

## Chair – Risk and Audit Committee

### The role

Chair – Risk and Audit Committee works with elected members to fulfil the purpose of the Risk and Audit committee and governance duties in relation to risk management, internal controls and financial reports, as detailed in the committee terms of reference.

Supporting one of the key principles recommended by the Officer of the Auditor General of providing external independence, Risk and Audit Committees need the independence of perspective, experience and knowledge to bring the test and challenge that adds value to the governance of a public entity.

The purpose of the role is to Chair the Risk and Audit committee in line with the Office of the Auditor General principles, which are:

- Provide a welcoming environment.
- Independence
- Clarity of purpose
- Competence, and
- Open and effective relationships

### Attributes

The chairperson will bring the following skills and experience to the role:

- broad governance experience;
- familiarity with risk management disciplines
- understanding of internal control and assurance frameworks;
- a good understanding of the roles of internal and external audit;
- background in financial reporting /accounting, audit and/or Law
- experience with public sector organisations
- the ability to explain technical matters in their field to other members of the audit committee.
- understanding of the Local government act 2002 (LGA) and Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)
- high business ethics, sound judgement and common sense
- strict confidentiality

### Purpose of the Risk and Audit Committee

To provide assurance to Council that robust, independent and operationally effective controls around operational and financial management practices are in place.

To provide oversight of the risk management of internal controls including but not limited to:

- Risk management framework
- Operational risk management
- Financial risk management
- Health and Safety risk management

Compliance with legislation

### About Whangarei District Council

#### Our expectations

Council's function is to take on board the things that our community want and expect in terms of providing services and managing district assets. We are building our organisational culture around the principles of delivering for our customers, our organisational values, working together, and focusing on outcomes rather than tasks.

#### Mission – Auaha

Creating the ultimate living environment.

Auaha mutunga kore o te ao tūroa.

#### Vision – Tirohanga

To be a vibrant, attractive and thriving district, by developing sustainable lifestyles based around our unique environment, the envy of New Zealand and recognized worldwide.

Ka kitea te Ihi, te ātaahuatanga, kia anga mua tonu ngā mahi ki roto i tō tātou rohe. Kia pūmau tonu te ahurei o te Tai Ao, i te taha moana. Ka āhua kōhaehae te titiro mai o te ao whānui ki a Āotearoa.

