d) Avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public; or
- (e) Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through –the protection of such members, officers, employees, and persons from improper pressure or harassment; or
- (f) Maintain legal professional privilege; or
- (g) Enable any Council holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; or
- (h) Enable any Council holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); or
- (i) Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

See s.7 LGOIMA 1987.

Where A2 of this Appendix applies the public may be excluded unless, in the circumstances of a particular case, the exclusion of the public is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable and in the public interest, that the public not be excluded.

- A3** That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information, the public disclosure of which would:
- (a) Be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment; or
 - (b) Constitute contempt of Court or of the House of Representatives.
- A4** That the purpose of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is to consider a recommendation made to that Council by an Ombudsman under section 30(1) or section 38(3) of this Act (in the case of a Council named or specified in Schedule 1 to this Act).
- A5** That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in:
- (a) Any proceedings before a Council where:
 - i. A right of appeal lies to any Court or tribunal against the final decision of the Council in those proceedings;
 - ii. The Council is required, by any enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings; and
 - iii. Proceedings of a local authority exist in relation to any application or objection under the Marine Farming Act 1971.

See s. 48 LGOIMA.

Appendix 2: Sample resolution to exclude the public

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act (or sections 6, 7 or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may be), it is moved:

1. that the public is excluded from:
 - The whole of the proceedings of this meeting; (deleted if not applicable)
 - The following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely; (delete if not applicable)

The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds for excluding the public, as specified by s 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, are set out below:

Meeting Item No. and subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public
		To prevent the disclosure of information which would— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment; or ii. constitute contempt of court or of the House of Representatives (s.48(1)(b)).
		To consider a recommendation made by an Ombudsman (s. 48(1)(c)).
		To deliberate on matters relating to proceedings where: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. a right of appeal lies to a court or tribunal against the final decision of the councils in those proceedings; or ii. the council is required, by an enactment, to make a recommendation in respect of the matter that is the subject of those proceedings (s.48(1)(d)).
		To deliberate on proceedings in relation to an application or objection under the Marine Farming Act 1971 (s.48(1)(d)).

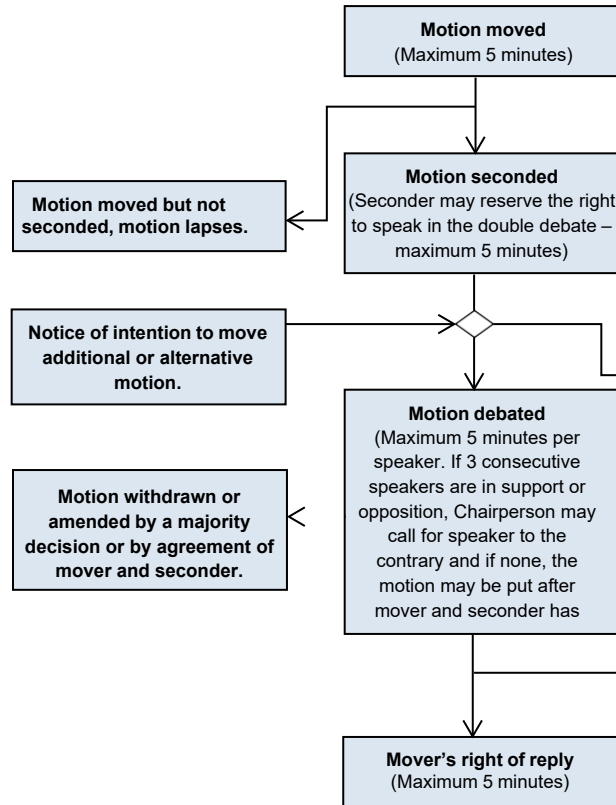
Meeting Item No. and subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public
		To carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) (s 7(2)(i)).
		To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons (s 7(2)(a)).
		To maintain legal professional privilege (s 7(2)(g)).
		To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage (s. 7(2)(j)).
		To protect information which if public would; i. disclose a trade secret; or ii. unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information (s 7(2)(b)).
		To avoid serious offence to Tikanga Māori, or the disclosure of the location of waahi tapu in relation to an application under the RMA 1991 for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a resource consent, or • a water conservation order, or • a requirement for a designation or • an heritage order, (s 7(2)(ba)).
		To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of the information would be likely to: i. prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, where it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or ii. would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest (s 7(2)(c)).
		To avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public (s 7(2)(d)).

Meeting Item No. and subject	Reason for excluding the public	Grounds for excluding the public
		To avoid prejudice to measures that prevent or mitigate material loss to members of the public (s 7(2)(e)).
		To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs by protecting members or employees of the Council in the course of their duty, from improper pressure or harassment (s 7(2)(f)(ii)).
		To enable the council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities (s 7(2)(h)).

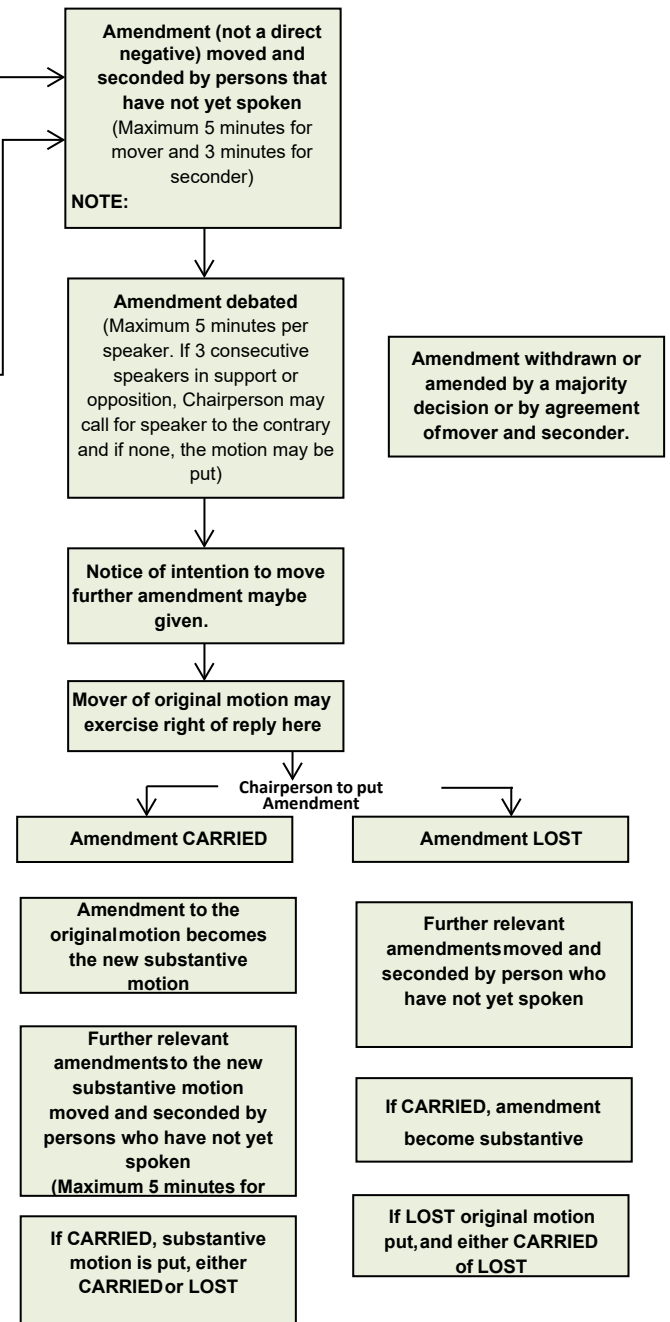
2. That (name of person(s)) is permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of (specify topic under discussion). This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because (specify). (Delete if inapplicable.)

Appendix 3: Motions and amendments (Option A)

Motions without amendments



Motions with amendments



Appendix 4: Table of procedural motions

Motion	Has the Chair discretion to refuse this Motion?	Is seconder required?	Is discussion in order?	Are amendments in order?	Is mover of procedural motion entitled to reply?	Are previous participants in debate entitled to move this motion?	Can a speaker be interrupted by the mover of this motion?	If lost, can motion be moved after an interval?	Position if an amendment is already before the Chair	Position if a procedural motion is already before the Chair	Remarks
(a) "That the meeting be adjourned to the next ordinary meeting, or to a stated time and place"	No	Yes	No	As to time and date only	No	No	No	Yes – 15 minutes	If carried, debate on the original motion and amendment are adjourned	If carried, debate on the original motion and procedural motion are adjourned	On resumption of debate, the mover of the adjournment speaks first. Members who have spoken in the debate may not speak again
(b) "That the motion under debate be now put (closure motion)"	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – 15 Minutes	If carried, only the amendment is put	If carried, only the procedural motion is put	The mover of the motion under debate is entitled to exercise a right of reply before the motion or amendment under debate is put
(c) "That the item of business being discussed be adjourned to a stated time and place"	No	Yes	No	As to time and date only	No	No	NO	Yes – 15 minutes	If carried, debate on the original motion and amendment are adjourned	If carried, debate on the original motion and procedural motion are adjourned	

Motion	Has the Chair discretion to refuse this Motion?	Is seconder required?	Is discussion in order?	Are amendments in order?	Is mover of procedural motion entitled to reply?	Are previous participants in debate entitled to move this motion?	Can a speaker be interrupted by the mover of this motion?	If lost, can motion be moved after an interval?	Position if an amendment is already before the Chair	Position if a procedural motion is already before the Chair	Remarks
(d) "That the item of business being discussed does lie on the table and not be discussed at this meeting"	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes – 15 minutes	If carried, the original motion and amendment are both laid on the table	Motion not in order	
(e) "That the item of business being discussed be referred (or referred back) to the local authority or to the relevant committee"	No	Yes	No	As to committee, time for reporting back etc only	No	No	No	Yes – 15 minutes	If carried, the original motion and all amendments are referred to the committee	If carried, the procedural motion is deemed disposed of	
(f) "Points of order"	No – but may rule against	No	Yes – at discretion of Chairperson	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Point of order takes precedence	Point of order takes precedence	See standing order 3.14

Appendix 5: Webcasting protocols

The provisions are intended as a good practice guide to local authorities that are webcasting meetings or planning to do so.

1. The default shot will be on the Chairperson or a wide-angle shot of the meeting room.
2. Cameras will cover a member who is addressing the meeting. Cameras will also cover other key participants in a meeting, including staff when giving advice and members of the public when addressing the meeting during the public input time.
3. Generally interjections from other members or the public are not covered. However if the Chairperson engages with the interjector, the interjector's reaction can be filmed.
4. PowerPoint presentations, recording of votes by division and other matters displayed by overhead projector may be shown.
5. Shots unrelated to the proceedings, or not in the public interest, are not permitted.
6. If there is general disorder or a disturbance from the public gallery, coverage will revert to the Chairperson.
7. Appropriate signage will be displayed both in and outside the meeting room alerting people that the proceedings are being web cast.

Appendix 6: Powers of a Chairperson

This Appendix sets out the specific powers given to the Chairperson contained in various parts of these Standing Orders.

Chairperson to decide all questions

The Chairperson is to decide all questions where these standing orders make no provision or insufficient provision. The Chairperson's ruling is final and not open to debate.

Chairperson to decide points of order

The Chairperson is to decide any point of order and may do so immediately after it has been raised or may first hear further argument before deciding. The ruling of the Chairperson upon any point of order is not open to any discussion and is final. No point of order may be raised during a division except by permission of the Chairperson.

Items not on the agenda

Major items not on the agenda may be dealt with at that meeting if so resolved by the local authority and the Chairperson explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public the reason why the item was not listed on the agenda and the reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

Minor matters not on the agenda relating to the general business of the local authority may be discussed if the Chairperson explains at the beginning of the meeting, at a time when it is open to the public, that the item will be discussed at that meeting, but no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting.

Chairperson's report

The Chairperson, by report, has the right to direct the attention of the local authority to any matter or subject within the role or function of the local authority.

Chairperson's recommendation

The Chairperson of any meeting may include on the agenda for that meeting a Chairperson's recommendation regarding any item brought before the meeting. The purpose of such a recommendation is to focus debate on a suggested motion.

Chairperson's voting

The Chairperson at any meeting has a deliberative vote and, in the case of equality of votes, has a casting vote where standing orders make such provision.

Motion in writing

The Chairperson may require the mover of any motion or amendment to submit it in writing signed by the mover.

Motion in parts

The Chairperson may require any motion expressed in parts to be decided part by part.

Notice of motion

The Chairperson may direct the chief executive to refuse to accept any notice of motion which:

- (a) Is disrespectful or which contains offensive language or statements made with malice; or
- (b) Is not within the scope of the role or functions of the local authority; or
- (c) Contains an ambiguity or statement of fact or opinion which cannot properly form part of an effective resolution, and the mover has declined to comply with such requirements as the chief executive may have made; or
- (d) Is concerned with matters which are already the subject of reports or recommendations from a committee to the meeting concerned.

Reasons for refusing a notice of motion should be provided to the proposer.

Where a notice of motion has been considered and agreed by the local authority, no notice of any other motion which is, in the opinion of the Chairperson, to the same effect may be put again whilst such original motion stands.

Action on previous resolutions

If, in the opinion of the Chairperson the practical effect of a delay in taking action on a resolution which is subject to a notice of motion, would be equivalent to revocation of the resolution; or if repetitive notices of motion are considered by the Chairperson to be an attempt by a minority to frustrate the will of the meeting, action may be taken as though no such notice of motion had been given.

Repeat notice of motion

If in the opinion of the Chairperson, a notice of motion is substantially the same in purport and effect to any previous notice of motion which has been considered and rejected by the local authority, no such notice of motion may be accepted within six months of consideration of the first notice of motion unless signed by not less than one third of the members of the local authority, including vacancies.

Revocation or alteration of previous resolution

A Chairperson may recommend in a report to the local authority the revocation or alteration of all or part of any resolution previously passed, and the local authority meeting may act on such a recommendation in accordance with the provisions in these standing orders.

Chairperson may call a meeting

The Chairperson:

- (a) May call a meeting to dispose of the business to be transacted following the lapsing of a meeting due to failure of a quorum, if such business cannot be delayed until the next meeting; or
- (b) May requisition an extra meeting to be held at a specified time and place, in order to conduct specified business.

Irrelevant matter and needless repetition

The Chairperson's ruling preventing members when speaking to any motion or amendment from introducing irrelevant matters or indulging in needless repetition is final and not open to challenge.

Taking down words

The Chairperson may order words used and objected to by any member, to be recorded in the minutes, provided such objection is made at the time the words are used and not after any other members have spoken.

Explanations

The Chairperson may permit members to make a personal explanation in addition to speaking to a motion, and members who have already spoken, to explain some material part of a previous speech in the same debate.

Chairperson rising

Whenever the Chairperson rises during a debate any member then speaking or offering to speak is to be seated and members are to be silent so that the Chairperson may be heard without interruption.

Members may leave places

The Chairperson may permit members to leave their place while speaking.

Priority of speakers

The Chairperson must determine the order in which members may speak when two or more members indicate their wish to speak.

Minute

The Chairperson is to sign the minutes and proceedings of every meeting once confirmed. The Chairperson and chief executive are responsible for confirming the correctness of the minutes of the last meeting of a local authority prior to the next election of members.

Questions of speakers

The Chairperson may permit members to ask questions of speakers under public forum or deputations/presentations by appointment, for the purpose of obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Withdrawal of offensive or malicious expressions

The Chairperson may call upon any member to withdraw any offensive or malicious expression and may require the member to apologise for the expression.

Any member who refuses to withdraw the expression or apologise, if required by the Chairperson, can be directed to withdraw from the meeting for a time specified by the Chairperson.

Chairperson's rulings

Any member who refuses to accept a ruling of the Chairperson, may be required by the Chairperson to withdraw from the meeting for a specified time.

Disorderly behaviour

The Chairperson may:

- (a) Require any member or member of the public whose conduct is disorderly or who is creating a disturbance, to withdraw immediately from the meeting for a time specified by the Chairperson.
- (b) Ask the meeting to hold in contempt, any member whose conduct is grossly disorderly and where the meeting resolves to find the member in contempt, that resolution must be recorded in the minutes.

Failure to leave meeting

If a member or member of the public who is required, in accordance with a Chairperson's ruling, to leave the meeting, refuses or fails to do so, or having left the meeting, attempts to re-enter without the permission of the Chairperson, any member of the police or officer or employee of the local authority may, at the Chairperson's request, remove or exclude that person from the meeting.

Audio or audio visual attendance

Where the technology is available and a member is attending a meeting by audio or audio-visual link, the Chairperson must ensure that:

- (a) The technology for the link is available and of suitable quality; and
- (b) Procedures for using the technology in the meeting will ensure that:
 - i. Everyone participating in the meeting can hear each other;
 - ii. The member's attendance by audio or audio-visual link does not reduce their accountability or accessibility in relation to the meeting;
 - iii. The requirements of Part 7 of LGOIMA are met; and
 - iv. The requirements in these standing orders are met.

If the Chairperson is attending by audio or audio visual link then chairing duties will undertaken by the deputy chair or a member who is physically present.

Appendix 7: Process for removing a Chairperson or deputy Chairperson from office

1. At a meeting that is in accordance with this clause, a regional council may remove its Chairperson, deputy Chairperson, or deputy Chairperson from office.
2. If a Chairperson, deputy Chairperson, or deputy Chairperson is removed from office at that meeting, the regional council may elect a new Chairperson, deputy Chairperson, or deputy Chairperson at that meeting.
3. A meeting to remove a Chairperson, deputy Chairperson, or deputy Chairperson may be called by:
 - (a) A resolution of the regional council; or
 - (b) A requisition in writing signed by the majority of the total membership of the regional council (excluding vacancies).
4. A resolution or requisition must:
 - (a) Specify the day, time, and place at which the meeting is to be held and the business to be considered at the meeting; and
 - (b) Indicate whether or not, if the Chairperson, deputy Chairperson, or deputy Chairperson is removed from office, a new Chairperson, deputy Chairperson, or deputy Chairperson is to be elected at the meeting if a majority of the total membership of the regional council (excluding vacancies) so resolves.
5. A resolution may not be made and a requisition may not be delivered less than 21 days before the day specified in the resolution or requisition for the meeting.
6. The chief executive must give each member notice in writing of the day, time, place, and business of any meeting called under this clause not less than 14 days before the day specified in the resolution or requisition for the meeting.
7. A resolution removing a Chairperson, deputy Chairperson, or deputy Chairperson carries if a majority of the total membership of the regional council (excluding vacancies) votes in favour of the resolution.

cl. 18 Schedule 7, LGA 2002.

Appendix 8: Workshops

Definition of workshop

Workshops, however described, provide opportunities for members to discuss particular matters, receive briefings and provide guidance for officials. Workshops are not meetings and cannot be used to either make decisions or come to agreements that are then confirmed without the opportunity for meaningful debate at a formal meeting.

Application of standing orders to workshops

Standing orders do not apply to workshops and briefings. The Chairperson or workshop organisers will decide how the workshop, briefing or working party should be conducted.

Calling a workshop

Workshops, briefings and working parties may be called by:

- (a) A resolution of the local authority or its committees;
- (b) Council Chairperson;
- (c) A committee Chairperson; or
- (d) The Chief Executive.

Process for calling workshops

The chief executive will give at least 24 hours' notice of the time and place of the workshop and the matters to be discussed at it. Notice may be given by whatever means are reasonable in the circumstances. Any notice given must expressly:

- (a) State that the meeting is a workshop;
- (b) Advise the date, time and place; and
- (c) Confirm that the meeting is primarily for the provision of information and discussion, and will not make any decisions or pass any resolutions.

Public notice of a workshop is not required and workshops can be either open to the public or public excluded.

Record of workshop

A written record of the workshop should be kept and include:

- Time, date, location and duration of workshop;
- Person present; and
- General subject matter covered.

Appendix 9: Sample order of business

Open section

- (a) Apologies
- (b) Declarations of interest
- (c) Confirmation of minutes
- (d) Leave of absence
- (e) Acknowledgements and tributes
- (f) Petitions
- (g) Public input
- (h) Extraordinary business
- (i) Notices of motion
- (j) Reports of committees
- (k) Reports of the Chief Executive and staff
- (l) Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and elected members' reports (information)

Public excluded section

- (m) Reports of committees
- (n) Reports of the chief executive and staff
- (o) Chairperson , deputy Chairperson and elected members' reports (information)

Appendix 10: Process for raising matters for a decision

Matters requiring a decision may be placed on an agenda of a meeting by a:

- Report of chief executive;
- Report of a Chairperson;
- Report of a committee; and
- Notice of motion from a member.

Where a matter is urgent and has not been placed on an agenda, it may be brought before a meeting as extraordinary business by a:

- Report of chief executive; or
- Report of Chairperson.

Although out of time for a notice of motion, a member may bring an urgent matter to the attention of the meeting through the meeting chair.

6.6. Fixing the Date and Time of First Council Meeting

Council report

Date of meeting	Thursday, 27 October 2022
Author	Catherine McMillan, General Manager Governance
Responsible Director	Dr Stefanie Rixecker, Chief Executive

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is for the Council to fix the date and time of the first meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council.

Recommendations

That the Council:

1. **Agrees that the first meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council will be held on Thursday, 17 November 2022 commencing at 10.30am.**

Background

2. Clause 21(5)(d) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) requires that the business of the inaugural meeting of the Council following a triennial general election of members shall include the fixing of the date and time of the first meeting of the Council.
3. It is therefore proposed that the first meeting of the Canterbury Regional Council be held on Thursday, 17 November 2022, commencing at 10.30am.
4. It is proposed that at the November 2022 meeting the Council will consider a recommendation for meeting dates and times for the remainder of the year. The meeting schedule for 2023 will be considered at the December 2022 meeting.

Attachments

Nil

Legal review	Robyn Fitchett, Acting General Counsel
Peer reviewers	Vivienne Ong, Committee Advisor

7. Next Meeting

The First meeting of Council for this triennium is scheduled to be held as per Council resolution in item 6.6 (Fixing the Date and Time of First Council Meeting) of this agenda. The date and time will appear on the Environment Canterbury website and will be publicly advertised.

8. Mihi/Karakia Whakamutunga - Closing

The meeting will conclude with a karakia by a member of the Council.