

Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor Regeneration Committee - Terms of Reference / Ngā Ārahina Mahinga

Chair	Tutehounuku Korako
Deputy Chair	Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock
Membership	Mayor Phil Mauger Councillor Kelly Barber Dr Te Maire Tau Tani Wati
Quorum	Four (4) members of the Committee, or a majority
Meeting Cycle	Quarterly (4 per calendar year)
Reports To	Council.

Introduction

The September 2010 and February 2011 earthquakes severely affected the Ōtākaro Avon River and surrounding area. A [Regeneration Plan](#) was developed following extensive community and stakeholder engagement. The Council is working on the delivery of the Regeneration Plan in partnership with Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and the Te Ihutai Ahu Whenua Trust. A partnership approach to the development of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (OARC) acknowledges Ngāi Tūāhuriri as mana whenua of the OARC and enables Ngāi Tūāhuriri to exercise its rangatiratanga as recognised in the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998. Te Ihutai Ahu Whenua Trust represents the descendants of the original owners of Te Ihutai Māori Reserve (MR900).

Purpose

The purpose of the Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor (OARC) Regeneration Committee is to provide governance for the implementation of the OARC Regeneration Programme to ensure the ecological, cultural, social and economic benefits of the OARC, and to protect and secure the environmental integrity and the health of the OARC's mahinga kai and awa.

Functions

The OARC Regeneration Committee will hold the following functions in relation to the OARC:

Strategic direction

- Provide strategic direction, leadership and decision-making (where delegated) to oversee implementation of the OARC Regeneration Programme.
- Foster and facilitate a collaborative approach to achieve shared outcomes.
- Ensure appropriate engagement and consultation has occurred with communities and organisations.

- Provide input into and confirm draft Activity Management Plans for consideration by Council.

Monitoring performance and reporting

- Monitoring of the delivery of the work programme.
- Receive regular performance reports on the OARC Activity Plan.
- Receive regular updates on the delivery of the Fast-track Approvals Act Consent for implementing the OARC Regeneration Plan, and on the implementation of the Council's global stormwater discharge consent.
- Consider and advise Council on conflicts and risks to the progress of the OARC Regeneration Programme.
- Report to Council annually, or more frequently if required, on progress and decisions made.

Decision-making

All decisions must align with the OARC Assessment Framework (Appendix 1), Iwi Policy documents, Regeneration Plan, OARC Activity Plan and be consistent with the Council's obligations under the global stormwater discharge consent, the Christchurch District Plan, Council policy, national and regional policies and strategies, and legislation and the guiding documents in Appendix 2.

Decisions made under delegation must be within the budget set by the Council in the Long-Term Plan or Annual Plan.

The Council delegates to the OARC Regeneration Committee all of its responsibilities, duties and powers concerning the use of land within the OARC Development Plan geographical area, as defined in the District Plan, subject to exceptions/limitations listed in the Limits of Powers.

Limits of Powers

The OARC Regeneration Committee delegations expressly exclude any power, responsibility or duty for decisions listed below, however all of these matters may be recommended to the Council or the appropriate authority for a decision:

- Proposing permanent disposal of any land within the designated OARC area, including land-swaps.
- Requests to the Council's Chief Executive to investigate the merits of, and make a recommendation to Council on, a change to the District Plan for part or all of the OARC.
- Any proposal that part or all of the land be recognised as a strategic asset.
- Granting leases for use of specified parts of the OARC for terms beyond 35 years duration.

- Any decision that requires funding that has not been budgeted for in the Annual Plan or Long-Term Plan.

All of these matters may be recommended to the Council for a decision by the OARC Regeneration Committee.

Meetings and Membership

- The Committee will work to achieve consensus wherever possible, and work in a cooperative manner considering the interests of all sectors of the community.
- A Chairperson shall be elected from the Committee membership.
- The Committee will operate in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and Council Standing Orders will apply.
- All meetings will be advertised, and an agenda published.

Committee remuneration

- The participation of an elected member in the Committee is part of their remunerated role as a councillor or Mayor.
- Remuneration for rūnanga representatives will be set annually.

Support for the Committee

The Council and Whitiara Centre Limited will provide support to the Committee including:

- An advisor from the Council and an advisor from Whitiara as Principal Advisors.
- Relevant staff from across the Council will provide advice to the Committee.

