

## 2.0 Democracy

A Mayor and thirteen Councillors form the elected members representing the district on the Hauraki District Council. The representatives are elected every three years through the local government election process.

Hauraki District Council presently has four Standing Committees that report directly to the Council. The Committees deal with matters of a specific nature and their members are representatives from the Council. The Standing Committees are Planning and Finance, Works, Consultative Committee Water and Wastes and Hearings.

In addition, each ward - Paeroa, Plains and Waihi - are represented by a Ward Committee to deal with local issues. The Mayor and the Councillors elected by the ward form each Ward Committee to deal with local issues.

Fifteen sub-committees have been established for special purposes such as Land Drainage (5), Reserve Management (10).

**The Hauraki District Council's goal in respect of democracy is to exercise the democratic process of local government.**

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### Focus for the Next 3 Years

- 2.1 To meet the Council's statutory requirements under the Local Government Act 2002;
- 2.2 To meet the Council's statutory requirements under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act by holding regular meetings of the Council, its Standing Committees, the Ward Committees; and ensuring information is made available to the public;
- 2.3 To further develop the Council's relationship with Iwi.

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### Emphasis in 2003-2004

- 2.1.1 To prepare the Annual Report on the Council's 2002/03 performance by 30 November 2003 in accordance with legislative requirements, and make it available to the public at no charge.
- 2.2.1 To hold Council meetings on a monthly basis in accordance with the Standing Orders and legislative requirements.
- 2.2.2 To hold Committee meetings monthly, except in January, in accordance with the Standing Orders and legislative requirements.
- 2.2.3 To hold Hearings Committee meetings as required addressing the needs of the Resource Management Act requirements.
- 2.2.4 To ensure the agenda and minutes for all Council, Committee and Ward Committee meetings are provided in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.
- 2.2.5 To continue the weekly news and information page in the Hauraki Herald Newspaper.
- 2.3.1 To hold a minimum of two consultative meetings with Iwi by June 2004, including representatives of all Hauraki Iwi as appropriate and to provide opportunities for improved communication between the Council and Iwi.
- 2.3.2 To ensure that the interests of tangata whenua are considered in Council's planning and project development for all Council activities.

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### Changes This Year

No major changes this year.

**Projected Costs and Funding - Democracy**

<i>Budget</i> <b>2002-03</b> \$000's		Forecast <b>2003-04</b> \$000's	Projected <b>2004-05</b> \$000's	Projected <b>2005-06</b> \$000's
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
1,025	District Council	1,038	1,064	1,073
<b>1,025</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,073</b>
-	<b>Less Fees and Charges</b>	-	-	-
-	<b>Less Targeted Rates</b>	-	-	-
<b>1,025</b>	<b>NET COST OF SERVICE</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,073</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE BY CLASS</b>			
1,025	Operating	1,038	1,064	1,073
-	Decline in Service Potential	-	-	-
-	Interest	-	-	-
<b>1,025</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,038</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,073</b>
-	<b>Capital and Renewals</b>	-	-	-