

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee

Agenda

For meeting to be held in Council Chambers, 36 Water Street, Whāngārei,
on Thursday, 13 November 2014, commencing at 10.30am

Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Chairman (Cr Dover Samuels, Northland Regional Council)

Cr Bill Shepherd Northland Regional Council	Louisa Kopa Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine	Cr Paul Dimery Northland Regional Council
Catherine Murupaenga-Ikenn Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa	Martin Rudolph Te Rūnanga O Whaingaroa	Darryl Hape Te Rūnanga O Whaingaroa
Pita Tipene Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine	Cr Joe Carr Northland Regional Council	Rawson Wright Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust
Fred Sadler Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi	Mikaera Miru Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust	Henry Murphy Ngātiwai Trust Board
Mike Kake Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi	Isha Waetford Ngātiwai Trust Board	Moengaroa Murray Te Roroa Whatu Ora Trust
Will Ngakuru Te Roroa Whatu Ora Trust		

HAPŪ REPRESENTATIVES

Patu Hohepa Hokianga o Nga Hapū Whanau	Mira Norris Te Parawhau Hapu Authority Charitable Trust	Michelle Elboz Ngati Kuta Patukeha
Rowan Tautari Te Whakapiko Hapū	Rudy Taylor Hokianga o Nga Hapū Whanau	Shirley Hakaraia Ngati Kuta Patukeha
John Harawene Ngati Manu	Nora Rameka Ngati Rehia	Te Huranga Hohaia Ngati Rehia
Pereri Mahanga Te Waiariki, Ngati Korora and Ngati Takapari Hapū/Iwi Trust		Bundy Waitai Te Hiku O Te Ika Marae Trust

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ISSUE: Confirmation of Minutes – 16 October 2014**ID:** A701978**To:** Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting, 13 November 2014**From:** Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive**Date:** 3 November 2014

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Executive summary:

The purpose of this report is to present the unconfirmed minutes of the Committee meeting held on 16 October 2014 (**attached**) for confirmation as a true and correct record.

Legal compliance:

Councils are required to keep minutes of proceedings in accordance with the Local Government Act 2002.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 October 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL
Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee**

Minutes of the meeting of Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee
held in Council Chambers,
36 Water Street, Whāngārei,
on Thursday, 16 October 2014, starting at 1.00 pm

Present:

Cr Dover Samuels, Northland Regional Council
Cr Bill Shepherd, Northland Regional Council
Cr Paul Dimery, Northland Regional Council
Mike Kake, Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi
Bundy Waitai, Nga Hapu o Ngati Kuri/Te Hiku o Te Ika Marae
Rudy Taylor, Hokianga o Nga Hapū Whanau
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapu Authority Charitable Trust
Isha Waetford, Ngātiwai Trust Board
Catherine Murupaenga-Ikenn, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa
John Harawene, Ngāti Manu
Darryl Hape, Te Rūnanga O Whaingaroa
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko
Pita Tipene, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine
Shirley Hakaraia, Ngāti Kuta/Patukeha
Michelle Elboz, Ngati Kuta Patukeha
Te Huranga Hohaia, Ngati Rehia
Patu Hohepa, Hokianga o Nga Hapū Whanau

In Attendance:**Full Meeting**

Malcolm Nicolson, NRC Chief Executive Officer
Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer
Abe Witana, Programme Manager/Policy Specialist - Tangata Whenua
Vibeke Wright, Advisor to Chief Executive/Meeting Secretary

Part Meeting

George Riley, Maori Economic Development Manager, Northland Inc.

Opening of Meeting

Chairman Dover Samuels declared the meeting open at 1.00pm.

Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Samuels/Tipene)

That the following apologies be accepted:

Louisa Kopa, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine
Will Ngakuru, Te Roroa Whatu Ora Trust
Henry Murphy, Ngātiwai Trust Board
Mikaera Miru, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust
Rawson Wright, Te Uri o Hau Trust Board
Nora Rameka, Ngati Rehia.

Carried

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)

There were no declarations of interest at this point.

Presentation (Item 4.0)

Mr George Riley, GM Maori Economic Development, Northland Inc was in attendance and made a presentation about the council's organisation and its efforts to develop the Maori economy.

Mr Harawene requested that Mr Riley's slides be circulated.

Ms Catherine Murupaenga-Ikenn noted she would present a recommendation at a future meeting which would seek greater emphasis on Maori values in Northland Inc's statement of intent.

Confirmation of Minutes – 11 September 2014 (Item 5.0)

ID: A693219

Report from Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer.

Moved (Tipene/Taylor)

That the minutes of Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 September 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 6.0)

ID: A692730

Report from Vibeke Wright, Advisor to the Chief Executive.

Moved (Murupaenga-Ikenn/Waetford)

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Questions arising from the Action Sheet:

- Mr Tipene asked when staff would know whether the database for resource consents could be released and Ms Rophia said she would be in a position to report at the next meeting.

Item left to lie on the table from previous meeting (Item 7.0)**ID: 692733****Amended Draft Terms of Reference (Item 9.0 from 11 September 2014)****ID: A667932****Report from Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer.****Moved (Hohepa/Hape)**

1. That the report "Amended Draft Terms of Reference" by Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer, and dated 12 August 2014, be received.
2. That a subgroup of Ms Tautari, Cr Dimery, Mr Hohepa, and Ms Hakaraia be established to refine the wording for membership in the Terms of Reference, and to circulate the revision via email for members' approval.
3. That the Chair, Deputy Chair and the CEO be authorised to consolidate the discussion points from the morning's workshop and circulate a draft vision, mission and goals, and revised terms of reference, via email for members' approval.

Carried**Conclusion**

There being no further business, the meeting was drawn to close at 2.19 pm with a karakia provided by Mr Hohepa.

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ISSUE: Receipt of Action Sheet**ID:** A701983**To:** Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting, 13 November 2014**From:** Vibeke Wright, Advisor to CEO**Date:** 3 November 2014

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Purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public service	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regulatory function
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Executive summary:

The purpose of this report is to enable the committee to receive the current committee action sheet (**attached**).

Legal compliance:

No decision is required.

Recommendation:

That the action sheet be received.

Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee

Action Sheet

Ü	Ref	Forum	Date	Reso/ Request	By	Task Point	Progress Statement	Assigned
	5	Workshop	24-Jul-14	Request	Committee	Keep committee informed of developments in respect of local government reform and provide opportunity for committee's views to be relayed to NRC.	Expect announcement after 51st Parliament convenes.	CEO
	6	Workshop	24-Jul-14	Request	Committee	Prepare report for committee on its anticipated future work programme.	In development; will be refined once strategic intent of Committee is articulated (visioning workshop scheduled 9 October 2014)	CEO
	9	Workshop	24-Jul-14	Request	Committee	Consider and prepare induction material for new committee members.	In development; will require Committee input	Iwi Liaison Officer
	12	Workshop	24-Jul-14	Request	Committee	Prepare report on process/criteria for prioritisation of catchments for implementation of NPS for Freshwater Management	Draft paper completed - an internal staff review of this report is being conducted.	Programme Manager/Policy Specialist - Tangata Whenua
	13	Workshop	15-Aug-14	Request	Committee	Report on NRC's funding commitment to the Kaipara Harbour. (Member Mikaera Miru to report back on discussions with TUOHTB CEO on funding priorities/shortfalls.)	Underway	Deputy CEO
	14	Workshop	15-Aug-14	Request	Committee	Prepare a report to NRC recommending: a. All independent commissioners selected by NRC be able to demonstrate training in tikanga and consultation with Māori; b. NRC encourages the selection of Māori Commissioners to its approved list, given the importance of cultural considerations in Te Tai Tokerau c. Should there be insufficient trained and capable Māori Commissioners, then NRC should actively support training and development of independent Māori Commissioners; d. The training of all commissioners should include Te Tai Tokerau tikanga	Draft completed - further information is required for the CEO and the Committee Chairman to consider before going formally to the Committee.	Programme Manager/Policy Specialist - Tangata Whenua
	18	Formal meeting	11-Sep-14	Request	Committee (Murupaenga-Ikenn)	Prepare report informing Committee about the allocation of responsibility for freshwater management	The paper is being prepared as a future agenda item	Programme Manager/Policy Specialist - Tangata Whenua
	19	Formal meeting	11-Sep-14	Request	Committee (Rameka)	Prepare report to inform committee about council's activities in respect of coastal waters management, including its position on economic development opportunities in coastal marine area	The paper is being prepared as a future agenda item	Programme Manager/Policy Specialist - Tangata Whenua
	20	Formal meeting	11-Sep-14	Resolution	Committee	Develop framework for discussion on Committee's strategic intent and finalise with Chair and Deputy Chair before 9 October meeting	Workshop scheduled 9 October 2014	CEO
	21	Formal meeting	11-Sep-14	Request	Committee (Wright)	Enable further discussion/investigation into Co-chair arrangement once current arrangements have opportunity to settle in.	Noted. Matter will be revisited once current arrangement has settled in.	CEO

Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee

Action Sheet

Ü	Ref	Forum	Date	Reso/ Request	By	Task Point	Progress Statement	Assigned
	22	Formal meeting	11-Sep-14	Request	Committee (Tautiri)	Allow committee review of council's database for tangata whenua engagement on resource consents (if permitted by privacy constraints)	Under investigation.	Iwi Liaison Officer
	23	Formal meeting	11-Sep-14	Issues Register	Committee (Murupaenga-Ikenn)	Promote council's engagement with pre-settlement iwi.	Completed - Briefing paper on Te Hiku Iwi completed and disseminated to Councillors for their information	Programme Manager/Policy Specialist - Tangata Whenua
	24	Formal meeting	11-Sep-14	Request	Committee (Wright)	Terms of Reference – once signed off, schedule future reviews at regular intervals as the relationship develops and the committee clarifies its purpose. (Include membership provisions, particularly as more Treaty Settlements are finalised.)	Noted. Matter will be revisited once current arrangement has settled in.	CEO
	25	Formal meeting	11-Sep-14	Request	Committee (Samuels)	Enable cross-committee discussion with Regional Policy Committee on its representative for tangata whenua interests	Noted. Matter will be revisited as regional policy review project develops	CEO
	27	Formal meeting	9-Oct-14	Request	Committee (Harawene)	Circulate slides presented at October meeting by Northland Inc's GM Maori Economic Development	Complete. Circulated by email 9 October.	CEO's Advisor
	29	Formal meeting	9-Oct-14	Resolution	Committee	Work with subgroup appointed at meeting to refine wording for membership in Terms of Reference, and circulate revision via email for members' approval.	To be available at November meeting	Iwi Liaison Officer
	30	Formal meeting	9-Oct-14	Resolution	Committee	Circulate a draft vision, mission and goals, and revised terms of reference, via email for members' approval.	To be available at November meeting	Chair/Deputy Chair/ CEO
	31	Formal meeting	9-Oct-14	Request	Workshop	Committee to consider its role in the regional plan review.	A paper is being prepared for consideration by the committee. The role of the committee will be directed once the ToR have been signed off by council. There will also need to be some direction sort from the RPC on the role this committee may have during this process.	Programme Manager/Policy Specialist - Tangata Whenua
	32	Formal meeting	9-Oct-14	Request	Workshop (Tautiri)	Provide Committee members a timetable for regional plan review.	Draft paper completed - The Project Manager is carrying out a review of this agenda item before confirmation.	Policy Specialist

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**ISSUE: Item left to lie on the table from previous meeting:
Amended Draft Terms of Reference****ID:** A701987**To:** Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee**From:** Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive**Date:** 3 November 2014

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Please find attached Item 9.0 which appeared on the committee's agenda for its meeting held 11 September 2014. At that meeting, it was agreed the item would be left to lie on the table pending further discussion. The item was accordingly discussed at the subsequent meeting on 16 October 2014, and it was resolved:

That a subgroup of Ms Tautari, Cr Dimery, Mr Hohepa, and Ms Hakaraia be established to refine the wording for membership in the Terms of Reference, and to circulate the revision via email for members' approval.

That the Chair, Deputy Chair and the CEO be authorised to consolidate the discussion points from the morning's workshop and circulate a draft vision, mission and goals, and revised terms of reference, via email for members' approval.

Procedurally, the committee may now recommence its debate and identify any further changes to the terms of reference it agrees are appropriate. It may then resolve to recommend those changes to the regional council for formal approval.

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ISSUE: Amended Draft Terms of Reference**ID:** A667932**To:** Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting,
11 September 2014**From:** Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer**Date:** 12 August 2014

Report Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision
Purpose:	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
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Executive Summary:

- The purpose of this report is to seek agreement by Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee (the committee) and resolution on the Draft Terms of Reference (DTOR) as attached.
- Proposed changes to the DTOR, as noted from the inaugural meeting of the committee 27 June 2014 Otiria Marae and its workshop of 25 July 2014, have been incorporated into the DTOR for consideration.
- On agreement and approval by the committee of the DTOR a recommendation will be made to full council for approval. Until such time that approval is provided by full council the DTOR will remain in draft form.

Legal compliance and significance assessment:

The activities detailed in this report are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002.

This matter does not trigger the council's Significance Policy.

Recommendations:

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1. That the report "Amended Draft Terms of Reference" by Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer, and dated 12 August 2014, be received.
 2. That the committee recommends to council for approval, the Draft Terms of Reference.
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Draft Terms of Reference

Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee

Date: 1 September 2014
Version: Two

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Document Approval: version control

Date	Section Amended	Sign
31 July 2014	Draft version 2: Update includes following Removal of introduction, creation of background, the parties and principles. Purpose, Membership, qualifications, gender split, , frequency of meetings, payment schedule, reporting/accountability appendix as per TTMAC resolution at its 27 July 2014 TTMAC meeting and its 25 July workshop and as instructed by CEO.	Rachel Ropiha

1. Background

There are specific legislative obligations for Local Government to take “appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and to maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision making processes”. Recognising this, council sought to establish a standing committee to achieve this.

This Terms of Reference recognises that this agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document, but rather a document that encourages and supports a positive relationship between Northland Regional Council and Māori.

It also recognises that although two distinct partners, Māori and council may share some common aspirations in regards to the social, cultural and economic future of our shared region.

This agreement also appreciates that it will be through goodwill and cooperation that trust will develop and therefore a relationship based on mutual respect.

○ The Parties

● Taitokerau Māori:

Northland Māori are extremely passionate about their heritage. From Kupe to the Treaty it is not only rich in the history, it is often said to be the *birthplace of the nation*.

In 1835 northern Māori signed *He Whakaputunga o Te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni - Declaration of Independence* which recognised Aotearoa a sovereign and independent state where authority remained with tangata whenua.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi – The Treaty of Waitangi is the founding document of this country and recognises a partnership between Māori and the Crown, for Māori, further cementing the intent of the declaration.

The statement of intent in regards to these documents for Māori is;

He whakaputunga o Te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni (Declaration of Independence) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) provide the foundation doctrines of authority and partnership that are being sought by hapū in Government, including Local Government.

● The council:

The Northland region spans from Cape Reinga in the North to Kaiwaka in the south and the environs in between.

The Northland Regional Council is the regional authority with responsibilities defined in legislation. There are nine elected members representing the various communities of Northland with council elected every three years.

The vision for the council is

“Creating a region of choice”

The council's Mission Statement is: -

“Through growth, putting Northland first by providing regional leadership, environmental protection, economic opportunities and integrated infrastructure”.

○ Principles

The following engagement principles will guide the committee in the pursuit of its purpose.

Whakamana tangata	Respecting each members own individual mandate as iwi or NRC representative (as the case may be), while also recognising the imperative to protect the integrity of the committee <i>as a whole</i> by respecting the principle of collective responsibility and decision-making.
Manaakitanga	Acknowledge the mana of others as equals through mutual respect, enabling effective and inclusive relationships.
Rangatiratanga	To act as leaders and role models with integrity, humility honesty and transparency.
Whanaungatanga	Respect one another while recognising the value of the collective.
Kotahitanga	Working as a collective by contributing, valuing opinions and consensus decision making. Building and nurturing a unity of vision and purpose.
Whakatoputanga	Working together in the spirit of reciprocal good faith to develop pathways and solutions that are workable and acceptable to both iwi and NRC. .
Ngakau pono	Behaving with integrity and respect at all times
Whakatau tika	Accountability underpinned by open communication, transparency and sharing of information.
Kaitiakitanga	To be responsible for and support one another and the environment, to develop as a group fulfilling our responsibilities effectively to make informed decisions in the best interests of our communities.

2. Purpose of the Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee

- For council and Māori to develop the purpose, role and membership of the committee, making recommendations back to council for consideration and approval.
- Monitor council's compliance to its obligations to Māori under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Resource Management Act 1991. (Assurance and compliance function.)
- Where required, present submissions on council's plans and policies.
- Provide advice to council on topics referred to it by council.
- To develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and council.
- To ensure the views of Māori are taken into account in the exercise of council functions.
- To advise on the operational direction for council's legislative obligations to Māori and to monitor how these are implemented.
- To provide advice to council and its subsidiary Northland Incorporated, the latter being on Māori economic development.

3. Membership

The committee will comprise up to 30 members in total consisting of:

- two members representing each of the nine mandated iwi authorities (1992 Fisheries Settlement),

- two members from / representing each of the three Treaty Settlements entities (Te Uri o Hau, Te Roroa, Ngāti Manuhiri),
- two representatives from the hapū - Ngati Hine,
- four councillors from the Northland Regional Council.

All nominations received will be presented to Council for ratification.

Tangata whenua can provide an alternate nomination to act on behalf of absent members.

Until such time as all positions are filled as above council may accept interim members to the committee. This will be on a case by case basis and at the discretion of council.

Council's Chief Executive Officer and other council staff appointed by him will support the committee but are not members of the committee. The Chief Executive Officer of NorthlandInc will support the committee in an operational capacity as a non-member.

4. Selection and removal of members

Recruitment of the initial members for the group will be initiated by council. This has been by invitation to the groups previously outlined in Section 3. Each respective entity will undertake its own selection and mandating process to identify representatives for the committee.

Once the committee is formed council's representatives will work with the Māori members to encourage participation from other invitees.

When selecting its members, the entities are encouraged to consider gender equality, and the range of skills and experience required for the group to adequately perform their role.

Membership of the group shall cease if a member:

- resigns, or
- fails to attend at least four consecutive meetings over the period of one year¹.

A member can be removed from the committee by council, following receipt of a recommendation passed by 75% of members of the committee present and voting, under exceptional circumstances where the behaviour of the members is considered detrimental to the effective operation of the group.

If a member resigns or is removed from the group, the committee will work to fill any vacancies as soon as possible.

New representative members will be selected by the affected entity according to the process outlined and followed by the council during the initial selection process.

5. Chair of the Committee

The inaugural Chair of the committee shall be Councillor Samuels.

The committee may make a recommendation to council on the appointment of the Chair being an elected member (councillor) of the Northland Regional Council and the Deputy Chair being a representative from Māori.

¹ Refer Standing Order 3.6.4 for full disclosure including the application of apologies.

6. Term of appointment

The standard term of appointment will be three years – consistent with the term of local and territorial authorities. The term of appointment can be less than three years if a member:

- resigns,
- misses four consecutive meetings, or
- the committee is disbanded.

A member can be appointed for a second term should their representative group endorse their selection and nomination.

The committee should consider and make recommendations to council on:

- Whether members will be allowed to sit on the group for more than two consecutive terms.
- Whether committee members can only hold the position of Chair or Deputy Chair annually or for the three year term of the committee.

7. Operation

Council's Chief Executive Officer or such person as he may for time to time appoint and other council staff designated by him will be responsible for the maintenance and servicing (provision of venue, minute-taking, catering) of the group.

8. Member induction

Once the committee has developed, and had endorsed by council, its purpose, functions and role, an induction pack will be developed which will include information outlining the council's and Te Taitokerau Maori Advisory Committee's functions and processes. All new members joining the committee will receive an induction pack and information.

9. Conflict of interest

Members will be asked to complete a conflict of interest form prior to election and at the beginning of each year they sit on the group. A conflict of interest log will be maintained by the officer responsible for liaising with the group.

10. Frequency of meetings

The committee will meet up to a maximum of 10 times a year. These may alternate between a formal meeting of the committee which will be held at the councils office in Whāngārei and workshops at marae focusing on local issues.

When the full committee meets at the Whāngārei office of the regional council a meeting room will be made available in the morning in order for the Māori members of the committee to meet.

11. Quorum

The following quorums will apply;

- a majority of members (excluding vacancies) if the number of members is odd or
- half of the members (excluding vacancies) if the number of members is even and,
- at least two councillors and two Māori representatives must be present.

12. Payment

Payments for non-elected members of the committee (tangata whenua) for meeting attendance and mileage will be in accordance with the councils 'Appointed Members' Allowance Policy'.

13. Conflict Resolution

Should conflict occur, the Committee Chair/Deputy Chair and the group will be responsible for working together to resolve the conflict in the first instance. If the conflict persists, the council will only intervene at the request of the majority of the group members.

14. Reporting/Accountability

The committee, through the Chair, will report to the council in the last quarter of each year. The report will outline work undertaken, number of meetings held and attendance, the group's achievements and any issues it wishes the council to consider further.

The names and details of all members of the group and minutes of the group's meetings will be available on the council's website.

Committee members are expected to report back to and liaise regularly with their respective communities – providing information to their constituents and seeking their feedback on items/work listed on the annual committee work programme.

Officers of council will be responsible for promoting the committee and any initiatives developed (once considered and approved by council), to the wider public through a range of media including print and radio promotion, the council's website and social media.

15. Review

It is noted that the initial working draft is for iwi to participate and make input to and will only be operative when these discussions have taken place at or following the inaugural meeting and any recommended changes by the Committee are referred back to council for consideration and approval.

The Terms of Reference will subsequently be reviewed as required. All changes to the Terms of Reference will be subject to the approval the Northland Regional Council.

16. Delegations

The committee has no delegated authority from council.



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ISSUE: Maori Participation in Decision Making**ID:** A702161**To:** Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting, 9 October 2014**From:** Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive**Date:** 13 November 2014

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Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Triggered	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Triggered		

Executive Summary:

This report is provided to the Committee for their information council's revised Maori engagement policy "Maori participation in decision making" this has still to be considered by council and comments or recommendations from the committee are sought.

Legal compliance and significance assessment:

The activities detailed in this report are part of the council's day to day operations, are provided for in the council's 2012-2022 Long Term Plan, and are in accordance with the council's decision making process and sections 76-82 of the Local Government Act 2002. The matter does not trigger the council's Significance Policy.

Recommendation(s):

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1. That the report, "Maori participation in decision making policy", by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive and dated 13 November 2014, be received.
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Report

This report provides an overview of council's current Māori Engagement Policy

Background

The purpose of this report is to provide the committee with the new Maori Engagement Policy that will be considered by council as part of the 2015 – 2018 Long Term Plan (LTP) process.

The current policy was adopted in the 2012–2022 LTP. A review of the current policy has been undertaken and amendments have been made to reflect council's new key focus area for Māori engagement providing clear policy guidance.

Council has adopted new objectives and a framework that sets out these new objectives into 3 categories:

- Community outcomes
- Values
- Key focus areas

Council has recognised Māori engagement as one of its four key focus areas for the coming years to;

“Develop meaningful and inclusive relationships with iwi and tangata whenua within Te rohe o Te Tai Tokerau”.

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The use of “Māori” instead of “iwi and tangata whenua” in the policy provides two functions:

- The Local Government Act recognises and uses the term “Māori” and makes obligations to Māori in particular section 81 of the LGA 2002¹;
- Recognises the differences within the cultural societal structure of Māoridom i.e. whanau, hapu and iwi structures making this policy “*meaningful and inclusive*”.

¹ Contributions to decision-making processes by Māori

A local authority must—

- (a) establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
- (b) consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
- (c) provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b).

Māori participation in decision-making policy

Policy on relationships with Māori

The Local Government Act 2002 contains a range of provisions regarding the relationship of local government with Māori. The intention of these provisions is the facilitation of enduring participation by Māori in the decision-making processes of local authorities.

In addition to the obligations within the Local Government Act, the Resource Management Act 1991 outlines specific obligations for Regional Councils regarding:

- Kaitiakitanga;
- The principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;
- The relationship between Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu and other taonga.

Set out below are the Northland Regional Council processes in place to give effect to these obligations and to develop Māori capacity to contribute to decision making.

Relationships

Northland Regional Council realises the need to form transparent and responsive relationships in order for them to be meaningful. Council has recognised this through one of its four key areas of focus for the coming years:

- Develop meaningful and inclusive relationships with iwi and tangata whenua within Te rohe o Te Tai Tokerau.

To achieve this council will continue to work at all levels to establish and maintain relationships with Māori and is committed to developing;

- our relationship and engagement with Māori;
- a solid platform for decision making,
- meaningful and inclusive engagement,
- services and activities that foster the ability and capacity of Māori to contribute to decision making; and,
- better outcomes for Māori and Northland.

In order to better facilitate the participation of Māori in councils decision-making processes council's first priority is to develop a productive relationship with tangata whenua through the establishment of a Standing committee of council. To achieve this council will;

- invite Māori to participate in the establishment of the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Standing committee,
- work with Māori to develop a terms of reference; and,
- work together on the purpose and vision for the committee.

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Underlining this commitment council acknowledges that to foster a relationship with Māori it needs to build its own capacity to engage. Council will therefore provide opportunities to elected representatives and staff to gain a better understanding of Te Ao Māori through Treaty of Waitangi and Cultural Awareness training.

Treaty of Waitangi

Council recognises that a special relationship exists between Māori and the Crown through the Treaty of Waitangi. The Treaty cements the relationship between the Crown and Māori as Treaty partners.

The council will continue to work with the Office of Treaty Settlements by way of provision of information and, where relevant, participate and contribute to investigations of various settlement instruments during the negotiation of claims.

Where settlements have been passed into legislation, the council will enact any legislative requirements of them or directions from the Minister, such as Memorandum of Understanding.

Council will promote the development of an organisational framework and structure for policy and decision making that acknowledges and builds on the Treaty of Waitangi.

Iwi Liaison

Section 13 of the Council's Governance Statement details the key tasks of council's Iwi Liaison policy, while section 12 outlines the council's consultation policy including for consultation with Māori. A copy of the Governance Statement is available on the council's website www.nrc.govt.nz/governance

The council views the process of iwi liaison as one of establishing and maintaining a close connection with Māori through clear processes for input and participation in council decision-making. By doing so, the council recognises Māori as being a culturally distinct group with different perspectives from the wider community.

Provision of Information

Northland Regional Council recognises that in order for Māori to effectively contribute to the decision-making process of council, it is essential that relevant information is provided to support this process.

By providing information, the council acknowledges it needs to be cognisant that it is relevant, clear and provided in a timely fashion in a manner that is appropriate.

Contribute to decision-making and capacity building

The Northland Regional Council will continue to provide opportunities for Māori to gain knowledge of council processes and to support avenues for Māori to participate in the decision-making processes. The council will also continue to recognise the special relationship Māori have with the natural and physical resources of the region.

Once the first steps have been taken, council hopes to build a meaningful and inclusive relationship with tangata whenua that will see us broadening our relationship and engaging directly around major issues, proposals and consultations.

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We will continue to build on the operational and management arrangements we have such as continuing to attend and participate in the Iwi Local Government Authority Chief Executives Forum, engaging with the technical expertise within Maoridom and maintaining our open door policy of interaction and engagement of tangata whenua in council projects and initiatives.

As we develop this policy and the elements within it, we will develop our evaluation model(s) to ensure our efforts are effective. We will do this and conduct our evaluations in ways that recognise and acknowledge that Māori, as individuals and collectives, have diverse interests and aspirations.

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Executive Summary:

This report provides the dates of committee meetings in 2015.

Legal compliance and significance assessment:

The Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 19, refers to the calling of meetings, and requires that a “local authority must hold the meetings that are necessary for the good government of its region or district.”

The scheduling of meetings is part of normal day to day operations of council, hence is deemed to be of low significance.

Recommendation(s):

That the report, “2015 Meeting Calendar”, by Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive, and dated 4 November 2015, be received.

Committee members are advised that the council recently adopted its formal meeting calendar for 2015. In keeping with the 2014 agreement that Te Tai Tokerau Maori Advisory Committee meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month, the meeting dates are currently scheduled as follows:

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| 1. 12 February | 6. 13 August |
| 2. 12 March | 7. 10 September |
| 3. 14 May | 8. 8 October |
| 4. 11 June | 9. 12 November |
| 5. 9 July | 10. 10 December |

Note there is no meeting scheduled in April given the proximity to the Easter holidays. Changes to the schedule are possible as the committee refines its future work programme. Some meetings may be conducted as workshops, but any changes will be communicated in good time. In meantime members are asked to make a note of these dates and, in due course, advise if they are unable to attend a meeting.