
Sector and zone chairs terms of reference

Introduction

LGNZ's zones and sectors bring together elected members with common interests. They provide intelligence and feedback to National Council and the LGNZ team, and share information with their members.

Elections

Elections for zone and sector chairs are held every three years, immediately after the local government elections, and in parallel with the National Council elections.

You can be a zone/sector chair and also be elected to National Council. While these are two roles requiring two separate elections, the two roles can be held by the same person.

Scope of the role

Each zone or sector elects a chair.

Sector chairs work with LGNZ to hold regular meetings for their sector in Wellington.

Zone chairs arrange regular meetings in their geographic zone, with guidance available from LGNZ. Chairs encourage participation by councillors in zone activities and also build a relationship with the relevant Department of Internal Affairs Partnership Director.

The purpose of zone and sector meetings is to share best practice, discuss shared issues or challenges, and agree how to advance them. They are also an opportunity to connect – with each other, LGNZ and central government. Meetings should advance LGNZ's objects as defined by our Rules (see below).

LGNZ manages budgets for sector meetings.

Funding arrangements for zone work should be determined by each zone. Zones may want to consider having each council contribute a small amount of funding or a subscription to help cover costs.

LGNZ's objects

This summary draws from the list of objects in the [LGNZ Rules](#).

The purpose of LGNZ is to promote – and advocate for – the national interests of local government.

LGNZ promotes and facilitates regular dialogue with central government, opposition parties and government agencies on matters of national interest to local government, with a view to enhancing and ensuring a long-term commitment to partnership between central and local government.

LGNZ also investigates matters of interest to members, provides advice, and delivers training and professional development. It holds meetings and conferences to advance these objects.

A list of zones and sectors

Zones are based on geographic areas, and sectors on different sizes of communities. LGNZ has six geographic zones and four sectors:

- [Zone 1](#) includes Far North District Council, Northland Regional Council and Whangarei District Council.
- [Zone 2](#) includes Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Hamilton City Council, Hauraki District Council, Kawerau District Council, Matamata-Piako District Council, Ōpōtiki District Council, Ōtorohanga District Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, South Waikato District Council, Taupō District Council, Tauranga City Council, Thames-Coromandel District Council, Waikato District Council, Waikato Regional Council, Waipā District Council, Waitomo District Council and Whakatāne District Council.
- [Zone 3](#) includes Central Hawke's Bay District Council, Gisborne District Council, Hastings District Council, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Horizons Regional Council, Horowhenua District Council, Manawatū District Council, Napier City Council, New Plymouth District Council, Palmerston North City Council, Rangitīkei District Council, Ruapehu District Council, South Taranaki District Council, Stratford District Council, Taranaki Regional Council, Tararua District Council, Wairoa District Council and Whanganui District Council.
- [Zone 4](#) includes Carterton District Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Hutt City Council, Kāpiti Coast District Council, Masterton District Council, Porirua City Council, South Wairarapa District Council, Upper Hutt City Council and Wellington City Council.
- [Zone 5](#) includes Ashburton District Council, Buller District Council, Chatham Islands Council, Environment Canterbury, Hurunui District Council, Kaikōura District Council, Mackenzie District Council, Marlborough District Council, Nelson City Council, Selwyn District Council, Tasman District Council, Waimakariri District Council, and Waimate District Council.
- [Zone 6](#) includes Central Otago District Council, Clutha District Council, Dunedin City Council, Environment Southland, Gore District Council, Invercargill City Council, Otago Regional Council, Queenstown-Lakes District Council, Southland District Council and Waitaki District Council.

- [Metro sector](#) includes all territorial authorities and unitary authorities with populations of 90,000 or over.
- [Regional sector](#) covers all regional councils and unitary authorities.
- [Provincial sector](#) covers all territorial authorities and unitary authorities with populations between 20,000 and 90,000.
- [Rural sector](#) covers all territorial authorities and unitary authorities with populations of less than 20,000.