

General Information

Information is available from Council on a range of matters relating to projects it has undertaken, meetings held and research it has been involved in, including:

- Council meeting agendas and minutes
- Technical reports
- Educational material
- Correspondence
- Pamphlets and newsletters
- Council's website – www.hbrc.govt.nz.

If it is necessary to obtain information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act please contact the Governance and Administration Manager or Communications Co-ordinator, but note that information is usually readily available without the need for a formal request.

Legislative Framework

It is important to note that there are numerous statutes, which specifically identify regional councils as having a specific function and role in various activities. These include:

- Biosecurity Act 1993
- Building Act 2004
- Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002
- Hawke's Bay Endowment Land Empowering Act 2002
- Land Drainage Act 1908
- Land Transport Management Act 2003 and Land Transport Management Amendment Act 2008
- Local Electoral Act 2001
- Local Electoral Act 2001 Amendment Act 2013

- Local Government Act 2002
- Local Government (Rating) Act 2002
- Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2012
- Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014
- Maritime Transport Act 1994
- Public Transport Management Act 2008
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act 1941
- Hawke's Bay Endowment Land Empowering Act 2002

Plans we use

The Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) came fully into effect on 1 July 2003. This Act requires Council to produce the following plans and reports:

- A Long Term Plan 2012-22, prepared under Section 93 of the Act (Adopted June 2009)
- The Annual Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2013 is prepared under Section 98 of the Act.

The reporting will also include 'a summary of information' contained in the Annual Report for both the Annual Report and the Long Term Plan.

The Resource Management Act 1991 gives the Hawke's Bay Regional Council the responsibility for promoting the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the region. The Council has produced a Regional Policy Statement, in line with the requirements of the Act, which establishes a planning framework to balance the demands placed on the natural resources by users.

In addition to the Regional Policy Statement, the Resource Management Act enables Council to develop plans containing rules and regulations by which the management of the natural resources will be carried out.

The following resource management plans, prepared by the Council have legal status:

- Regional Resource Management Plan (incorporating the Regional Policy Statement) (operative 28 August 2006) plus associated Plan Changes 1-6.
- Regional Coastal Plan (operative June 1999)
- Proposed Regional Coastal Environment Plan (adopted by Council on 31 October 2012 incorporating Variations 1-3). This Plan was recently approved by the Minister of Conservation and so it will be made operative in September 2014. At that time, it will fully replace the 1999 Regional Coastal Plan.

The Resource Management Act also requires the Council to monitor the state of the environment, so State of the Environment (SoE) reports are produced. The latest five-yearly SoE report was completed in 2009-10. The next SoE report will be produced in 2014-15.

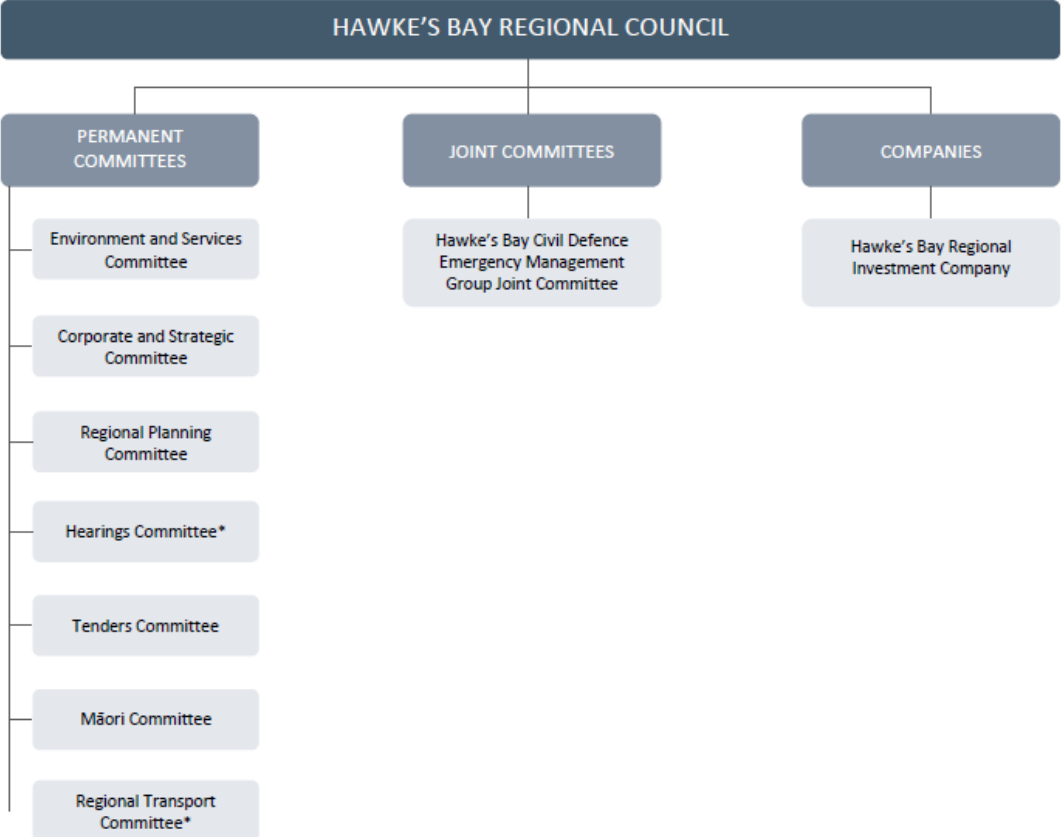
The Biosecurity Act 1993 allows the Council to undertake biosecurity functions provided they have developed a Pest Management Strategy. The Regional Pest Management Strategy has been developed in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 1993 and sets out Council's goals and objectives with regard to its biosecurity functions. The current Regional Pest Management Strategy was adopted by the Council in March 2013 and must be reviewed again by March 2018.

A revised Regional Land Transport Strategy (RLTS) was adopted by the Council in June 2012. The RLTS will be replaced by the Regional Land Transport Plan as required under the amended Land Transport Management Act 2003.

A revised Regional Public Transport Plan was adopted by the Council in June 2011. This will be revised by June 2015 as required under the amended Land Transport Management Act 2003.

About Hawke’s Bay Regional Council

Council Committee Structure



Management Structure

Executive Team

