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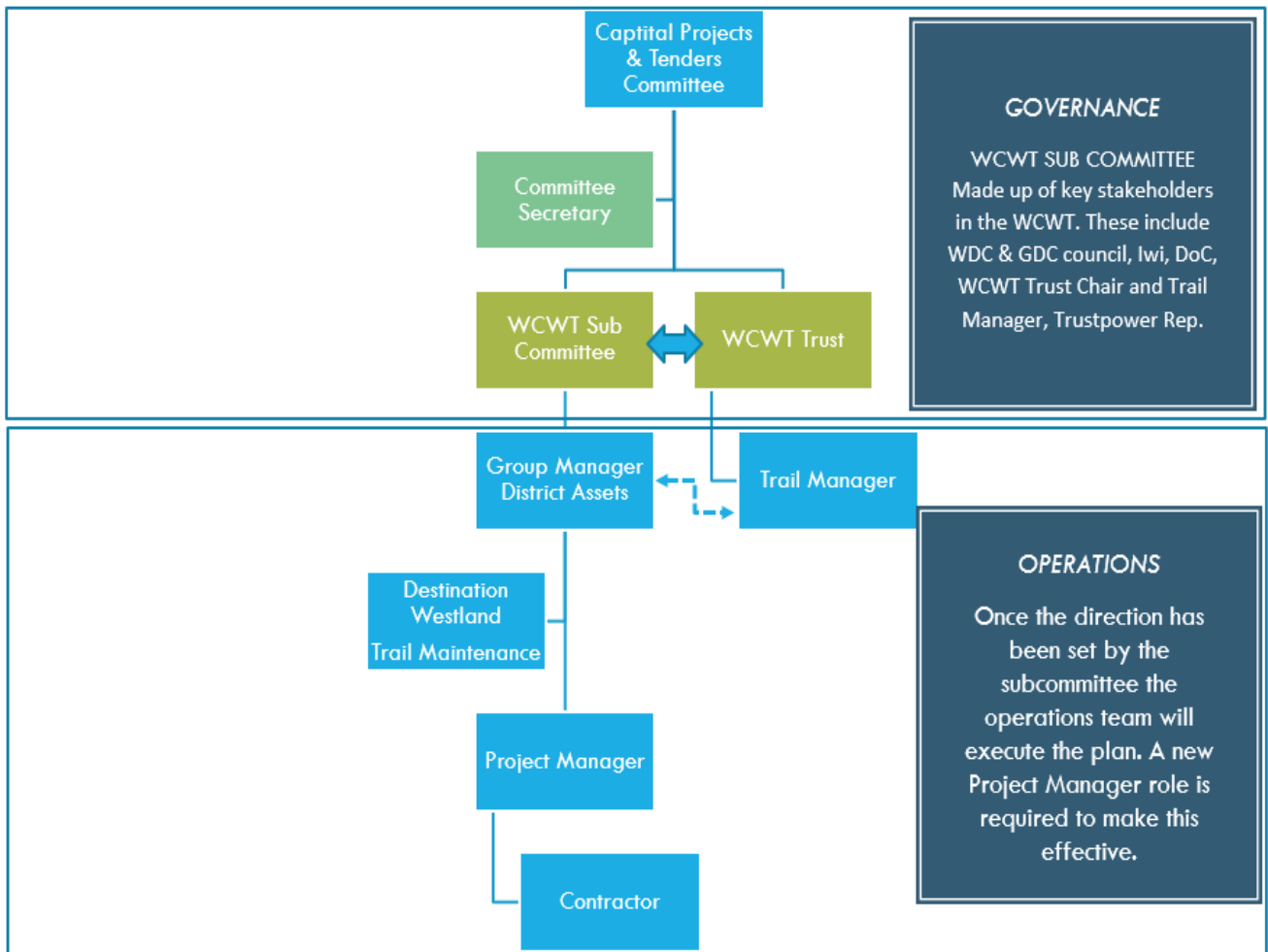
West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee

	Authorising Body	Mayor / Council
	Status	Subcommittee of Capital Project and Tenders Committee
	Title	West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee
	Approval Date	11 June 2020
	Administrative Support	Chief Executive Office

Purpose

The purpose of the West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee is to oversee the Governance of the West Coast Wilderness Trail. The makeup of the Sub Committee is to ensure stakeholders are represented to provide guidance on the strategy of the trail.

West Coast Wilderness Trail Governance Structure



Responsibility

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee is responsible for the following:

- Defining the overall Strategic Plan for the West Coast Wilderness Trail (WCWT)
- Ownership of the development and maintenance of the WCWT Asset Management Plan
- Defining the priority projects with the WCWT Asset Management Plan
- Reviewing and defining financial sustainability of each proposal
- Ensuring the prioritisation of projects reflects the community/user needs
- Supports the NZ Cycle Trail Nga Haerenga network program and strategy and meet the criteria set by Major Great Rides NZ.
- Working closely with all key stakeholders of the WCWT.
- Supporting Funding applications as applicable

In connection with each Project, the Subcommittee shall receive regular reports from management containing such information it deems relevant to fulfil its mandate, including but not limited to information concerning:

- Project timetable, critical path events and progress to completion
- Major project milestones, including variance analysis and mitigation strategies
- Key issues or disputes and proposed mitigation strategies
- Project budget updates, showing actual expenditures versus budget, use of contingencies and projected final expenditures
- Assist with bridging project barriers outside the influence of staff

Report to the Capital Projects and Tenders Committee on a regular basis to provide updates as required.

DELEGATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE:

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee shall have the following delegated powers and be accountable to Council for the exercising of these powers. In exercising the delegated powers, the subcommittee will operate within:

- Policies, plans, standards or guidelines that have been established and approved by Council;
- The overall priorities of Council;
- The needs of Iwi and the local communities; and
- The approved budgets for the activity.

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee shall have delegated authority to:

- Power to co-opt other members as appropriate
- All powers necessary to perform the Subcommittee's responsibilities Except:
 - Powers that the Council cannot legally delegate or has retained for itself
 - Where the Committee's responsibility is limited to making a recommendation only
 - Deciding significant matters for which there is high public interest and which are controversial
 - The commissioning of reports on new policy where that policy programme of work has not been approved by the Council

Power to Delegate

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee may not delegate any of its responsibilities, duties or powers.

Membership

The West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee will comprise the following, one of which will be the chairperson:

- Chairperson (WDC appointed representative and appointed by the Chair of the Capital Projects and Tenders Committee)
- Iwi Representatives
- Ex-Officio – Mayor
- Grey District Council Representative
- Chair - West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust
- Trail Manager - West Coast Wilderness Trail Trust
- Trustpower Representative
- Department of Conservation – Hokitika Operations Manager (or representative).

Chairperson

The Chairperson is responsible for:

- The efficient functioning of the Subcommittee;
- Setting the agenda for Subcommittee meetings in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer; and
- Ensuring that all members of the Subcommittee receive sufficient timely information to enable them to be effective Committee members.

The Chairperson will be the link between the Subcommittee and Council staff.

Quorum

The quorum at any meeting of the Subcommittee shall be Chairperson and any three members.

Frequency of Meetings

The Committee shall meet as required but not less than quarterly.

Relationships with Other Parties

The Chief Executive is responsible for servicing and providing support to the Subcommittee in the completion of its duties and responsibilities. The Chief Executive shall assign council staff as required to provide these functions on his/her behalf.

The Chairperson may request the Chief Executive and staff in attendance to leave the meeting for the duration of the discussion. The Chairperson will provide minutes for that part of the meeting.

The Subcommittee acknowledges that NZTA are a major stakeholder in the outcomes of the WCWT and plays an important part in aspects of the trail that impact on NZTA assets and rider safety. Whilst they do not form part of the membership of the Subcommittee that will be consulted on any aspect of the committees work that they will be impacted on.

The Subcommittee also recognises the role MBIE plays in their role with Major Great Rides. Not only are they a provider of funding but also ensure the overall performance and health of the trail is maintained and were possible improved. The Subcommittee will seek support for the strategy and direction of the trail through MBIE on a regular basis or as stipulated in formal agreements.

Contacts with Media and Outside Agencies

The Subcommittee Chairperson is the authorised spokesperson for the Subcommittee in all matters where the Committee has authority or a particular interest.

Subcommittee members, including the Chairperson, do not have delegated authority to speak to the media and/or outside agencies on behalf of Council on matters outside of the Subcommittee's delegations.

The Chief Executive will manage the formal communications between the Subcommittee and its constituents and for the Committee in the exercise of its business. Correspondence with central government, other local government agencies or other official agencies will only take place through Council staff and will be undertaken under the name of the District Council.

Conduct of Affairs

The Subcommittee shall conduct its affairs in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968, Council's Standing Orders and Code of Conduct.

Public Access and Reporting

Notification of meetings to the public and public access to meetings and information shall comply with Standing Orders, but it should be noted that:

- Workshop meetings solely for information and discussions and at which no resolutions or decisions are made may be held in accordance with Standing Orders.
- Extraordinary meetings of the Subcommittee must be held in accordance with Standing Orders.

The public may be excluded from the whole or part of the proceedings of the meeting and information withheld on one or more of the grounds specified in s.48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The Subcommittee shall record minutes of all its proceedings.

**The Terms of Reference were adopted by the
West Coast Wilderness Trail Subcommittee on the 11 June 2020.**