Council has seven standing committees made up of and chaired by elected representatives. Each committee considers Council policy, provides advice to Council and delivers results for the people of Brisbane across a wide range of areas such as infrastructure, public transport and the environment.

The Chair of each committee is also a member of Council’s Establishment and Coordination (E&C) Committee, more commonly known as Civic Cabinet.

At its highest level, E&C sets the strategic direction for Brisbane as a city and Council as an organisation. The members of E&C review and make recommendations to full Council on major plans such as Vision 2031 and the Brisbane City Plan 2014, corporate documents such as the Annual Report and city finances. The members of E&C are the Lord Mayor (Chair) and all seven Committee Chair’s. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) acts as secretary of E&C, provides executive advice and reports back to Council as an organisation.

E&C meets each Monday morning.