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**Northland Regional Council  
TE KAUNIHERA A ROHE O TE TAI TOKERAU  
Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday 9 July 2015 at 10.30am**







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

For meeting to be held in Council Chambers, 36 Water Street, Whāngārei,  
on Thursday, 9 July 2015, 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)**

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

**HAPŪ REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>Pereri Mahanga</b> Te Waiairiki, Ngāti Korora and Ngāti Takapari Hapū/Iwi Trust	<b>Mira Norris</b> Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust	<b>Michelle Elboz</b> Ngāti Kuta Patukeha
<b>Rowan Tautari</b> Te Whakapiko Hapū	<b>Rudy Taylor</b> Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau	<b>Shirley Hakaraia</b> Ngāti Kuta Patukeha
<b>John Harawene</b> Ngāti Manu	<b>Nora Rameka</b> Ngāti Rehia	<b>Te Huranga Hohaia</b> Ngāti Rehia
<b>Patu Hohepa</b> Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau	<b>Helen Locke</b> Ngāti Manu	<b>Bundy Waitai</b> Te Hiku O Te Ika Marae Trust
<b>Juliane Chetham</b> Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board		

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**ISSUE: Confirmation of Minutes – 14 May 2015**

**ID:** A759772

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting, 9 July 2015

**From:** Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer

**Date:** 29 June 2015

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

**Executive summary:**

The purpose of this report is to present the unconfirmed minutes of the Committee meeting held on 14 May 2015 (**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:**

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That the minutes of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 May 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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## **NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee**

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Minutes of the meeting of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee  
held in Council Chamber, 36 Water Street, Whāngārei,  
on Thursday, 14 May 2015, starting at 10.30 am

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#### **Present:**

Chairman Dover Samuels, Northland Regional Council (*left meeting 1.00 – 1.24pm*)  
Deputy Chairman Pita Tipene, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine  
Cr Bill Shepherd, Northland Regional Council (*from 11.55am*)  
Michelle Elboz, Ngāti Kuta Patukeha  
Bundy Waitai, Ngā Hapū o Ngāti Kuri/Te Hiku O Te Ika Marae Trust  
Catherine Murupaenga-Ikenn, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa  
Darryl Hape, Te Rūnanga O Whaingaroa  
Henry Murphy, Ngātiwai Trust Board  
Cr Joe Carr, Northland Regional Council (*from 10.50am*)  
John Harawene, Ngāti Manu  
Mike Kake, Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi (*from 10.35am*)  
Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust  
Patu Hohepa, Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau (*from 10.43am*)  
Cr Paul Dimery, Northland Regional Council (*left meeting at 12.30pm*)  
Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū  
Rudy Taylor, Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau  
Shirley Hakaraia, Ngāti Kuta Patukeha  
Tui Shortland, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine

#### **In Attendance:**

##### **Full Meeting:**

Jonathan Gibbard, Strategy, Governance and Communications Manager  
Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer/Meeting Secretary  
Abraham Witana, Programme Manager/Policy Specialist - Tangata Whenua  
Dean Alderton, Assistant Meeting Secretary

##### **Part Meeting:**

Malcolm Nicolson, Chief Executive Officer (*left meeting at 1.00pm*)  
Justin Murfitt, Policy Programme Manager  
Natalie Glover, Policy Specialist - Water

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.30am – Karakia, Mr Tipene. The Chairman expressed condolences for the recent passing of Tā Erima Henare.

*Secretarial Note: Mr Mike Kake arrived at 10.35am.*

#### **Apologies (Item 2.0)**

##### **Moved (Hape/Samuels)**

That the following apologies for absence from:

Isha Waetford, Ngātiwai Trust Board  
Martin Rudolph, Te Rūnanga O Whaingaroa  
Nora Rameka, Ngāti Rehia  
Rawson Wright, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust  
Te Huranga Hohaia, Ngāti Rehia  
Will Ngakuru, Te Roroa Whatu Ora Trust



And apologies for lateness from:

Cr Bill Shepherd, Northland Regional Council, and  
Mr Patu Hohepa, Hokianga o Ngā Hapū Whānau, be received

**Carried**

### **Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)**

Ms Shortland declared she was a trained hearing commissioner and that she had made a submission on the NRC's Long Term Plan. The Chairman ruled that neither of these would preclude her from involvement in discussion and voting on the items contained in the agenda.

### **Confirmation of Minutes – 12 February 2015 (Item 4.0)**

ID: A743674

**Report from Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer.**

**Moved: (Tipene/Murupaenga-Ikenn)**

That the minutes of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 February 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the minor typographical error identified at the meeting.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note:*

- *The correction to the minutes was solely the spelling of Murupaenga-Ikenn's surname.*
- *Mr Patu Hohepa arrived at 10.43am.*

### **Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.0)**

ID: A721781

**Report from Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer.**

**Moved (Shepherd/Samuels)**

That the action sheet be received.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: Councillor Joe Carr arrived at 10.50am.*

### **Matters arising from the Action Sheet:**

**Item 893 – Mr Nicolson advised that:**

- The Minister of Local Government had extended the term of the three Kaipara District Council commissioners by one year; and
- The Local Government Commission had indicated that there was no set date for a decision on the Northland Local Government reorganisation proposal due to its high work load.

**Item 931 –** Mr Nicolson advised that the proposed presentation by Statoil and NZP&M on 9 June had been delayed as it had not been possible to get the appropriate people from both organisations here on the same day.



Ms Murupaenga-Ikenn requested that it be noted in the minutes that the original request, in terms of Item 931, was for council to make a political statement as to its stance on deep water drilling rather than a presentation.

The following discussion focussed on the difference between Central Government process (issue of permits) and the role Local Government play in permitting mining. It was advised that regional plans may be an avenue (within council jurisdiction of 12 nautical mile limit under the Resource Management Act) to address some concerns and that with the plan reviews under way there was the opportunity to provide significant input into both coastal and water and soil matters.

Further discussion emphasised the need to be fully informed and to hear both sides of the debate. Subsequently it was decided that at least two sessions be held and an invitation be extended to organisations in favour and opposition, as well as those with a neutral stance.

Ms Hakaraia stated that Ngāti Kuta oppose mining outright and noted that the committee should state their position prior to meeting with any groups.

**Action:** That Mr Gibbard writes a cover paper to accompany the workshop on oil exploration summarising current knowledge and understanding of the regulations associated with oil exploration and of the permit holder (Statoil).

## **Draft Process and Agenda Template for Marae Based Workshops (Item 6.0)**

ID: A742171

Report from Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer.

### **Moved (Tipene/Kake)**

1. That the report "Draft Process and Agenda Template for Marae Based Workshops" by Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer, and dated 27 April 2015, be received.
2. That the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee approve the Draft Process and Agenda Template for Marae Based Workshops.

**Carried**

## **Calling for nominations: Marae based workshop Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (Item 7.0)**

ID: A742971

Report from Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer.

### **Moved: (Tipene/Hakaraia)**

1. That the report "Calling for nominations: Marae based workshop Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee" by Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer, and dated 28 April 2015, be received.

**Carried**

### **Matters arising from 7.0**

Bundy Waitai tabled a request from Ngāti Kuri to host the June workshop. Committee members noted that Ngāti Rehia had indicated at the March workshop,



their desire to host the next marae based workshop, as well as sending in an email in the same vein. After much discussion it was agreed that areas should cluster together and to accept the tabled request from Ngāti Kuri. Host clusters to notify the committee secretary which marae in that area would host the workshop/hui.

**It was further moved: (Tipene/Samuels)**

2. That Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee approves the nominations by Ngāti Kuri - 11 June, Bay of Islands - 13 August, Hokianga - 8 October and Ngātiwai - 10 December 2015, as hosts of the Marae Based Workshops of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee.

**Carried**

**Matters arising from 7.0**

Chairman Samuels asked for an indication of the issues to be raised at the workshops. The matters to be discussed included rating, effluent, clean water, springs, aquaculture and flooding.

There was general agreement that in future the Māori members of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (TTMAC) would caucus before meetings, as a way of developing positions on certain issues.

*Secretarial Note: Cr Bill Shepherd arrived at 11.55am.*

**Waioara Northland Water (Item 8.0)**

**ID: A742976**

**Report from Justin Murfitt Senior Programme Manager Resource Management Planning & Policy, dated 29 April 2015.**

**No decision required**

Justin Murfitt, Policy Programme Manager, and Natalie Glover, Policy Specialist – Water, gave a presentation on council's responsibilities for water management.

*Secretarial Note:*

- *The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.33pm and Councillor Dimery left at this time. Chairman Samuels and Mr Nicolson were absent when the meeting resumed at 1.00pm, hence Deputy Chair, Mr Tipene, presided.*
- *The presentation on Waioara Northland Water continued following resumption.*

**Update: Proposed Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025 (Item 9.0)**

**ID: A743342**

**Report from Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer.**

**Moved: (Murupaenga-Ikenn/Murphy)**

1. That the report "Update: Proposed Long Term Plan 2015 -2025" by Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer, and dated 29 April 2015, be received.

**Carried**

**Matters arising from Item 9.0**

Just fewer than 1300 submissions were received from individuals or organisations on the proposed Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) with four public meetings held for people to speak to their issues. The notes from the TTMAC March workshop were included in



the feedback for council to consider in its deliberations.

It was confirmed that council would consider all written and oral feedback received with a view of ratifying the Draft Plan at the June 2015 meeting of council.

### **Accredited Māori Commissioners in Tai Tokerau (Item 10.0)**

**ID: A744875**

**Report from** Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist, Programme Manager.

#### **Moved: (Waitai/Hohepa)**

1. That the report "Accredited Māori Commissioners in Tai Tokerau" by Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist, Programme Manager, and dated 14 May 2015 be received.
2. That the committee confirms that this is a matter to be included in the committee's future work programme.

#### **Carried**

#### **Matters arising from Item 10.00**

Ms Shortland requested that NRC add Mr Kevin Prime and Mr Tipene Wilson to the list of accredited Māori commissioners.

It was noted that any request for a Māori commissioner may result in the person or persons making the request responsible for half the additional costs. Committee chair, Mr Tipene, pointed out that these issues would be fully discussed as part of the work programme.

*Secretarial Note: Cr Samuels returned at 1.24pm and resumed the role of Chairman.*

### **Draft Programme of Work: Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (Item 11.0)**

**ID: A742169**

**Report from** Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer.

Mr Tipene declared a potential conflict of interest, being a member of Te Kārearea. The Chair noted that this should not preclude both Mr Tipene and Mr Kake from this discussion.

#### **Moved: (Kake/ Murupaenga-Ikenn)**

1. That the report "Draft Programme of Work: Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee" by Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer and dated 27 April 2015, be received.
2. That Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee consider the draft work programme and provide direction to staff as to what amendments are required prior to approval.
3. When finalised, the Draft Programme of Work: Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee be presented to council for endorsement.
4. That an invitation be extended by the Chairman of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee to the Whangarei District Council Strategic Partnership Forum - Te Kārearea. Inviting them to the afternoon session



of the July formal meeting of the committee to present on their activities with the intent of forming a working relationship.

### **Carried**

#### **Matters arising from Item 11.0**

Concern was raised that the council was dictating what the committee discussed and the work programme it should undertake. Subsequently it was suggested that a subcommittee be established in order to set and prioritise a programme of work. It was reminded that at its last meeting, council officers were requested to prepare a Draft Programme of Work; hence the paper presently before the committee.

It was noted that the headings contained in the draft calendar of work were just headlines and that the body of the report discussed in more detail how the committee might like to achieve these outcomes.

Ms Shortland requested that the Regional Plan Review be a standard item on the agenda for each meeting plus add; significant policy to tangata whenua, Hapū/Iwi Management Plans – how to take into account, councils contestable funds, national changes that impact on local government, incorporating Mātauranga Māori methodology into council decision making and SOE reporting, cultural impact assessment – capacity building for tangata whenua and process for taking into account.

It was noted that while these could be included, the committee only met bimonthly so it must be realistic as to what it could achieve. *Note:* the Regional Policy Statement protocols will deal with some of these issues.

Mr Tipene said he was happy to go with the recommendations, but there was a need to be vigilant and monitor progress. Ms Hakaraia said she wanted TTTMAC to set its priorities and that the caucus should sit as soon as possible.

Further, Mr Tipene noted that the outcomes needed to align with the Committee's terms of reference.

<b>Action:</b> Mr Gibbard agreed to provide a list of NRC projects currently being undertaken and TTTMAC can advise which ones they want updates on.
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*Secretarial Note: Mr Nicolson returned at 1.49pm.*

### **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 2.40pm – Karakia Mr Hohepa.







**ISSUE: Receipt of Action Sheet**

**ID:** A759774

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting, 9 July 2015

**From:** Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer

**Date:** 29 June 2015

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual\Long Term Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

**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:**

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That the action sheet be received.

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Council Actions								
IRISID	Current Status	Request Date	Reso/Req	Description	Request Details	Note Text	Date of Note	Requested By
REQ.577230	Closed	24 Jul 2014		Local Government Reform	That the TTMAC committee be kept informed of developments in respect of local government reform and provide opportunity for committee's views to be relayed to NRC (REQ)	COMPLETE. On 9 June 2015, the Local Government Commission has decided not to proceed with its draft proposals for single councils in Northland. Instead the Commission will work with Northland to develop future options to address the challenges facing the region. Staff informed TTMAC members of the decision on 9 June 2015 via email.	29 Jun 2015	Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee
REQ.577231	Closed	15 Aug 2014		Maori Commissioners	That a report be prepared to NRC recommending: a. All independent commissioners selected by NRC be able to demonstrate training in tikanga and consultation with Maori,. b. NRC encourages the selection of Maori Commissioners to its approved list, given the importance of cultural considerations in Te Tai Tokerau. c. Should there be insufficient trained and capable Maori Commissioners, then NRC should actively support training and development of independent Maori Commissioners. d. The training of all commissioners should include Te Tai Tokerau tikanga (REQ)	COMPLETE. Report received and recommendation to include this into their Draft Work Programme was accepted by TTMAC.	26 May 2015	Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee
REQ.577235	Closed	12 Feb 2015		TTMAC Work Programme	That a draft TTMAC work programme be prepared and reported to the next meeting of the committee (RESO).	COMPLETE. Agenda item was presented to the May committee meeting.	29 May 2015	Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee
REQ.577236	Closed	12 Feb 2015		Maori Economic Development	That Northland Inc be invited to present its perspectives on Maori economic development (REQ).	COMPLETE. Presentation Scheduled for 9 July 2015 TTMAC formal meeting.  George Reily, Maori Economic Development Manager will be presenting.	29 Jun 2015	Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee
REQ.577237	Open	12 Feb 2015		Deep Sea Drilling	That a report be prepared regarding council's role in respect of deep sea drilling (REQ).	Staff have met with Statoil and have been in further contact with NZP&M, both organisations are tentatively available to jointly present to TTMAC and full council in late August. Staff will also invite the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment and other Crown agencies to canvass their ability to present in late August. Following this workshop staff will canvass other organisations/parties, potentially including Greenpeace and Green Party, on their availability to present at a second workshop.	29 Jun 2015	Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee



**ISSUE: Consents and Monitoring functions**

**ID:** A756999

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Meeting 9 July 2015

**From:** Colin Dall, Group Manager Regulatory Services

**Date:** 19 June 2015

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive Summary:**

As agreed at the March workshop of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (the committee), a series of presentations on council's programmes of work and roles and responsibilities will be provided as part of a wider capacity building schedule for the committee.

Colin Dall will provide a presentation on the functions of both consents and monitoring including.

- State of the Environment Monitoring – an overview; and
- Consents – an overview; and
- Compliance Monitoring – an overview.

**Legal compliance:**

No decision is required.







**ISSUE: Swamp Kauri in Northland**

**ID:** A759087

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Meeting 9 July 2015

**From:** Colin Dall, Consents/Monitoring Senior Programme Manager

**Date:** 19 June 2015

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
<b>Purpose:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual\Long Term Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive Summary:**

In recent weeks there has been considerable media attention around the removal of swamp kauri in Northland. This has included some confusion surrounding the Northland Regional Council and Ministry for Primary Industries roles and responsibilities in managing this activity.

To help clarify this matter, the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Chairman has invited Colin Dall, Regulatory Services Group Manager to speak to the committee and confirm respective agencies roles and the regulations around the extraction of swamp kauri in Northland.

**Legal compliance:**

No decision is required.







**ITEM: 8.0**

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**ISSUE:** Northland Inc

**ID:** A757765

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Meeting, 9 July 2015

**From:** Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist

**Date:** 19 June 2015

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive Summary:**

As requested at the March workshop of Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee, George Riley, General Manager, Māori Economic Development at Northland Inc. will provide a presentation on Māori Economic Development within our region. Key topics covered will include:

- Partner with Iwi, hapū, and Māori collective organisations to facilitate economic development opportunities for Northland
- He Whenua He Tangata He Oranga implementation
- Business as Usual at Northland Inc

**Legal compliance:**

No decision is required.







**ISSUE: Waiora Marae Workshop, Ngataki**

**ID:** A757051

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee, 9 July 2015

**From:** Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist

**Date:** 19 June 2015

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information	<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision
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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Not Triggered		

**Executive Summary:**

This paper provides a brief report on the workshop held at Waiora Marae in Ngataki, Te Hiku o Te Ika, on 11 June 2015. It includes a summary of discussions and issues raised for future action.

**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 "Waiora Marae Workshop, Ngataki" by Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist, and dated 9 July 2015, be received.
  2. That council staff ensure Waiora Marae (through their representatives) are kept informed of progress towards addressing the concerns raised during the marae workshop (as outlined in Attachment 2).
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## **Report**

The second Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (the committee) Marae based workshop was held on Waiora Marae, Ngataki, on 9 July 2015. The workshop was well attended with approximately 30 attendees.

Committee representatives in attendance included Bundy Waitai, Catherine Murupaenga-Ikenn (Te Hiku representatives), Councillor Carr and Pita Tipene. Mr Tipene chaired the hui due to previously received apologies from Chairman Samuels.

Council was also represented at the hui by Councillors Bain and Brown who attended due to the apologies received by Councillors Dimery and Samuels.

Considerable thanks and gratitude are extended to committee members Bundy Waitai and Catherine Murupaenga-Ikenn for organising the workshop and developing the workshop agenda (attachment 1). In summary, the agenda included the following topics:

1. State Highway Roothing
2. Hazard Management including flooding
3. Protection including monitoring of fresh water and harbour quality
4. Protection of Coastal Areas including Off Shore Drilling
5. Climate Change

A summary of discussions, issues and actions is provided in **attachment 2**. One of the main points highlighted by attendees was that these workshops must not be one-off hui. That the list of issues highlighted should be reported back to them.

With this in mind, council staff will ensure actions / commitments are progressed and that the committee and Marae representatives are kept informed.



**Attachment 1: Waiora Marae Agenda**

**Northland Regional Council  
TE KAUNIHERA A ROHE O TE TAI TOKERAU  
Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee  
Workshop Agenda  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 11am**

Workshop to be held at **Waiora Marae, Ngataki, Te Hiku**  
on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015** commencing with a pōwhiri at **10:00**.  
Facilitator: Bundy Waitai, Ngāti Kuri

Time	10:00	<b>Pōwhiri</b>
		Kapu tī
	11:00	<b>Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Overview</b> <b>Chairman Pita Tipene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The purpose of the Committee.</li><li>• The vision and objectives of the Committee.</li><li>• Key points set out in the Terms of Reference.</li><li>• Key matters being progressed by TTMAC.</li></ul>
	11:30	<b>Rohe based issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roothing State Highway – TBC on the day</li><li>• Hazard management – Flooding – TBC on the day</li><li>• Protection, including monitoring of freshwater and harbour water quality – Pani Petera/ Lillian Karaka</li><li>• Protection of coastal areas</li><li>• Off shore oil exploration – Herewini Karaka/ Sonny Harrison</li><li>• Climate Change – Catherine Davis</li></ul>
	1pm	<b>Hākari (Lunch)</b> – timing of the hākari will be left to the hosting marae to determine in accordance with the agenda set.
	1:40pm	To allow time for all issues to be presented if they are not covered off by 1pm.
	<b>Hui mutunga</b>	Closure of the meeting will occur in agreement between the Chairman and Facilitator.



## Attachment 2: Waioara Marae Hui Notes

Marae Agenda Item	Discussion	Outcome/ Action
State Highway Roothing	<p>The road to Te Hapua is of concern to the community. The key issue that was raised at the workshop is the inadequacy of draining and engineering. When flooding occurs sediment builds up along driveways and in some instances flooding has cut roading off completely.</p> <p>Kimberly Road is another local issue and concern was raised with the increased use of the road including an increased use of the road by Forestry trucks. Concern was raised of the danger increased traffic will have to frequent users of the road, including the risk to elderly users.</p>	<p>A commitment was given to raise this issue with the Regional Transport Committee for their consideration.</p> <p>It was also acknowledged that resolution of these issues most likely resides with the Far North District Council.</p>
Hazard Management including flooding	<p>Ms Lilian Karaka described how last year's storm affected their communities. Ms Karaka asked can marae and tangata whenua be included in these hazard management discussions between councils.</p> <p>NRC is involved in civil defence planning at a regional level; TPK is rolling out a new marae based preparedness plan in Whāngārei, Waikare and Te Kao.</p>	<p>Staff will provide Ms Karaka's contact details to our Regional CDEM Manager for a response.</p>
Protection including monitoring of fresh water and harbour quality	<p>Ms Lilian Karaka expressed the view that it is an expensive process testing water quality for local businesses/oyster farms which can significantly impact on the viability of smaller local oyster farming operations. An issue was raised about oyster farmers and Bonds. Oyster farmers have been left with a bill and farmers have walked off their farms and left a mess. Tangata whenua farms were never left in a mess, however, have been footed with the same bill.</p> <p>At Parengarenga there is an issue with the invasion of swans settling on the harbour; this has the potential to</p>	<p>A commitment was given to clarify the issue of Bonds with the appropriate council staff.</p> <p>This was acknowledged as an issue.</p> <p>A commitment was given to raise the issue with the Councils Environmental Management Committee.</p>



	<p>impact on local water quality and aquaculture. Tangata whenua would like to be a part of the solution. For example, feathers could be harvested for raranga (weaving) and/ or the meat for kai (food).</p> <p>It was noted that this issue reached further than Parengarenga similar matters have been raised elsewhere across the region.</p>	
Climate Change	<p>Climate change is an issue that has widespread affects.</p> <p>Tangata whenua put to the council that it should communicate its position on such issues as climate change.</p> <p>The workshop participants challenged the council to lobby central government on issues such as climate change.</p>	<p>Clarification was provided to the workshop on the role of council in relation to climate change. In summary, the RMA requires councils to take into account the effects of climate change rather than managing activities to reduce the impact of climate change.</p>
Protection of Coastal Areas including Off Shore Drilling	<p>Tangata whenua put to the council that it should communicate its position on offshore oil exploration.</p>	<p>NRC acknowledged the presenter and views expressed.</p>







**ISSUE: Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee  
Caucus**

**ID:** A757912

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Meeting 9 July 2015

**From:** Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist

**Date:** 22 June 2015

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<b>Purpose:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive Summary:**

This paper presents an opportunity for the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (the committee) to consider and formalise whether the iwi and hapū representatives (non-elected members) wish to caucus (workshop) issues prior to the formal TTMAC meeting commencing.

**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.

**Recommendations:**

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1. That the report "Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Caucus" by Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist and dated 9 July 2015, be received.
  2. That non-elected members of the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee caucus from 10am – 11.30am prior to future formal committee meetings.
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**Report**

It has been discussed on a number of occasions that iwi and hapū representatives of the committee may benefit from an opportunity to meet without councils elected members. The purpose of such a caucusing session is to provide an opportunity for non-elected members to discuss particular issues, whether on the formal agenda or wider, and to form collective views or identify issues that need further clarification / discussion.

General support was expressed by committee members during the May formal committee meeting for such a caucus session to be formalised into the committee's schedule. It's therefore proposed that an allotted time period (10am – 11.30am) be set aside, prior to each formal committee meeting, as an appropriate and efficient way of providing this caucusing opportunity.

Should the committee agree and support the formalisation of caucusing sessions for iwi and hapū representatives, then staff will implement this at the next formal committee meeting in September 2015.



**ISSUE: Confirmed Work Programme**

**ID:** A759035

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Meeting 9 July 2015

**From:** Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager Strategy, Governance & Communications

**Date:** 19 June 2015

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
<b>Purpose:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual\Long Term Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive Summary:**

This paper presents the confirmed Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of 2015 calendar year.

**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 "Confirmed Work Programme" by Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager Strategy, Governance & Communications, and dated 19 June 2015, be received.
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**Report**

A draft work programme was discussed by the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (the committee) at its May 2015 meeting. A few amendments were proposed and these have now been incorporated into the final work programme. Please refer to Attachment 1 for a copy of the finalised committee work programme for 2015.

The committee's work programme was reported to council, through the Chief Executives Officers Monthly Report, to ensure elected members are fully aware of the committee's work programme and the issues that will be discussed and progressing over the remainder of 2015.

The committee also requested that staff provide a list of the likely "key projects requiring directions / update", as listed on the work programme timetable.



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It is anticipated that the following projects will be progressed during the remainder of the 2015 calendar year and brought to the committee for advice and direction:

- A new Regional Plan (combining all regional plans under the Resource Management Act 1991)
- A new Regional Pest Management Strategy (under the Biosecurity Act 1993)
- The Annual Plan for 2016 - 2017 (under the Local Government Act 2002)

In addition to keeping the committee informed of these projects, advice and direction will be sought on the process to engage with and seek input from tangata whenua of Te Tai Tokerau.

Staff will seek to work with the committee to progress this work programme as efficiently and effectively as possible and to the satisfaction of the committee.



## **Attachment 1**

# **Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Programme of Work 2015**

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### **Introduction**

Councils have statutory responsibilities to engage Māori and to recognise the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. Recognising these commitments, council sought to establish a standing committee to assist it in achieving its obligations to Māori.

In 2014 the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee was established. The committee confirmed a draft Terms of Reference clearly articulating the purpose, mission and vision for the committee. The draft Terms of Reference were approved by full council in February 2015.

The committee's goals are:

- To develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and council.
- To monitor council's compliance to its obligations to Māori under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Provide advice to council on topics within council's sphere of influence.
- To ensure the views of Māori are taken into account in the exercise of council functions.

Further, the purpose states as a key principle:

- To establish and advance a model of Māori engagement that is equitable, sustainable and empowering that will drive environmental and economic priorities across the region.

### **Programme of work**

The committee directed staff to develop a draft work programme, based on its Terms of Reference and council's anticipated programme of activities.

The three key obligations contained in the Local Government Act have been used as a basis to draft a work programme. These obligations provide key work streams to which work priorities have been aligned. Alongside this a calendar has been developed with actions aligned to the key work themes (**appendix one**).

### Contribution to decision-making

The committee seeks to establish and advance a model of Māori engagement; and to develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and council. The committee will seek to achieve this by:

1. Providing advice on consultation and engagement models for participation in resource management and local government plans, such as the Long Term Plan and Regional Plans. Seeking to put in place a process to be used as a best practice model whenever council undertakes new or reviews of RMA plans and in preparation of its Long Term Plan.
2. Developing a monitoring and reporting mechanism to ensure procedures (above) are effective and efficient.
3. In the interim, providing council advice on current work programmes where Māori engagement is required which may be presented to the committee for comment and/or advice.



4. Supporting initiatives to raise the number of certified Māori Commissioners in Northland.

Concurrently to this, council is undertaking a process to implement the requirement to develop a resource management protocol with iwi authorities as per the Proposed Regional Policy Statement (PRPS) (Method 8.1.6 – **appendix two**).

While this is a parallel project to this committee's work the project lead will present updates to both the Regional Policy and Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committees with opportunity for input provided to both committees as the work progresses. The finalised protocol will be subject to final approval by council before being implemented in resource management processes.

#### Capacity building

This work stream is twofold; to raise capacity of the committee members in order to build effective models for participation of Māori in council processes and to also build the capacity of Māori constituents. The committee will seek to achieve this by:

1. A series of presentations designed to provide the committee with information on key programmes of work and roles and responsibilities of the council. These will be delivered across the next four formal meetings of the committee.
2. Initiating a relationship with the district councils specifically to understand their mechanisms for achieving the obligations as set out in the LGA2002. Beginning with the Whangarei District Council's Strategic Partnership group – Te Kārearea.
3. Designing a process whereby council staff can provide information in order for Māori to better understand the roles and functions of council along with programmes of work. This could include training on council funds and how to apply information relating to the development of Cultural Impact Assessments. An example could be in the form of regional hui run by staff in conjunction with district councils, similar to the environmental hui held to inform the 2015 Regional Plan Review Project.

#### Provision of information

The committee is charged through each member, with the obligation (TOR) to liaise and provide information to their respective constituents who have elected them onto the committee. While this provides the avenue for the dissemination of information to Māori on the role of the committee, it is not intended as a vehicle for the distribution of relevant information to enable the participation of Māori in council processes.

To assist in the empowerment of Māori in local government, the committee will consider developing a process which ensures the dissemination of information to Māori informing them of council projects. This could be as simple as creating an email tree to send relevant information. The process should identify what information is relevant and how it would be disseminated. Thought should also be given to the costs associated with delivery of such a service.



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**Appendix one - Schedule of activities 2015:**

<b>14 May</b>	<b>11 June</b>	<b>09 July</b>	<b>13 August</b>	<b>10 September</b>	<b>08 October</b>	<b>12 November</b>	<b>10 December</b>
<p>Formal Meeting</p> <p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome new member</li> <li>• Presentation: Waiora Northland Water objectives</li> <li>• Draft Committee Work Programme</li> <li>• Commissioner Paper</li> <li>• Marae Based Hui template</li> <li>• Tabled nominations to host next marae based hui</li> <li>• LTP update</li> <li>• Key project/s requiring direction / update</li> </ul>	<p>Marae Based Workshop Te Hiku</p> <p>Waiora Marae</p>	<p>Formal Meeting</p> <p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Consents and Monitoring</li> <li>• Confirm Committee Work Programme</li> <li>• Relationship with WDC (Te Karearea) and FNDC</li> <li>• LTP update (post deliberations)</li> <li>• Key project/s requiring direction / update</li> <li>• Engagement models for Māori participation in council RMA and LGA plans</li> </ul>	<p>Marae Based Workshop Bay of Islands</p> <p>Marae and topics to be confirmed</p>	<p>Formal Meeting</p> <p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Biosecurity &amp; Flood Hazard Management.</li> <li>• Engagement models for Māori participation in council RMA &amp; LGA plans</li> <li>• Provision of information</li> <li>• Key project/s requiring direction / update</li> </ul>	<p>Marae Based Workshop Hokianga</p> <p>Marae and topics to be confirmed</p>	<p>Formal Meeting</p> <p><u>Topics:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation: Advocacy</li> <li>• Communications methodology</li> <li>• Key project/s requiring direction / update</li> </ul>	<p>Marae Based Workshop Ngātiwai</p> <p>Marae and topics to be confirmed</p>



## **Appendix two**

### **8.1.6 Method – Non-statutory plans and strategies**

Within two years of the Regional Policy Statement for Northland becoming operative, the regional council will initiate the development of a protocol with iwi authorities to:

- a) Determine when the council will:
  - i. Require an assessment of cultural effects and what it should include, and how council will use and take into account any cultural impact assessment.
  - ii. Appoint and use independent Māori hearing commissioners for resource consent applications and plans.
  - iii. Hold hearings on a marae and provide translation services.
  - iv. Notify tangata whenua of resource consent applications and confer affected party status; and
- b) Determine common meanings and methodologies for key Māori concepts, values and practises and a process for updating them.



**ISSUE: Work Programme: Engagement Models for Council Plans**

**ID:** A759487

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Meeting 14 May 2015

**From:** Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer

**Date:** 26 June 2015

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
<b>Purpose:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual/Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive Summary:**

The work programme for the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Committee (the committee) has now been reported to council. This paper seeks to progress the *Engagement Models for RMA & LGA plans* as identified (schedule of activities) for committee consideration.

**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):**

1. That the report "Work Programme: Engagement Models for Council Plans" by Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer and dated 26 June, be received.
2. That the committee confirms the appointment of the following committee members, to form a working party, to review and report back to the committee on council's current māori engagement processes and potential option for enhancement \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Background**

Council undertakes a number of statutory functions which require council to consider Māori and how it might achieve its obligations as defined in legislation and the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi when undertaking these responsibilities.

Over and above this, council has recognised the need to extend beyond legislative requirements in order to fully engage and provide opportunities for Māori through non regulatory processes. Council recognises the value in doing this given the high Māori population we enjoy in the North, especially as Māori move towards completing Treaty Settlements with the Crown.



Through the new Long Term Plan 2015 - 2025 (LTP) the council has stated that it needs to form transparent and responsive relationships with Māori 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.

The following mechanisms were defined in the LTP to show how it might achieve this at hapū and/or iwi level in order to establish and maintain relationships with Māori:

Council 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.

One of the key steps was to establish the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee in order to facilitate participation of Māori in decision-making of council.

As the work programme has been agreed to, some of the key areas of work can be brought forward. As such, it is recommended that from the schedule of activities (as outlined in the work programme), the 'Engagement models for Māori participation in council RMA and LGA plans' be one of the key projects moved forward. This will ensure robust processes are put in place for the future.

### **Participation in council processes**

Currently council has a number of ways of engaging Māori in its Resource Management Act (RMA) and Local Government Act (LGA) planning processes.

The committee could consider ways in which council might achieve best practice in regards to developing clear processes for Māori engagement in council RMA and LGA processes. This is in line with its purpose as contained in the Terms of Reference:

- To develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and council.
- To monitor council's compliance to its obligations to Māori under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Provide advice to council on topics within council's sphere of influence.
- To ensure the views of Māori are taken into account in the exercise of council functions.

Further, the purpose states as a key principle:

- To establish and advance a model of Māori engagement that is equitable, sustainable and empowering that will drive environmental and economic priorities across the region.

It would therefore be timely for the committee to consider this key workstream and how best to achieve a review of council's current Māori engagement practices.



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As a way forward, it is recommended that the committee establishment a small working party (perhaps 1 elected and 3 non-elected members) to progress this workstream with a view of reporting findings and making recommendations to the committee. This may include the development of a new, amended or parallel procedure to the existing engagement process/model and may form the basis for future committee recommendations to council.







**ISSUE: Te Ture Whenua Māori Reform**

**ID:** A759119

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Meeting 9 July 2015

**From:** Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist

**Date:** 22 June 2015

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<b>Purpose:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
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<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive Summary:**

This paper seeks advice from the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (the committee) on whether the Northland Regional Council should make a submission on the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and, if so, to what extent.

**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.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report "Te Ture Whenua Māori Reform" by Abraham Witana, Māori Policy Specialist and dated 9 July 2015, be received.
2. That the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee provides the following advice / recommendations to the Northland Regional Council, to inform its consideration of a potential submission on the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993:
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_

**Report**

Council is aware that the Crown, through Te Puni Kokiri, have been consulting on Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (the Act) and that this consultation will close 10am Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Council would like to support iwi and hapū and their aspirations to protect and develop their land and will be considering, at its 14 July



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2015 full council meeting, whether to lodge a submission on the review of the Act and, if so, what the general substance of that submission should be.

To assist council, advice and direction is sought from this committee as to whether this is appropriate and, if so, to what extent council should make comment. Staff will then pre-circulate and table this feedback with councillors during the council meeting. The intent being that this feedback will help shape and influence this discussion and decision.

Council is aware that the aims of this reform are to provide:

1. A better legal framework that:
  - Supports and promotes the retention and use of Māori land by its owners;
  - Empowers Māori land owners to pursue their aspirations for the sustainable development of their land; and
  - Respects the intrinsic cultural significance of Māori land.
2. An institutional framework that:
  - Supports owner decision-making and encourages participation;
  - Ensures Māori land ownership and title records are accurate and accessible;
  - Gives Māori land owners the information they need when they need it;
  - Provides an effective alternative to litigation to resolve disputes; and
  - Makes it simple to register Māori land governance bodies.
3. Better outcomes that lead to:
  - Māori land owners making and acting on their own decisions;
  - Fuller and more effective utilisation of Māori land; and
  - Disputes resolved effectively.

Council staff are of the initial view that while a high level submission, recognising and supporting the purpose of the reform is appropriate, any submissions should remain high level and not delve into the detail of the reform. Staff are aware that the issues surrounding the Act, and wider issues around the development of Māori land, are complex and the potential solutions are therefore best known and articulated by iwi / hapū and Māori landowners.

Staff will be available during the meeting to record the committees collective views and will ensure this feedback is provided to councillors for consideration on 14 July at the full council meeting.



**ISSUE: New Regional Plan Update**

**ID:** A759907

**To:** Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting, 9 July 2015

**From:** Ben Lee, Programme Manager – Policy Development

**Date:** 30 June 2015

<b>Report Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal operations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Decision
<b>Purpose:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public service	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory function
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legislative function	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual\Long Term Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>Significance:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Triggered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Triggered	

**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the preparation of the new regional plan.

There are currently three regional plans which regulate the use of the coast, water, air and land. These plans are over 10 years old and council is legally required to review and update these plans. The review of the plans was completed December 2014.

- As a result of the review the three regional plans will be combined into a single new regional plan. The key steps for developing the new regional plan are: Release a draft for public feedback – Mid 2016
- Notify the proposed regional plan for submissions (the start of the formal process) – mid 2017

The Regional Policy Committee is overseeing the new regional plan preparation. By the end of July 2015 they will have provided high level direction on the content of the draft new regional plan. From August 2015 to early 2016 the Regional Policy Committee will be considering specific provisions.

A stocktake of the recommendations from the report “Review of the Regional Plans – Tangata Whenua Issues and Options” (presented to the Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee, February 2015) will be presented to the September 2015 Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting. The stocktake will look at the recommendations and how they are likely to be addressed (or not) in the draft new regional plan based on the initial high level direction given by the Regional Policy Committee. The main purpose of the stocktake is to identify any gaps that may need to be addressed.



**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 matters are not significant under council policy.

Recommendation(s):

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1. That the report "New regional plan update" by Ben Lee, Programme Manager – Policy Development and dated 30 June 2015, be received.
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## Report

The council administers three regional plans:

- Regional Air Quality Plan
- Regional Water and Soil Plan
- Regional Coastal Plan

The plans set out the way Northland's air, water, land and the coast are managed. Most importantly they set the rules for when resource consents are (and aren't) required.

As required by law<sup>1</sup>, a review of the three regional plans was carried out last year and included a series of over 13 workshops and hui with key stakeholders and Māori. The review looked at the plans' performance and made recommendations on how they can be improved.

As a result of the review, the Regional Policy Committee<sup>2</sup> decided to commence the preparation of a new single regional plan to replace the three current plans. The key steps for developing the new regional plan are:

- Release a draft for public feedback – Mid 2016
- Notify the proposed regional plan for submissions (the start of the formal process) – mid 2017

The preparation of the draft new regional plan involves staff working with the Regional Policy Committee to prepare provisions, supported by the necessary justification<sup>3</sup>. This process includes considering the good feedback elicited through the review of the regional plans process<sup>4</sup>.

Once the draft new regional plan is released, anyone can then provide feedback. The Regional Policy Committee will then digest the feedback, make the necessary changes, and then notify the new regional plan for formal submissions.

The Regional Policy Committee has yet to think about any particular processes for engaging with the public and Māori on the draft new regional plan. They'll likely turn their mind to it early 2016.

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<sup>1</sup>Section 79 of the RMA requires all provisions in a regional plan to be reviewed every 10 years. After the review, the plan(s) must go through the full Schedule 1 process (submissions, hearings etc.) regardless of whether there are changes or not.

<sup>2</sup>The committee charged with overseeing the review of the regional plans and the preparation of the new regional plan.

<sup>3</sup>Council is required to prepare a "Section 32 Report". Section 32 refers to the section of the RMA which sets out the requirements for the analysis and justification of plan provisions.

<sup>4</sup> The Committee will recall that the process for engaging with tangata whenua for the review of the regional plans was:

- Keir Volkerling to prepare a report to identify tangata whenua issues and options as part of the review of the regional plans.
- Invite known active tangata whenua participants in resource management to the key stakeholder workshops.
- Host four hui targeted at tangata whenua.
- Feedback from the workshops and hui to inform the tangata whenua issues and option report



The Regional Policy Committee has directed that the new regional plan will:

- Be more streamlined than the current regional plans (only include necessary content).
- Be primarily a 'rule book' and a set of provisions to guide resource consent decision making
- Be more specific about the values and characteristics we want / need to protect.
- Provide for the 'clipping on' of new catchment specific provisions as these are developed<sup>5</sup>.

The Regional Policy Committee is developing the draft new regional plan in two stages. The first is to give high level direction. This is being done through a series of seven workshops finishing at the end of July 2015. The second stage is to consider the specific provisions. This is being done over a series of at least 9-10 workshops from August 2015 to early 2016.

Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee will recall the report presented to the February 2015 meeting titled "Review of the Regional Plans – Tangata Whenua Issues and Options"<sup>6</sup>. This report was done as part of the review of the current regional plans, and includes recommendations for the new regional plan.

A stocktake of the recommendations from the tangata whenua issues and options report will be presented to the September 2015 Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting. The stocktake will look at the extent to which the draft new regional plan is likely to address (or not) the recommendations based on the initial high level direction given by the Regional Policy Committee. The main purpose of the stocktake is to identify any gaps that may need to be addressed.

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<sup>5</sup> There are five priority catchment groups which are in the process of developing catchment management plans, which are a combination of on-the-ground actions and recommended catchment specific regulation. The latter will ultimately be implemented in the new regional plan alongside the more general provisions for water management.

<sup>6</sup> The report is on the council's website:

<http://www.nrc.govt.nz/upload/18187/Review%20of%20the%20NRC%20Regional%20Plans%20-%20Tangata%20Whenua%20Issues%20and%20Options%20-%20Final.pdf>



**ISSUE: Update: Long Term Plan 2015 - 2025**

**ID:** A759156

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee meeting, 9 July 2015

**From:** Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager Strategy, Governance & Communications

**Date:** 26 June 2015

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**Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this paper is to update the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (the committee) as to the outcomes of council deliberations on submissions and the key decisions that are reflected in the adopted Long Term Plan 2015 - 2025 (LTP).

**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.

**Recommendations:**

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1. That the report "Update: Long Term Plan 2015 -2025" by Jonathan Gibbard, Group Manager Strategy, Governance & Communications and dated 26 June 2015, be received.
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**Report:**

Since the committees last formal meeting in May 2015, council has held deliberations on submissions (18 May) and adopted the final Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025 at its regular council meeting on 16 June 2015.

In total, 1278 submissions were received on the Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025 Consultation Document. The committees feedback, provided during its March meeting, was included in the deliberations report for consideration by councillors as part of their decision making process.

Following adoption of the LTP, all submitters have been contacted, informing them of the key decisions and where they can find more information. Detailed information on councils decisions (including the deliberations report), a summary of all submissions, and the final adopted LTP is available on councils website.



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While this concludes the LTP process, the next step for council (under the Local Government Act 2002), is the preparation of the 2015 Annual Report. This report assesses councils performance over the past 12 months against the levels of service, targets and measures outlined in the LTP and Annual Plan. Staff will include a discussion on this report in the September committee meeting.



## **Attachment 1 - Summary of key decisions**

Below is a summary of council decisions on submissions to the Long Term Plan 2015–2025.

### General Rates

- To fund several important new initiatives beyond what council currently deliver on behalf of the community, council will proceed with a 5% increase in targeted region-wide rates (an average of \$8.68 per rateable unit) for 2015/16). The majority of those that submitted on this issue supported this approach. For subsequent years, projected increases would be held at around 2.5-3.3% to account for inflation adjustment levels.

### Whāngārei Heads Pest Management

- Council has decided to establish a new targeted rate of \$50.00 a year per rating unit on properties in the Whāngārei Heads area to fund ongoing community pest control activities.

### Contestable Emergency Services Fund

- Council has opted to proceed with creating a fully contestable fund, replacing the emergency services helicopter rate and all other funding from Northland's four councils. Public feedback was divided on whether to retain the helicopter rate, or open funding up to other life-saving organisations by making it fully contestable.

The feedback process highlighted that demand for funding will be higher than what was proposed (an \$800,000 fund at \$10.68 per household per year). In recognition of this, council has decided to increase the fund's size to \$900,000 a year, or \$11.84 per household. Council will invite and assess applications to this fund through a separate process.

### Buying Land for Environmental Benefit

- Council recognises the importance of transparency and public accountability and, following the public feedback process, has opted to retain its existing policy requirement for public consultation on proposed non-commercial land purchases over \$700,000.

### Awanui Flood Mitigation Scheme

- A \$700,000 project to increase the capacity of Awanui scheme's Whangatane spillway will proceed as proposed in the Consultation Document. This is the more affordable option for the local community, and still leaves the door open for further improvements in future if the community wants it. The spillway improvements will increase the existing local river rate by about 45%.

### Kotuku Dam Flood Mitigation Scheme

- To cover cost increases for construction of the Kotuku detention dam, council has decided to proceed as proposed in the Consultation Document - increasing the current rate by about 40% and continuing the rate for 25 years as planned. The cost increases are a result of ground condition issues, consequent design variations, and programme extension time-frames. Construction time-frames are now revised for completion during August 2015, so we may be able to consult on reducing the rate in our next Annual Plan once final project costs are confirmed.



#### Kaeo-Whangaroa Flood Mitigation Scheme

- As proposed in the Consultation Document, council will postpone going ahead with Stage 2 of the Kaeo-Whangaroa flood protection works at this stage. This will enable the performance of Stage 1, which was completed in 2013/14, to be monitored and assessed before further decisions are made.

#### Kerikeri-Waipapa Flood Mitigation Scheme

- Council has opted to proceed with construction of the \$2.13M Kerikeri-Waipapa spillway, which is designed to reduce flooding on properties downstream of State Highway 10. This will initially be funded through an annual rate of \$80.04 (including GST) per property over a 10 year period. However, council will likely consult further with those within the area of benefit to investigate the potential to establish a differential rating model based on the level of protection received from the flood protection works.

#### Mid-North Bus Trial

- Council will go ahead with a trial bus service for the mid-North area, with the trial expected to commence in mid-2016. The trial will link the communities of Kaikohe, Ōhaewai, Moerewa, Kawakawa, Paihia, Haruru, Kerikeri and Waipapa. It will be funded by a new targeted rate (to start from 2016/17) on properties near the route, with commercial properties to pay a higher rate than residential properties.

Prior to commencing the trial, council staff will refine the route and targeted rating area in consultation with affected communities. While the rate would not be introduced until 2016/17, an indication of the rating area and how much the rate might be is shown in Mid-North transport rate in Section Three of the Long Term Plan.

Several other proposals were highlighted in our Consultation Document, with council decisions as follows:

- Continue the Kaitiāia bus service (which is funded partially by local ratepayers and partially through ticket sales).
- Continue the Regional Infrastructure Rate for up to two years, allowing time for KiwiRail to release its strategy setting out rail priorities so council is in a better position to consider options going forward.
- Increase the Whāngārei Bus Rate by \$0.90 cents a year to cover Total Mobility administration costs (instead of it coming from region-wide rates), and rename it the Whāngārei Transport Rate.
- Establish a new sporting infrastructure rate after Whāngārei's Events Centre has been paid off in 2018/19, in consultation with the community via the Long Term Plan 2018–2028 process.
- No further work on public transport options for Dargaville at this stage, as there appears to be little support for it in the local community.
- Continue to support a trial bus service linking Hokianga and Kaikohe.
- Adopt fees and charges as proposed in the supporting document to the Long Term Plan 2015–2025 consultation.
- Adopt the Navigation, Water Transport and Maritime Safety Bylaw charges as proposed in the supporting document to the Long Term Plan 2015–2025 consultation.



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- Adopt the council objectives and vision as proposed in the Consultation Document and supporting information.
- Transfer \$1.7M a year of council's investment income into the Investment and Growth Reserve with the balance used to fund council activities, as proposed in the Consultation Document.







**ISSUE: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership**

**ID:** A759041

**To:** Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee Meeting 14 May 2015

**From:** Rachel Rōpiha, Iwi Liaison Officer

**Date:** 25 June 2015

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**Purpose**

The purpose of this paper is to provide a brief outline of the Whangarei District Councils, Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum (a forum between council and local hapū).

Secondly, this paper provides Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee (the committee) with background information regarding an invitation by the forum to council to participate in their recently formed Strategic Alliance group.

This paper serves as background information to a presentation from members of Te Kārearea to the committee. The presentation will commence at 1.00pm following lunch which Her Worship Mayor Mai has been invited to attend before presenting to the committee.

**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 "Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership" by Rachel Ropiha, Iwi Liaison Officer and dated 25 June 2015, be received.
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## Background

As agreed to at the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee's May formal meeting, an invitation was extended to Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum (the forum) to attend and present to the next formal meeting of the committee.

The invitation to meet was initiated with a view to ascertain if there are synergies between the two forums (the forum and the committee) especially in relation to council obligations to Māori as contained in the Local Government Act 2002. And further, establish if there might be mutual benefit in developing a relationship.

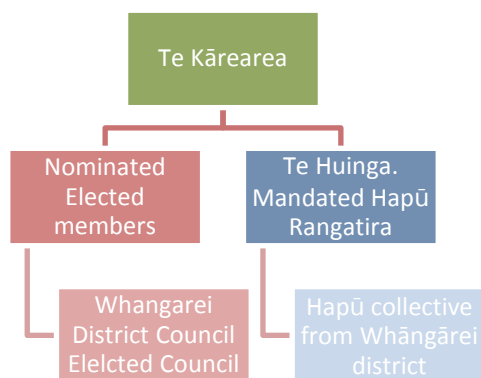
## Report:

### Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum

The Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum (the forum) is a relationship model between Hapū of Whāngārei (district) and the Whangarei District Council (WDC).

As an engagement/relationship model it (the forum) does not sit within council in that it is neither a Standing nor Advisory Committee (of council). Rather it is an agreement reached after a period of negotiations between Māori and council formalised via council resolution and cemented through a Terms of Reference.

The forum succeeds three previous models of consultation and engagement that fit the Māori community and WDC needs at the time.



Post the 2010 elections when the then specialist committee (Māori Liaison Committee) was dissolved, a period of negotiations was undertaken between its members and council. This was with a view to fashioning some form of commitment and relationship that would have longevity and not be at the whim of each triennial election. As a result a recommendation was made to council to form a strategic partnership between elected members of council and Te Huinga (mandated rangatira from hapū).

A Terms of Reference was developed (appendix one) and was confirmed in 2012.

Outside this relationship it should be noted that the forum does not preclude individual hapū and/or iwi from establishing relationships or interacting directly with the WDC.

## Strategic Alliance

At its meeting of 22 April 2015, WDC established the Te Kārearea Strategic Alliance (the Strategic Alliance). The WDC then extended an invitation to Chairman Shepherd and Councillor Dimery of the Northland Regional Council to participate as members on the Strategic Alliance.

It should be noted that the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee, at its May 2015 meeting, resolved to invite Te Kārearea to attend its next formal committee meeting (July 2015) as a relationship building exercise and an opportunity to identify areas of mutual benefit. As it appears that the Strategic Alliance is an initiative proposed by Te Kārearea, it seems appropriate given this committee's invitation to the forum to



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present to them, that they are made aware of the invitation and council resolution in this regard.

Staff reported to councils June meeting that the Strategic Alliance appeared to have a number of synergies with the roles and functions of the regional council and the terms of reference of the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee. For these reasons it was recommended that council accept this invitation subject to further clarification of the role and purpose of the Strategic Alliance.

At its June meeting, council resolved that Chairman Shepherd and Councillor Dimery be confirmed as council representatives on the Te Kārearea Strategic Alliance with the express condition that they report to council as to the purpose and intent of the committee.





**Te Kaupapa a Te Kārearea**  
**Te Kārearea Strategic Relationship Agreement**

**Developed August 2012**

**Reviewed May 2014**

**Agreed June 17<sup>th</sup> 2014**



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# Te Kārearea



## Te Pae Tawhiti/Vision:

“He Whenua Rangatira”

“Whangārei, a district of prosperity, wellbeing and empowered communities”

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## Te Kaupapa/Mission:

“Ka tūtuki te Kāwanatanga ā-rohe, ka puāwai hoki te kotahitanga me ōna tini kaupapa”

“Local Government that works through effective partnership and provides practical solutions”

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## Ngā Tikanga/Principles:

- He kitenga mutunga kore, mahi tahi, mahi pono – Strategic partnership working collaboratively and in good faith
  - Kia Māia – Providing leadership through courage
  - Te Manawatōpu – Of one heart and mind. We are stronger working together
  - Anga mua – Progressive and proactive
  - Me kōrero tika, tau noa ngā take – Open and frank mutually agreed outcomes
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Te Kaupapa a Te Kārearea

Te Kārearea Strategic Relationship Agreement

## Te Kārearea Strategic Relationship Agreement



### Purpose

Te Kārearea is the strategic partnership forum between the hapū of Whangārei district, working through Te Huinga and the Whangārei District Council. The purpose of Te Kārearea is to enable the partners to work closely together to achieve the agreed vision '*He Whenua Rangatira - Whangārei, a district of prosperity, wellbeing and empowered communities*' and mission '*Ka tūtuki te Kāwanatanga ā-rohe, ka puāwai hoki te kotahitanga me ōna tini kaupapa* - Local Government that works through effective partnership and provides practical solutions'.

The forum provides a platform for high level, strategic discussions that will enable self-determination and self-reliance to flourish. This relationship will build to develop more robust partnership arrangements over time through learning conversations.

### Statement of Principles

He Whakaputanga o Te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tirenī (Declaration of Independence – 1835) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840 provide the foundational doctrines of authority and partnership that are being sought after by the hapū of Whangārei as the relationship develops with the Whangārei District Council.

Whangārei District Council engages with the hapū of Whangārei and recognizes its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi and the Local Government Act. The organisational culture of Council will build strong relationships and embrace the principles and intent of these legislations. Issues will be addressed in a culturally appropriate way – with preference given to *kanohi ki te kanohi*, face-to-face engagement.

### Whāinga - Priorities of Work

Te Huinga and Whangārei District Council will identify and develop their respective priorities, and then through Te Kārearea agree priorities, which can be progressed together. This will be done in the spirit of '*Mahi tahi tutuki noa te kaupapa* – Completing the tasks through a culture of partnership'.

There will be a commitment to understanding each other's views and priorities. The membership of Te Kārearea will work in good faith to support progress on their respective priorities for the duration of this agreement. The Partnership will always be reflective – going forward but looking back.

### Representation and Mandate

The Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum is made up of eight mandated hapū representatives and eight elected members of Whangārei District Council, which includes the Mayor. The forum will be co-chaired by a hapū representative and the Mayor of Whangārei District Council.

### Te Kārearea Consultation

To achieve its purpose, each Partner will develop a schedule of 'issues of significance' to hapū in the Whangārei District and bring them to Te Kārearea.

The issues will be ranked by priority and the list kept up to date by Te Kārearea. The priority list of issues will guide Te Kārearea in developing a work programme and will be reviewed annually.

The Te Kārearea partners will engage in ongoing meaningful consultation with the wider Māori community to ensure that it maintains an awareness of the issues of significance to Māori in the community.

### Review of Agreement

The representatives on the Te Kārearea Partnership Forum will accept responsibility for reviewing this Strategic Relationship Agreement every three years from the date of signing.

Pita Tipene

Te Huinga

Mayor Sheryl Mai

Whangārei District Council

As Co-Chairs of Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2014



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### **Appendices:**

### **Background**

Whereas Central Government is recognised as The Treaty of Waitangi partner, it is acknowledged that partnership must also happen at a local level where local decisions are made.

New Zealand/Aotearoa is moving inexorably towards a new sense of nationhood and these partnership arrangements at a local level will further define a distinct society in a national and global setting, built on mutual respect, trust and advantage.

This partnership forum provides a starting point for Māori representation and participation in Council decision-making processes.

The strategic partnership shall be between Whangārei District Council (elected member representatives) and Te Huinga (hapū representatives of Whangārei). This strategic partnership will be known as Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum. Refer Diagram 1.

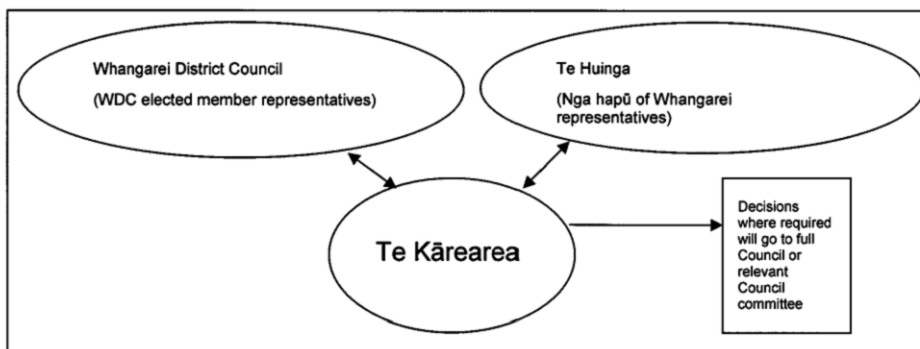


Diagram 1

### **Te Huinga Statement of Principles**

He Whakaputanga o Te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni (Declaration of Independence – 1835) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, 1840 provides the foundational doctrines of authority and partnership that are being sought after by the hapū of Whangārei as the relationship develops with the Whangārei District Council.

Te Huinga will work towards achieving the strategic intent.

#### *Strategic Intent*

- Vision/Te Pae Tawhiti: 'Ma nga hapū ano nga hapū e korero' - 'Hapū self reliance and prosperity'
- Mission/Te Kaupapa: 'Achieving hapū aspirations through effective and enduring relationships'
- Whangārei - Māori Community Outcomes:
  - a A rohe with a vibrant Māori culture
  - b A Māori community, which is healthy and highly educated
  - c A society that protects and cares for all its members
  - d A rohe with a flourishing Māori economy
  - e A society that appreciates and cares for its natural environment
- Nga tikanga – Values
  - a Whanau – the extended family is the social unit that Māori identify with.
  - b Mana Hapū - Hapū are the cornerstone of the Māori community and identity.
  - c Mana Motuhake – self-determination, self-reliance and self-sustainability.
  - d Whakarite – Invest time and energy in building decision-making capacity and capability.
  - e Te Manawatoopu – Of one heart and mind. We are stronger working together.
  - f Kia maia – Providing leadership through courage.





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## Whangārei District Council Statement of Principles

In order to improve and enhance relationships with Māori, Council acknowledge a strategic platform is required upon which to continue to build strong relationships. Council has undertaken as part of the Whangārei District Council Long Term Plan 2012-2022 to further its collaboration with Māori organisations within the District. Council has a contribution to make towards Māori wellbeing, be it environmental, social, cultural/spiritual or economic. Additionally, further collaboration and relationship building processes with Crown agencies and other local territorial authorities will continue as all such organisations make up part of the many services that impact on Māori wellbeing.

Whangārei District Council willingly acknowledges it wishes to engage with Māori hapū and to recognize the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Local Government Act 2002 outlines the obligations of local authorities around the Treaty of Waitangi.

## Local Government Act 2002

### Section 4 (LGA)

#### *Treaty of Waitangi*

*"In order to recognize and respect the Crown's responsibility 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, Parts 2 and 6 provide principles and requirements for local authorities that are intended to facilitate participation by Māori in local authority decision-making processes."*

### Part 2 (LGA)

#### Section 14(1) (d)

*"A local authority should provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes."*

### Part 6 (LGA)

#### Section 76-80

#### Planning, decision-making, and accountability

*These sections direct Council to consider all reasonably practicable options to achieve the objective of a decision, to give consideration to the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected, about how to achieve compliance, the significance of a decision and the identification of inconsistent decisions.*

#### Section 81

#### Contributions to decision-making processes by Māori

##### 1 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).

##### 2 A local authority, in exercising its responsibility to make judgments on the manner in which subsection (1) is to be complied with, must have regard to -

- (a) the role of the local authority, as set out in section 11; and
- (b) such other matters as the local authority considers on reasonable grounds to be relevant to those judgments.

#### Section 82(2) (LGA)

*"A local authority must ensure it has in place processes for consulting with Māori in accordance with subsection 1 (principles of consultations 82(1))"*





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**The Resource Management Act 1981 also places Treaty obligations on local authorities.**



#### **Part 2 – 6 (RMA)**

*In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall recognise and provide for the following matters of national importance:*

- (e) *the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahitapu and other taonga*
- (f) *the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development*
- (g) *the protection of recognized customary activities.*

#### **Part 2 – 7 (RMA)**

*In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall have particular regard to –*

- (a) *Kaitiakitanga*
- (b) *the ethic of stewardship*

#### **Part 2 – 8 (RMA)**

**Treaty of Waitangi**

*In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).*

Both the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), and more recently the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), require Council to establish more formal, meaningful and sustainable relationships with Māori. These relationships, guided by the Treaty of Waitangi principles, are intended to foster:

- opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council
- the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council
- the provision of information to Māori so they are enabled to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council
- improved consultation with Māori.

### **Working Relationship**

- (a) A letter shall be completed between Whangārei District Council and Te Huinga covering operating protocols, agreed agenda-setting process, confidentiality issues, and press/publicity matters.
- (b) Formal meetings of Te Kārearea shall generally be held monthly with meetings alternating between a Marae and Council Chambers. A meeting with the full Whangārei District Council shall be held at least twice per annum.
- (c) Whangārei District Council will nominate its Senior Management and staff to work with Te Huinga.
- (d) The strategic partnership Te Kārearea will undertake an annual self-review process and a three-year review consistent with the Long Term Plan (LTP) cycle.
- (e) The Te Kārearea strategic partnership does not preclude individual hapū working on matters of their own concern with Council.

### **Funding**

Council will fund Te Kārearea to give effect to its kaupapa. This budget will be negotiated and agreed annually in advance.



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### Te Huinga Representation and Mandate

At present there are 16 endorsed hapū representatives. Eight of these members represent hapū on Te Kārearea. Each hapū grouping has a lead and an alternate/support person in the event the lead is not available. They are as follows:

- Pita Tipene and Pita Cherrington (Te Orewai and Ngati Hine)
- Merepeka Henley and Te Warihi Hetaraka (Nga Hapū o Whangaruru)
- Deborah Harding and Jared Pitman (Patuharakeke)
- Allan Halliday and Mike Kake (Ngati Hau)
- Dick Shepherd and Huhana Seve (Ngati Kahu o Torongare)
- Taipari Munro and Hona Edwards (Te Parawhau and Te Uriroroi)
- Pereri Mahanga and Aperahama Edwards (Te Waiariki, Ngati Korora, Ngati Takapari)
- Kaile Nahi-Taihia and Anaru Kaipo (Nga Hapū o Mangakahia)

Discussion will be had with the respective hapū within the Whangārei rohe to decide on how representation will be configured on Te Huinga.

Eight of these sixteen members currently represent Te Huinga and sit on Te Kārearea following their hapū consultation processes, which endorsed their representation.

### Whangārei District Council Representation and Mandate

Council representation on Te Kārearea shall be Her Worship the Mayor, Deputy Mayor plus six elected members as appointed by HWM and received by Council at the start of each political term. In the event any Councillor/s on Te Kārearea is unavailable, there is provision for an alternate Councillor/s to replace them for that meeting.

Council representatives appointed to Te Kārearea are as follow:

- HWM Sheryl Mai
- Deputy Mayor - Cr Morgan
- Cr Deeming
- Cr Martin
- Cr Innes
- Cr Bell
- Cr Christie
- Cr Williamson

Alternates

- Cr Halse
- Cr Bretherton
- Cr Cutforth
- Cr Glen
- Cr Hermon
- Cr McLachlan





