

1.1 JOINT GOVERNANCE WORKING PARTY

Context

The governance of Auckland Council comprises the mayor and councillors together with twenty-one local boards.

Purpose

The Joint Governance Working Party meets as necessary to consider governance matters of mutual interest to the Governing Body and local boards and to report its findings.

Powers

The working party does not have delegated decision-making powers but reports its findings to local boards and the Governing Body for final decisions.

The Working Party will generally determine its findings by consensus, but where there is division of opinion, this will be noted in its findings and it will be acceptable to record minority views.

Matters are referred to the Working Party by resolution of the Governing Body, or, if the matter is urgent, by the chairperson together with the Chief Executive (or nominee).

Members and meeting procedure

The Joint Governance Working Party has an equal number of governing body and local board members who are appointed by the mayor after calling expressions of interest.

The Working Party may co-opt, or liaise, as it deems necessary on an issue basis. For example, if it is dealing with a rural issue and does not have rural representation, it may invite a rural elected member to participate in order to provide advice.

Meetings will not generally be advertised or open to the public. All elected members who are not members of the working party have the right to attend and listen. They may participate if invited to by the chairperson.

It may liaise with representatives of CCOs and co-governance entities.

Chair and deputy chair

The chairperson and deputy chairperson will be appointed by the mayor. They will not both be governing body members nor both local board members. If both the chairperson and deputy chairperson are absent for a meeting, the meeting will appoint a chairperson for that meeting.

Membership:

Chairperson:

Deputy chairperson:

Members:

Quorum:

If the total membership is even, one-half of Governing Body members and one-half of local board members otherwise a majority of each.

Frequency of meetings:

As required in order to conduct its business.