

Council

Chair	Mayor Andrew Tripe
Deputy Chair	Deputy Mayor Cr Michael Law
Members	All councilors Rural Community Board Chair David Wells (speaking rights, not entitled to vote)
Quorum	Half of the members (including vacancies)
Frequency of meeting	Six-weekly, or as required
ELT Lead	Chief Executive

Decision-making powers

1. The following powers **are unable** to be delegated¹:
 - 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 Local Government Act 2002 in association with the long -term plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement.
 - g. The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.
 - h. The power to approve or amend the Code of Conduct for elected members.
 - i. The power to approve or amend the Council's Standing Orders.
 - j. The power to establish a joint committee with another local authority or other public body.
 - k. The power to make the final decision on a recommendation from the Ombudsman where it is proposed that Council does not accept the recommendation.

¹ For powers a-g see clause 32(1) Schedule 7 Local Government Act 2002. For powers g-j see clauses 15, 27, 30, and 30A S schedule 7 Local Government Act 2002. For power k see section 32(1) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

2. The Council has also **decided to retain**, and **not delegate**, the following powers:
- a. To oversee, develop, and approve the Council's relationship with Māori, including iwi appointments to, or removal from committees.
 - b. To appoint and discharge members of committees (when not appointed by the mayor).
 - c. To approve Council's recommendation to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of elected members.
 - d. To approve the Triennial Agreement under the Local Government Act 2002.
 - e. To approve the Local Governance Statement.
 - f. To determine whether or how to fill any extraordinary Council vacancies.
 - g. To review, develop policy and practices and make decisions in respect of governance (including representation reviews).
 - h. To promote any legislation or promote significant amendments to legislation (e.g., a Local Bill).
 - i. To approve elected member overseas travel to attend conferences, seminars, training, or events when representing the Council overseas as part of delegations or invitations.
 - j. To approve formal city to city relationships with friendly or sister cities.
 - k. To appoint and discharge representatives to outside organisations other than where the outside organisations have granted appointment rights to the Mayor or Chief Executive.
 - l. To adopt a Draft Annual Plan / Long Term document for consultation.
 - m. To hear and deliberate on Annual Plan / Long Term submissions
 - n. To approve a proposed policy statement or plan under the Resource Management Act 1991.
 - o. In respect of District Plan decisions:
 - I. To appoint independent commissioners to a panel for hearings of a proposed plan, plan change or variation (including private plan change);
 - II. To approve the recommendation of hearings commissioners on a proposed plan, plan change or variation (including private plan change); and
 - III. To approve a proposed plan or a change to a district plan under Clause 17, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Note: For clarity, the Council will exercise all functions, powers, and responsibilities that are not delegated to any other decision-making body or person.