# ORDINARY MEETING

of

# Council

# AGENDA

# Supplementary Reports

**Time:** 9:30 am

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 February 2026

**Venue:** Greater Wellington Regional Council,
34 Chapel Street, Masterton

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## MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Bex Johnson (Chairperson)

Councillor Craig Bowyer
Councillor Gary Caffell
Councillor Waireka Collings
Councillor Brent Goodwin
Councillor David Holmes
Councillor Stella Lennox
Councillor Tim Nelson

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# 7 REPORTS FOR DECISION

## 7.13 NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE UPPER RUAMĀHANGA ADVISORY GROUP

**File Number:**

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to nominate three elected members for appointment to the Upper Ruamāhanga Advisory Group for the 2025-2028 triennium.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Upper Ruamāhanga Advisory Group was established by Greater Wellington Regional Council at the council meeting held on 27 November 2025 and its Terms of Reference agreed at the meeting held on 11 December 2025. The Group is made up of 14 members: two Greater Wellington Regional Council members, three elected members nominated by Masterton District Council, two elected members nominated by Carterton District Council and seven community members. The Advisory Group's core role is to give advice to Greater Wellington's Environment and Climate Committee on matters relating to flood and erosion risks in the Upper Ruamāhanga area. Members are asked to provide advice on a range of proposals and reports to ensure they balance cost effective flood & erosion risk management activities with environmental, cultural and recreational opportunities. Members also provide advice on how best to support wider engagement on these matters with their local community.

The Group's Terms of Reference are attached.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council nominates Councillors [ …… ], […….] and [……] for appointment to the Upper Ruamāhanga Advisory Group.

### ATTACHMENTS

**1. Upper Ruamahanga Advisory Group Terms of Reference ⇩**

**Upper Ruamāhanga Advisory Group** (An advisory body to the Environment and Climate Committee)

**1 Purposes**

1.1 Apply Council's Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles when conducting the business of the Upper Ruamāhanga Advisory Group (the Advisory Group):

a **Pātuitanga | Relationships and Partnerships** – ensure decisions are based on shared knowledge, expertise and values maintained and sustained through active relationships and meaningful partnerships with mana whenua. These relationships and partnerships will contribute to Greater Wellington's core business services, functions, and systems to develop and deliver our shared aspirations across our Greater Wellington rohe;

b **Kōwhiringa | Options** – actively partner with mana whenua to enable effective governance decision making that is informed by kaupapa Māori and mātauranga Māori analytical frameworks and knowledge systems in identifying feasible and meaningful options and solutions;

c **Tino rangatiratanga | Self Determination** – position Greater Wellington to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and uphold the interests of mana whenua in exercising their tino rangatiratanga in planning and promoting quality services that enable self-determination for whānau and community;

d **Whakamaru | Active protection** – assess how decisions work towards protecting mana Motuhake (rights and interests of mana whenua) thorough relevant mutually beneficial strategies, policies, plans, programmes and initiatives; and

e **Oritetanga | Equity** - uphold the principle of fairness in the design and distribution of Greater Wellington's resources and services through the Long Term Plan to meet the needs and aspirations of whānau within our Greater Wellington rohe.

1.2 Ensure that that the advice of the Advisory Group:

a Considers climate change-related risks (mitigation and adaptation); and

b Is consistent with Council's plans and initiatives to give effect to Council's declaration of a climate emergency on 21 August 2019, including agreed emissions reduction targets.

1.3 Advise the Environment and Climate Committee and the Environment Group (as required) on the effectiveness of delivery of Te Kāuru Floodplain Management Plan, in particular:

a River and erosion management proposals and reports, including:

i Capital and maintenance work,

ii Annual work programmes and budgets,

iii Floodplain management strategies, and

iv Integrated and collaborative management opportunities; and

b Community engagement approaches that support wider awareness of river and erosion management proposals, projects, and changes in the Upper Ruamāhanga area.

**2 Status of the Advisory Group**

2.1 The Advisory Group is an advisory body established by Council.

2.2 The Advisory Group is not a subordinate decision-making body of Council and is not a committee under the Local Government Act 2002.

**3 Members**

3.1 Two Councillors, being the Councillor elected by the Wairarapa General Constituency and one other Councillor.

3.2 Twelve members, appointed by Council as follows:

a Three elected members of Masterton District Council, nominated by that council;

b Two elected members of Carterton District Council, nominated by that council; and

c Seven members, who either:

i Care about their local river in the Upper Ruamāhanga area,

ii Are a resident or ratepayer in the Upper Ruamāhanga area, or

iii Are a sustainability advocate.

**4 Chair**

Council appoints the Chair on nomination of the Advisory Group.

**5 Quorum**

At least 50 percent of members, including one Councillor member.

**6 Voting entitlement**

6.1 All members have equal speaking and voting rights.

6.2 The Chair does not have a casting vote.

**7 Reporting and servicing**

The Advisory Group reports to the Environment and Climate Committee and is serviced by the Environment Group.

**8 Remuneration and expenses**

8.1 Elected members' remuneration and expenses are met by the council they represent.

8.2 Non-elected members may claim Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee and mileage allowances and/or public transport expenses.

8.3 Provided the Chair is not an elected member of a council, the Chair shall also be eligible to receive an annual taxable honorarium of $5,000 (in addition to Greater Wellington's standard daily meeting fee and mileage allowances and/or public transport expenses).

**9 Meeting frequency and dissolution**

9.1 The Advisory Group meets as required.

9.2 The Advisory Group may recommend its dissolution to the Environment and Climate Committee.

9.3 In the absence of a prior decision by Council to continue the Advisory Group in the next triennium, the Advisory Group will dissolve at the end of the 2025—28 triennium.