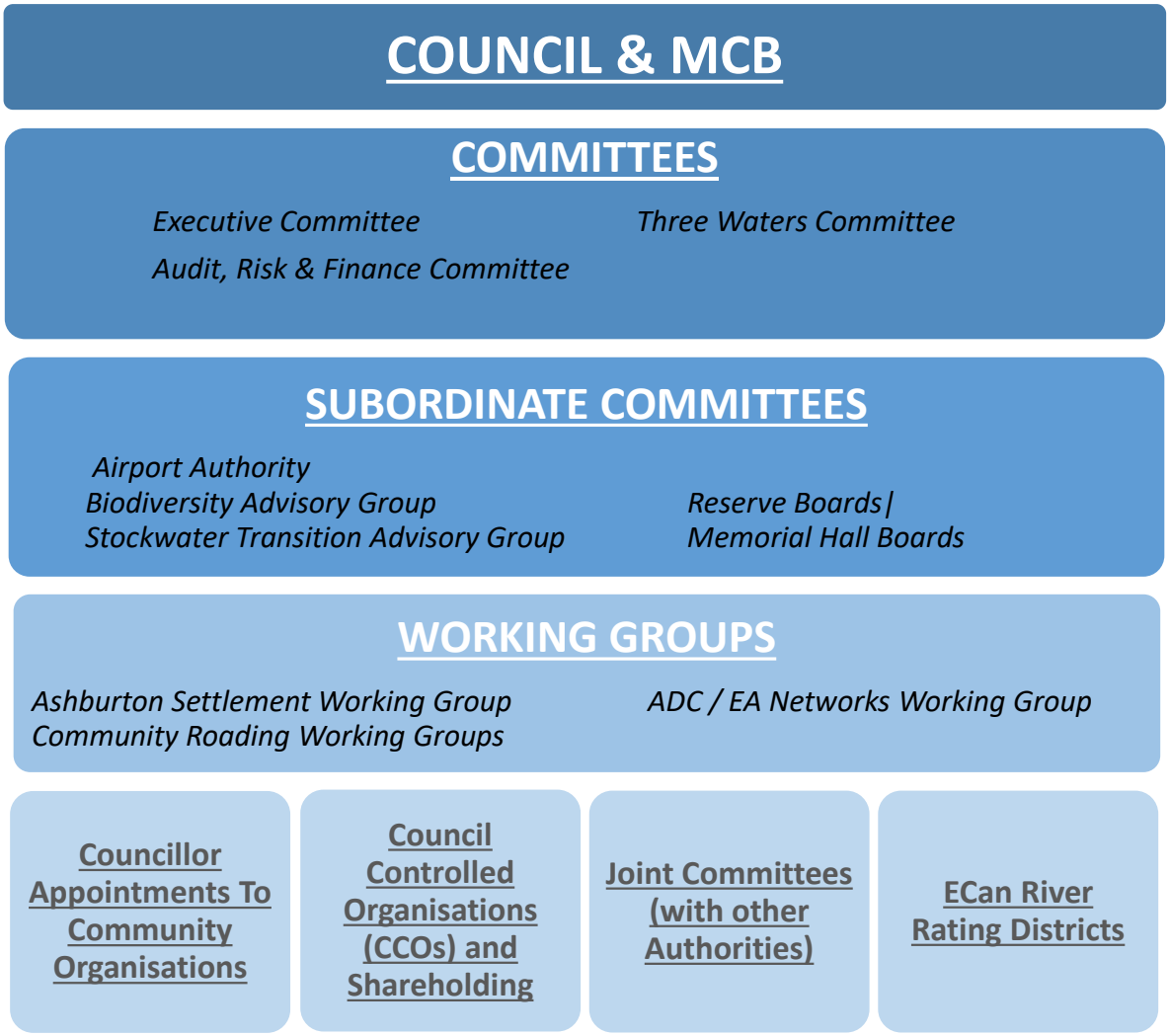
Ashburton District Council Governance Structure
Appointments to Committees and Organisations 2025-28

Adopted by Council on 5 November 2025

Structure



Appointments to Committees

STANDING COMMITTEE

Audit, Risk & Finance Committee

Chair	Cr Carolyn Cameron
Deputy Chair	Cr Richard Wilson
Members	Cr Russell Ellis Cr Tony Todd Cr Jeanette Maxwell + external appointee *Mayor ex officio*

Executive Committee

Mayor	Liz McMillan
Deputy Mayor	Cr Richard Wilson
Councillors	Cr Carolyn Cameron Cr Russell Ellis Cr Phill Hooper

Three Waters Committee

Chair	Cr Russell Ellis
Deputy Chair	Cr Phill Hooper
Members	Cr Carolyn Cameron Cr Phill Everest Cr Deb Gilkison *Mayor ex officio*

Methven Community Board

Crs Deb Gilkison and Jeanette Maxwell

Appointments to subordinate committees

Ashburton Airport Authority

Crs Russell Ellis (Chair), Jeanette Maxwell and Tony Todd

Biodiversity Advisory Group

Crs Richard Wilson (Chair), Deb Gilkison and Phill Everest

Stockwater Transition Working Group

Crs Richard Wilson and Carolyn Cameron

Memorial Hall Boards and Reserve Boards

Alford Forest Reserve	Cr Jeanette Maxwell	Pendarves Reserve	Cr Russell Ellis
Chertsey Reserve	Cr Phill Everest	Rakaia Reserve	Cr Phill Everest
Dorie Reserve	Cr Phill Everest	Ruapuna Reserve	Cr Deb Gilkison
Ealing Reserve	Cr Tony Todd	Seafield Reserve	Cr Tony Todd
Greenstreet Reserve	Cr Julie Moffett	Tinwald Reserve	Cr Phill Hooper

Highbank Reserve	Cr Jeanette Maxwell	Lagmhor Westerfield Hall	Cr Russell Ellis
Hinds Reserve	Cr Richard Wilson	Mayfield Hall	Cr Deb Gilkison
Mayfield Reserve	Cr Deb Gilkison	Mt Hutt Memorial Hall	Cr Jeanette Maxwell
Methven Reserve	Cr Jeanette Maxwell	Rakaia Hall	Cr Richard Wilson
Mt Somers Reserve	Cr Deb Gilkison	Tinwald Hall	Cr Carolyn Cameron

Appointments to working groups

ADC and EA Networks Working Group **Public Excluded**

Mayor (Chair) & Crs Tony Todd and Richard Wilson.

EA: Onno Mulder (CEO), Andrew Barlass, Paul Munro, Nigel Thomson and Jeremy Adamson

Ashburton Settlement Working Group

Crs Julie Moffett & Phill Hooper

Community Roading Working Group

Crs Phill Everest (Chair), Deb Gilkison, Julie Moffett and Richard Wilson

Appointments to other organisations or committees

Council appointments to community organisations

Advance Ashburton Trust	Mayor
Age Friendly Ashburton Strategy Steering Group	Council appointee Cr Julie Moffett
Ashburton Seniors Centre Trust	Council appointee Cr Russell Ellis
Ashburton Youth Advisory Group	Council appointee Cr Phill Hooper
Creative Communities Assessment Committee *[Reports to Creative Communities NZ]*	Council appointees Crs Deb Gilkison and Tony Todd
Electricity Ashburton Shareholders Committee	External appointees (x3) *[Kate Templeton and Gary Wilson – until August 2027 and David Ward – until Aug 2028]*
Hekeao-Hinds Water Enhancement Trust	Mayor
Lake Clearwater Hutholders Association	Mayor and Cr Deb Gilkison
Lion Foundation	Mayor
Mid Canterbury Rural Support Trust	Council appointee Cr Jeanette Maxwell
Plains Museum Trust	External appointees (x2) *[Stefan van Vliet & Alden Thomas until October 2028]*
Safer Mid Canterbury District Board [Includes Safe Communities Steering Group]	Council appointees Crs Julie Moffett and Tony Todd *Julie Moffett*
Waitaha PHO Board	External appointee (x1) *[David Matthews]*

Council Controlled Organisations (CCOs) and Shareholding

Ashburton Community Water Trust	Mayor
Ashburton Contracting Limited (Directors)	*[Alister Lilley (C) and Craig Stewart (to 2026), Darin Cusack (2027) and Andrew Barlass, & Ross Pickworth (to 2028)]*
Eastfield Investments Liaison	Mayor / or Deputy Mayor & Chief Executive
Rangitata Diversion Race Management Limited (RDRML)	Cr Richard Wilson *(Mayor alternate)*
RDRML Remuneration Subcommittee	Cr Carolyn Cameron

Joint Committees (with other Authorities)

Biodiversity Champions Group	TBC
Canterbury Regional Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	Mayor *(Cr Richard Wilson alternate)*
Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee	Cr Russell Ellis *(Mayor alternate)*
Canterbury Regional Land Transport Committee	Mayor *(Cr Richard Wilson alternate)*
Canterbury Waste Joint Committee	Cr Russell Ellis *(Mayor alternate)*
Central Biodiversity Advisory Group	TBC
Climate Change Action Planning Reference Group	Cr Phill Everest
Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee	Council appointees Crs Phill Hooper (Chair), Phill Everest & Jeanette Maxwell
Total Mobility Committee	Council appointee Cr Tony Todd

Environment Canterbury River Rating Districts

Ashburton Hinds Drainage	Cr Richard Wilson	Lower Rakaia River	Cr Russell Ellis
Ashburton Rivers	Cr Carolyn Cameron	Mt Harding Creek	Cr Jeanette Maxwell
Ashburton Town Stopbanks	Cr Phill Everest	Rakaia Double Hill	Cr Liz McMillan
Cleardale (Rakaia Gorge)	Cr Jeanette Maxwell	Staveley Stormwater Channel	Cr Deb Gilkison
Dry Creek	Cr Jeanette Maxwell	Upper Hinds River	Cr Richard Wilson
Lower Hinds River	Cr Richard WIlson		