



THE WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Council Chair Extraordinary Meeting

An extraordinary meeting has been called to elect a new Chair for the West Coast Regional Council.

Prior to the notice of the extraordinary meeting being called, several Councillors had tried to meet with Clr Birchfield to discuss this matter and provide a ‘heads up’. Formal notification was provided to Clr Birchfield on Tuesday morning before the lodgement of the public notice calling the extraordinary meeting on 28 March.

Councillors note that they have not made this decision lightly, but have made this decision unanimously, presenting the Chief Executive with a letter on 2 March 2023 to appoint a new Chair for the Regional Council. This decision has also been supported by Poutini Ngāi Tahu.

“We recognise the work of Councillor Birchfield through his many years on Council. He is a stalwart of the community and his input around the table is always appreciated.”

“This decision has been made with the best interests of the ratepayers, partner agencies and other stakeholders.”

“Council is committed to carrying on with the significant work programme ahead of it.”

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