

**Title:** Councillor Member of TB Free Committee  
**Section:** Environmental Services & Protection  
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Legal     Financial     Significance = low

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## Report to ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & REGULATIONS Committee for decision

### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is seek the appointment of a Councillor to the Gisborne Region Tuberculosis (TB) Free Committee.

The TB Free Committee is a committee of local community representatives from different primary industries sectors and is coordinated by (Operational Solutions for Primary Industries) OSPRI. TB is not present in the Gisborne region so the role of the TB Free Committee is an information sharing and advocacy one. The Committee meet annually.

The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **low** significance in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Environmental Planning & Regulations Committee:**

- 1. Notes the contents of this report.**
- 2. Appoints an elected representative's member to the TB Free Committee.**

*Authorised by:*



Nicholas Zaman  
**Director Environmental Services & Protection**

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## BACKGROUND

1. Tuberculosis (TB) is a significant disease of cattle and there have been long standing TB Free programmes underway for many decades across New Zealand.
2. Gisborne is a TB Free area, and the only time TB has been detected in this region is when it has come in from animals infected outside the district.
3. Nevertheless if TB did come into the district it would have a very significant adverse effect on our pastoral farming industries. For this reason there is a TB Free Committee in Gisborne, which meets annually and undertakes communication and advocacy actions to assist in the protection of Gisborne's TB Free status. This Committee is coordinated by OSPRI.
4. Former Councillor Haisman was a member of the Committee, but with his retirement there is currently no Councillor on the Committee. The Environmental and Science Manager is currently a Committee member.
5. At its last meeting the Gisborne TB sought the appointment of a Councillor to the Gisborne Committee.

## DISCUSSION and OPTIONS

6. The TB Free Committee membership role is a relatively minor one. However, the inclusion of a Councillor as a member would give a measure of strength to supporting the goals and objectives of the TB Free message.
7. As well as TB, the Committee does act as a touchpoint for information on some other animal disease issues such as Foot and Mouth Disease, and potentially in the future *Mycoplasma bovis*.

## ASSESSMENT of SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria	This Report	The Process Overall
The effects on all or a large part of the Gisborne district	Low	Low
The effects on individuals or specific communities	Low	Low
The level or history of public interest in the matter or issue	Low	Low
Inconsistency with Council's current strategy and policy	Low	Low
Impacts on Council's delivery of its Financial Strategy and Long Term Plan.	Low	Low

8. The decisions or matters in this report are considered to be of **low** significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
9. Because TB is not in our region there is a low level of interest from the community in this issue.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

10. The TB Free Committee act to promote messages around TB and preventing it reaching Gisborne.
11. As the Committee is largely made up of farmer volunteer members, the elected representative would have further opportunity to engage with the regions farmer or industry networks.

## CONSIDERATIONS

### Financial/Budget

12. There are no financial implications of this report.

**Legal**

13. There are no legal implications of this report.

**POLICY and PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

Supporting the TB Free Committee is consistent with our Regional Pest Management Plan and Council's functions under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

**RISKS**

14. There are no risks associated with this report.

**NEXT STEPS**

Date	Action/Milestone	Comments
2 November	Annual TB Free Committee Meeting	