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Date released: 6 March 2026

Subject: ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL WATER DONE WELL INDEPENDANT ADVISORY GROUP

LGOIMA: OIA- 1666

Original LGOIMA Request:

Can you please advise if the conditions of this motion carried last year (put forward by Councillor Tim Blackler) were completed. Please also advise what members were appointed to the advisory group and their relevant qualifications and skills.

The recommendations from Cr Blackler were then put to the vote and carried as below.

RESOLVED WDC 2025/093 Moved: Member Tim Blackler Seconded: Member John McCone That Council;

- a. Requests the Chief Executive to establish a Future Water Services Advisory Group.
- b. Agrees that the remit of the Future Water Services Advisory Group is to provide advice and support to Council and the CE on:
 - iv. Further development of the Water Services Delivery Plan should this be required.
 - v. The development of the Implementation Plan for delivering water services in house efficiently and effectively.
 - vi. engagement with a Government Water Services Facilitator or Specialist should one be appointed.
- c. Appoints an Elected Member to the Future Water Services Portfolio to work with the CE.
- d. Requests the Chief Executive, working with the Future Water Services Portfolio Holder, to appoint up to six members to the advisory group with the required skills and attributes highlighted in this report by mid-September.

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e. Delegates to the Chief Executive working with the Future Water Services Portfolio Holder the authority to establish any necessary further expectations, scope or structure to enable meaningful input.

CARRIED

Official LGOIMA Response:

Council Officers have reviewed your request and have collated the answers below and in the attached.

Council meeting, 26 August 2025: Cr Blackler put a Notice of Motion requesting a group be set up. This was carried. A meeting was held with Cr Blackler to draw up a draft Terms of Reference for the group.

Council meeting, 30 September 2025: The Terms of Reference was considered by full council and approved with a recognition that the group would be disestablished at the election, and it would be up to the newly elected council to decide if the group was included in the new governance structure after the election.

The election was held on October 12 2025.

Local Government Act, Schedule 7, cl30(5) (7), says the following: A committee, subcommittee, or other subordinate decision-making body is, unless the local authority resolves otherwise, deemed to be discharged on the coming into office of the members of the local authority elected or appointed at, or following, the triennial general election of members next after the appointment of the committee, subcommittee, or other subordinate decision-making body.

Council meeting, 4 November 2025: The Crown Facilitator was appointed. A water services advisory group was not given any say in the legislation and it was not established.



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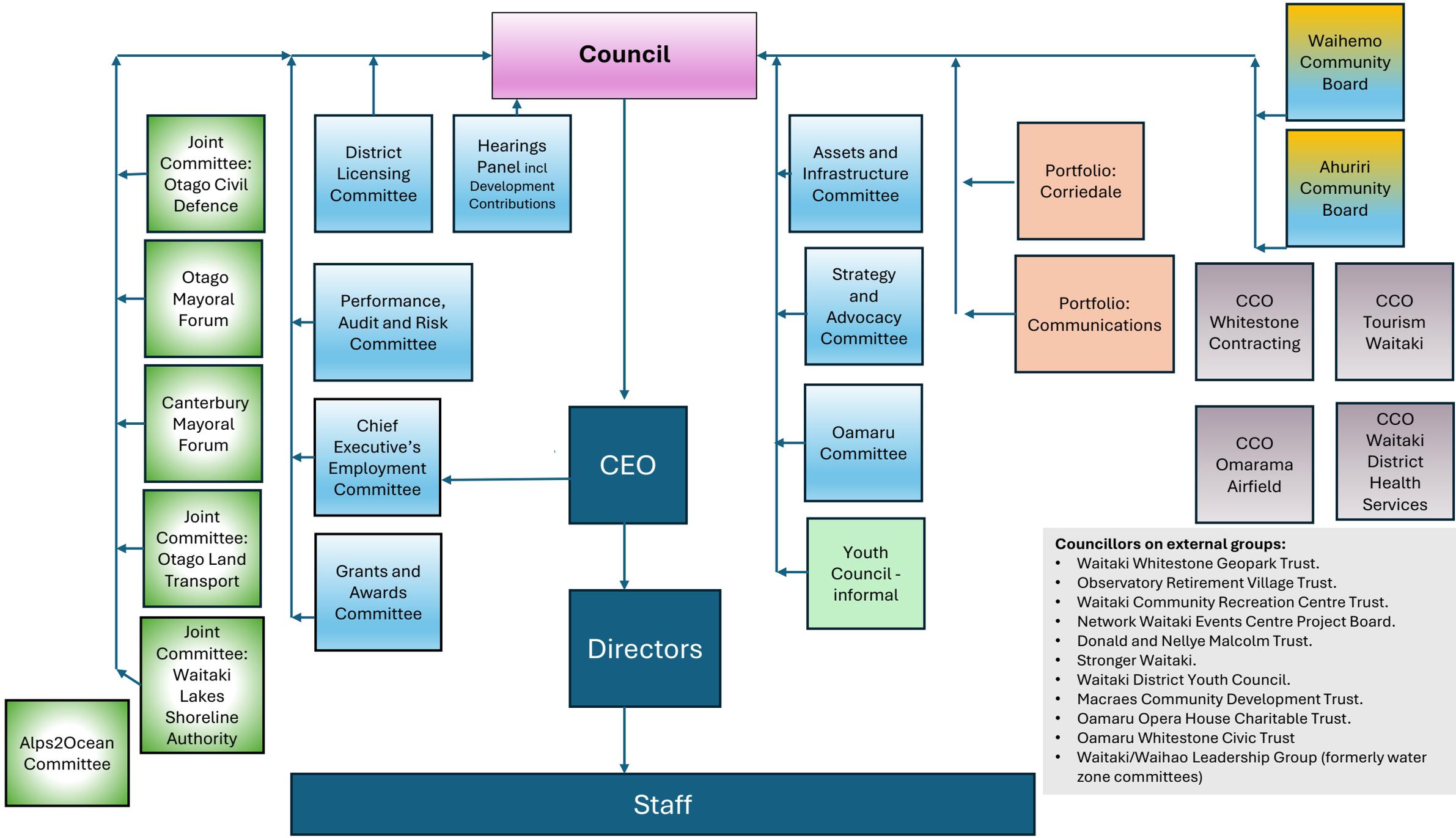


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Since then: Mayor Tavendale has reviewed the governance structure, and the attached governance structure was agreed by the new council. It does not include a Water Services Advisory Group. Matters related to water services will now come under the Assets and Infrastructure Committee or full Council for a decision.

ATTACHMENT



- Councillors on external groups:**
- Waitaki Whitestone Geopark Trust.
 - Observatory Retirement Village Trust.
 - Waitaki Community Recreation Centre Trust.
 - Network Waitaki Events Centre Project Board.
 - Donald and Nellye Malcolm Trust.
 - Stronger Waitaki.
 - Waitaki District Youth Council.
 - Macraes Community Development Trust.
 - Oamaru Opera House Charitable Trust.
 - Oamaru Whitestone Civic Trust
 - Waitaki/Waihao Leadership Group (formerly water zone committees)