



What to expect at an Auckland Council meeting

Committee meetings:

Auckland Council's Governing Body and other committees make decisions on some of the biggest issues and opportunities Auckland faces.

The council spends more than \$3 billion every year to keep Auckland running, improve services, and invest in projects that could have impacts on generations to come.

The committees are formal meetings with specific rules to ensure that the decisions made are robust and legal.

Watch a meeting:

You are welcome to attend open meetings and observe local democracy in action.

We strive for transparency and do all we can to accommodate people at meetings. If a meeting room is full, we try to ensure you can watch the discussions on a screen.

Meeting agendas and minutes are on the council website, www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz; some can be watched online at councillive.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Confidentiality:

Some issues need to be discussed in confidence, for example if there is commercial sensitivity. In those cases, the public will be excluded from the meeting.

Other input:

In some meetings, members of the public can speak for up to five minutes on relevant topics. This needs to be pre-arranged with the Democracy Services team (details on the website) and the committee chair will make the final decision on the request.

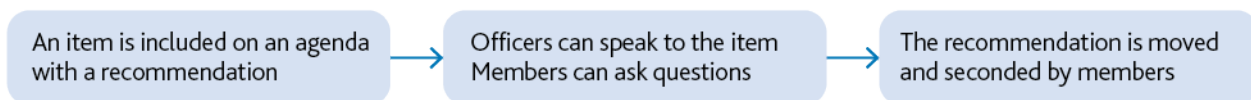
Local boards make decisions on local matters and have their own meetings and rules. However, local board members sometimes attend committee meetings to give input on matters affecting their area.

Roles at meetings:

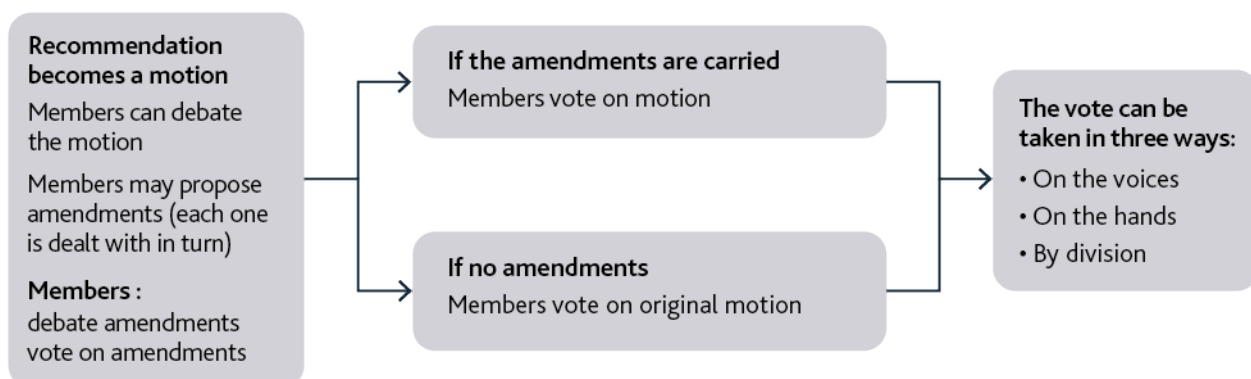
- **The chairperson** leads the meeting and applies the rules that govern the meeting; the public must follow the chair's directions.
- **The mayor and councillors** are members of the Governing Body.
- **Committee members** can be made up of councillors and appointees from the Independent Māori Statutory Board and other independent representatives.
- **The Democracy Services team** supports the chair and advises on correct meeting process.

From recommendation to resolution – how the council makes decisions:

1 Recommendation



2 Debate and voting



3 If the motion is passed, the motion becomes a council resolution