

Regulatory Hearings Committee

Reports to:	Strategy & Policy Committee
Co-Chairperson:	Cr Brown, and Melser
Membership:	Mayor Tripe, Crs Chandulal-Mackay, Oskam, and Anderson
Meeting frequency:	As and when required
Quorum:	A panel of three members to be appointed for each hearing.
ELT Lead:	Deputy Chief Executive

Purpose

- To conduct fair and effective hearings and make determinations on the Council's regulatory functions under legislation and other matters as referred to the Committee.
- To recommend to the Council or relevant Council committee any matters that it considers necessary to enable the effective management of the Council's regulatory functions.

The Regulatory Hearings Committee has the following Terms of Reference and is delegated the following powers:

To hear and determine any statutory or regulatory hearings under relevant legislation unless otherwise delegated or retained by the Council, including (but without limitation):

- objections under the Dog Control Act 1996;
- matters under the Impounding Act 1955;
- matters regarding drainage and works on private land under the Local Government Act 1974 and Local Government Act 2002;
- matters regarding residential pools under the Building Act 2004.
- matters regarding road stopping or closures.

To hear and determine matters arising under Council bylaws and policies, including applications for dispensation from compliance with the requirements of bylaws or policies, unless such matters are otherwise delegated by Council.

To hear and determine other matters that require hearings or submissions, as referred to the Committee by the Council or other Committees.

To establish and amend hearings protocols relating to the general conduct of hearings and hearings-related matters in accordance with the applicable legislation and the principles of administrative law and natural justice.

Note:

- *The Committee may request expert advice through the Chief Executive when necessary, within budget and the Committee's terms of reference.*

The General Manager of Community & Customer Experience, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, is delegated the power to determine the composition of any hearings panel to be convened under the Committee's terms of reference.