

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 – is represented by a Ward Committee to deal with local issues. The Mayor and the Councillors elected by the ward form each Ward Committee. Sub-committees have been established for special purposes such as Land Drainage.

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

Focus	Emphasis	Achievements
2.1 To meet the Council's statutory requirements under the Local Government Act 2002.	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.	2.1.1 Achieved The Annual Report was adopted by Council on 27 th November 2003 and was available to the public from that date.
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, it's Standing Committees, the Ward Committees; and ensuring information is made available to the public.	2.2.1 To hold Council meetings monthly, except in January in accordance, with the Standing Orders and legislative requirements.	2.2.1 Achieved Eleven meetings have been held.
	2.2.2 To hold Committee meetings monthly, except in January, in accordance with the Standing Orders and legislative requirements.	2.2.2 Achieved Committee meetings were held every month except in January.
	2.2.3 To hold Hearings Committee meetings as required addressing the needs of the Resource Management Act requirements.	2.2.3 Achieved Eleven Hearing committee meetings were held during 2003/04.

Focus	Emphasis	Achievements
	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.	2.2.4 Achieved Agendas and minutes have been 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.	2.2.5 Achieved The weekly news and information page has been continued in the Hauraki Herald newspaper.
2.3 To further develop the Council's relationship with Iwi.	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.	2.3.1 Achieved All Iwi were invited to partake in the consultation processes held. Three primary consultative meetings were held with Iwi - for Liquor Bylaw consultation, the Gambling Policy consultation and for the Long Term Council Community Plan (Hauraki Community Plan 2004-14).
	2.3.2 To ensure that the interests of tangata whenua are considered in Council's planning and project development for all Council activities.	2.3.2 Achieved Interests of tangata whenua in planning and project development for Council's activities is achieved through Iwi consultation as discussed in 2.3.1. This is supported with the appropriate use of the Iwi Liaison Officer and working with the Memoranda of Understanding.

Costs and Funding - Democracy

<i>Actual</i> 2002-03 \$000's		Actual 2003-04 \$000's	Budget 2003-04 \$000's
	Cost of Service		
974	District Council	987	1,038
974	NET COST OF SERVICE	987	1,038