

Long Term Plan 2018-2028

Preparatory notes for the Māori Technical Advisory Group Workshop 3

Workshops:

- Monday 18 September 2017 - **Complete**
- Tuesday 17 October 2017 - **Complete**
- Tuesday 5 December 2017

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Introduction

This is the third workshop held with the Māori Technical Advisory Group in preparation of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Workshop one introduced the process, discussed pre-consultation feedback received, set out the proposed new grouping of activities for the long term Plan, and sought feedback on council's groups of activities. This information was collated and provided to the relevant council staff for their consideration in their various areas of work and planning processes, and was provided to council in advance of the presentation of new programmes of work for their consideration during the long term planning process.

During the second workshop, options for including Te Reo in the final Long Term plan document were discussed, and the group also discussed the proposed work programmes and new areas of spend for the Long Term Plan, and the proposed new Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). Feedback was sought on these, and was recorded. This information was used in the development of the KPIs, which are still evolving. A record of all action resulting from the workshop was provided back to the group as a progress report.

The purpose of this third workshop is to re-cap progress to date, to update the group on the draft KPIs and other action taken since the last workshop, and to discuss the process going forward, particularly the consultation process.

Ka nui ngā mihi kia koutou mo ōu mahi rangatira.

Feedback from last workshop

During the workshop on Tuesday 17 October all feedback was recorded and was circulated to the group in the workshop notes, which included a record of action taken in the days following the workshop. This document is attached below.

Process going forward

Staff and council have been working over the past five months to complete the components required as part of the process of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028. It is anticipated that, prior to the Christmas break, the majority of the draft proposals will be finalised, including the KPIs, areas of new spend and major policies and strategies. Most of the budgetary considerations are not finalised until the new year as they rely on rating information from the various district councils in the region.

The consultation process for this Long Term Plan will be different to those held in the past. The Local Government Act no longer requires hearings to be held, and so it is proposed that in place of hearings a series of 'Have your say' events be held. These events will be held **during** the consultation period, while people are making submissions. Please see diagram 1, for more information.

The process for the Long Term Plan going forward is as follows:

Dates	Internal council process	Consultation process
Now – end of December	Finalise KPIs, work programmes, policies, strategies.	General interested parties advised via email that there will be no hearing for this LTP. M-TAG updated on consultation process
January - February 2018	Develop the consultation document and supporting information document .	Interested parties advised of upcoming process, and dates for the ' Have your say ' events. Panui to 'Have your say' events sent to Māori database.
<i>The consultation document contains a high-level overview of all proposals, options available, and the impact of these on funding and rates. It tells people how to provide feedback.</i> <i>The supporting information document contains all required supporting policies and strategies, rating and budgetary information, details of any new proposals, an explanation of any changes to activities and areas of new spend, and all proposed KPIs, measures, and targets.</i>		
Early March	Finalisation of all documents and approval from council to consult	
Mid- March – Mid April		The official consultation period begins, and runs from 14 March – 17 April. Submissions are received during this time.

		'Have your say' events are held from 21 – 28 March.
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'Have your say' events provide an opportunity for the community to talk to councillors and expert staff about the Long Term Plan proposals. They will be held at various locations around Northland. It is anticipated that these events will begin with a short presentation on the proposals, followed by time for people to talk to councillors and staff. Because these events will be held in place of hearings, all feedback provided to councillors during these sessions will be recorded by a staff member and provided in a report to full council.

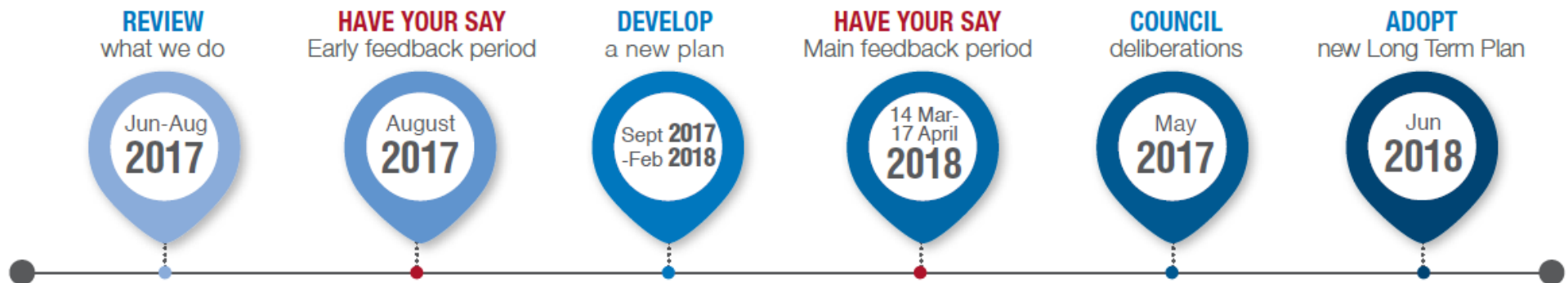
April	Once the official consultation period has finished staff summarise all submissions and compile a report for council that includes staff recommendations for each proposal.	The summary of submission document will be made available once completed.
May	Council will deliberate on the proposals during a meeting held on 15 May.	
June	Final alterations are made to the document, with final adoption scheduled for 21 June 2017.	Submitters are contacted upon final adoption to inform them of the outcome of council's final decision.

Diagram 1: New consultation process

Previous Process	Documents released for comment	Period for people to submit		Submission period closes	Hearings held	Council deliberations	Final decision
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Diagram 2: Long Term Plan Timeline

Long Term Plan **timeline**



Attachment: Notes from workshop – 17 October 2017

Note: These blue boxes are used to report 'Action since workshop' - this is where Kyla has worked with staff on points raised in the workshop, and has progress to report back to the group.

Notes from last workshop

The group re-capped the notes of the last workshop and agreed that it was an accurate record of what was discussed.

Use of Te Reo

The progress to date on scoping incorporation of Te Reo in the final LTP document was discussed and examples circulated. This included examples of design that may be able to be incorporated in to section header pages.

It was re-iterated that Abe would work with Patu, Bundy and Nora to develop the Karakia and Mihi for the consultation document and final LTP document.

Action since workshop:

Abe has put together drafts of mihi and karakia for the document, which will be circulated to Bundy, Patu, and Nora with these notes.

KPI's

The list of draft KPIs was circulated to the group for their review. Feedback was provided during the meeting as follows:

1.2 Māori Engagement

1.2.1 – Measure: A Mayoral Forum and Te Kahu o Taonui relationship is established and a Memorandum of Agreement is signed

Discussion: Group questioned what this was about. Later in the meeting Abe explained that the mayoral forum was building relationships with Iwi leaders, as they want relationships with all levels. It only included mandated Iwi organisations. Advice is provided by this group only on the big issues for their Iwi, and was a different level of input from that provided by TTMAC and MTAG.

1.2.2 – Measure: Percentage of time targeted pre-consultation engagement and formal consultation is undertaken with Māori during councils statutory Resource Management Act planning processes.

Discussion: Julianne would like to talk to the planning team about what this means – is it a plan change, does it include the consents process etc?

Action since workshop:

Jono Gibbard confirmed that the measure relates only to planning processes (this includes variations, plans changes etc) rather than consenting processes.

Mana Whakahono a Rohe was discussed – there is a statutory timeframe for this, so a KPI should be considered. Something similar to: "Any initiated are completed within the statutory timeframe".

Action since workshop:

Justin Murfitt has recently completed a workshop with council on Mana Whakahono a Rohe/Iwi Participation Arrangements. Justin will be approaching TTMAC for advice on possible approaches to these arrangement (likely at the next TTMAC meeting), and is looking to finalise council's position early next year.

A measure of the number of hapu or iwi environmental management plans would be useful. This could measure how many are that are completed, or updated. This number needs to maintain or increase. It was noted that there is also a need to upskill staff to understand these plans.

Action since workshop:

Rachel has confirmed that she has looked in to this as a measure, however because the actual number of plans is out of the control of council it is not suitable for a specific KPI. The upskilling of staff is something that Rachel and Abe are aware of, and it is on their list of work.

A specific page on the NRC website for hapu and Iwi management plans would be useful, one place where they are all stored. This should go in to the TTMAC Comms plan.

Action since workshop:

The NRC website currently contains names and contact details, however it is acknowledged that having all plans in one place would be a good piece of work to complete. Permission would need to be sought from the owners of each plan to have these available on the NRC site, which Rachel and Abe can undertake to do. The web team are currently looking at the best way to review the 'Working with Maori' page on the website generally, and expect to progress this over the next 6 – 12 months.

1.4 Economic Development

The group questioned how Māori were included in economic development – should there be a specific measure for Māori in the economic development section? Acknowledged that the Māori environmental scan might highlight some areas that need addressing and these might form the basis of a measure. Discussed that there isn't anything around the development of Māori assets and how this is benefitting Māori. Want an employment initiative by māori for Māori, eg Ngati Kuri and the Kauri Kingdom.

It was discussed that Northland Inc are accountable to NRC by way of their statement of intent which includes KPIs. If Northland Inc's KPIs are currently being developed, the best way to achieve a measure may be through this. Darryl will be able to advise on the best way to action this.

A KPI could be that NRC measures the number of Northland Inc's KPIs that relate to Māori -specific economic development.

Action since workshop:

Darryl confirmed that the timing of this process would work with Northland Inc's process of setting KPIs. Darryl will approach Northland Inc to discuss the feasibility of including specific KPIs in their planning process. Kyla will keep the group updated on progress.

1.3 Communication and Engagement

1.3.1 – Measure: Percentage of schools (includes kindergarten, primary, intermediate and secondary schools) participating in the Enviroschools Programme.

The question was raised, does the EnviroSchools programme include Kohanga Reo and Kura Kaupapa? Also, does the programme incorporate Mātauranga Māori ?

Action since workshop:

Susan Karels, the EnviroSchools co-ordinator confirmed that the EnviroSchools programme incorporates Mātauranga Māori - Māori knowledge, culture, values and worldview, in a number of ways. Her response is outlined in an email, included as **appendix 1**.

2.3 Monitoring

It was noted that the cost of monitoring permitted activities was an ongoing issue for Māori . Cultural health indicator index should be included in monitoring activities.

2.1 Consents Activity

It was noted that hapu are not paid for checking consent applications.

Not all KPI's were discussed due to time restrictions. It was requested that the group email Kyla with any further comments by 27 October.

New Initiatives

The group reviewed the proposals for new spending in the LTP. It was reiterated that the new initiatives proposals that were being discussed were in addition to what was already being provided, which would continue. The information discussed was for the group only, and was not yet publicly available information.

There was a strong message from the group across all council activities that the concept of Mātauranga Māori needs to be supported. This relates back to Section 8.1.8 of the RPS, which states that NRC will support the development of Mātauranga Māori, providing funding for education and training. The relevant provision is included as **appendix 2** to this document.

Central to this was a message that there are Māori out in the community that know their land and are already monitoring it, and they should be utilised for some of the upcoming work – across all activities including SOE monitoring, consents monitoring, pest management, and navigation safety – eg, Māori harbour wardens. There is a large skill set or resource in Northland Māori , and other forms of knowledge, and NRC should harvest this. People are willing to be trained and are a resource that could be used. This would also create a form of employment in these communities.

Action since workshop:

Jean-Charles Perquin, Environmental Monitoring Manager confirmed that the team are gearing up to assess how they will be incorporating Mātauranga Maori in their environmental monitoring programmes. They will work with TTMAC on this further down the track.

Community Engagement and Development

- Governance and election package
- Increasing Māori involvement
- Working with communities
- Economic opportunities package

Increasing Māori involvement:

Overall there was support for the initiatives proposed, but it was noted that there was a need for additional support for Mātauranga Māori and hapu environmental management plans (as discussed above).

It was noted that benefit of scholarships and Māori business awards was quite discrete – only benefitted a few people. The next biggest priority for the group, in terms of spending on 'increasing Māori involvement' is capacity building for Māori, specifically, training for Māori commissioners. Ideally, all TTMAC members should be put through commissioner training. It might be a better use of funds to upskill MTAG members than to fund business awards etc.

Regulatory Services

- [Managing freshwater](#)
- [Development of environmental policies and plans](#)

There should be funds allocated to make use of Kaitiaki and incorporate cultural health indicator monitoring. Funding would include resourcing the development of a framework to incorporate cultural health indicator monitoring and to better align monitoring with hapu plans.

It was noted that it is important that the biggest polluters are investigated first.

Environmental Services

- [Pest management](#)
- [Looking after taonga \(biodiversity\)](#)
- [Looking after the land](#)
- [Managing natural hazards](#)
- [Managing freshwater resources](#)

A lot of the programmes proposed could make use of Māori who are already doing this work – eg, pest control. Need to support and use them.

Marine biosecurity offers an opportunity for community based pest control plans.

The funding for nursery expansion should incorporate the production of native plants that could achieve the same outcome. This would acknowledge the idea of Mātauranga Māori also.

Climate change is a concern – need a specific person to deal with climate changes across council activities.

Need to acknowledge the connection of Māori to the rivers.

Customer Services and Community Resilience

- [Emergency preparedness](#)
- [Public transport](#)
- [Supporting our customers](#)
- [Safety and navigation on the water](#)

Climate change is a concern for communities, in particular the impact that this will have on Wahi Tapu (eg, cemeteries close to or at sea level). There is a need for research and mapping, determining how big the issue is etc, so that it can be managed.

Corporate Excellence

[Supporting our activities](#)

No specific comment, as these activities support all of those discussed above.

Other notes:

After the meeting, two other notes were received to be recorded:

1. Funding to develop a process for exploring Māori representation, depending on outcome of next week's meeting.

Action since workshop:

At the council meeting on 24 October 2017 council resolved not to establish Māori constituencies for the 2019 local body elections.

2. Funding for NRC to have a presence at Waitangi day annually.

Action since workshop:

The communications team confirmed that specific funding wouldn't need to be allocated via an LTP process for this. This will be raised with the events team.

Appendix 1

Kia ora Kyla,

Further to our discussion this morning re questions from the Maori Technical Advisory Group (working group derived from Te Taitokerau Māori Advisory Committee), here are some of the ways the EnviroSchools Programme <http://www.enviroschools.org.nz/> incorporates Mātauranga Māori - Māori knowledge, culture, values and worldview:

- The EnviroSchools **strategic priority** for 2016 – 2022 is: Increasing depth of practice and actions towards sustainable communities, weaving Māori perspectives and creating learning pathways from early childhood to young adult. In addition, 2 of the 5 EnviroSchools strategic focus theme areas are: Taonga tuku iho – passing down the wisdom of elders and Youth / rangatahi, employment and social enterprise
- One of the 5 EnviroSchools **Guiding Principles** is 'Māori Perspectives'. This principle is embedded within the learning and action process which is founded on student empowerment and directed at creating sustainable communities. Through this principle, the EnviroSchools Programme incorporates Māori perspectives and knowledge of the environment – valuing the insights unique to the culture with the longest history of human interaction with this country. Including Māori perspectives enriches the learning process and honours the status of indigenous people in this land.
- **Professional development**
 - EnviroSchools facilitator training – takes place at Te Mauri Tau, Whaingaroa/Raglan (EnviroSchools partner) where participants are immersed in Tikanga Māori
 - Māori perspectives training – specific, also held at Te Mauri Tau
 - Regional and national hui – Te Reo and Tikanga Māori used as part of the whole experience
- There are four **key areas of school/centre life** that contribute to creating a sustainable environment and community: Wahi, Tangata, Tikanga and Kaupapa Ako
- There are 6 environmental **theme areas** that offer opportunities to deepen students' understanding and ability to take action with a specific focus – Me in My Environment, Water of Life, Living Landscapes, Energy!, Ecological Building and Zero Waste. These all contain

concepts, objectives, background information, learning guides and activities that incorporate Mātauranga Māori.

- **Te Aho Tū Roa** <http://www.teahoturoa.org.nz/> – Kura Māori ‘cousin’ to the Enviroschools Programme – both programmes are run under the Toimata Foundation
<http://www.toimata.org.nz/>

Ma te wa,
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Appendix 2

8.1.8 Method – Funding and assistance

The regional council will support tangata whenua if they choose to develop and implement a regional Mātauranga Māori-based environmental monitoring framework by:

- (a) Providing information and advice during the development of the monitoring framework;*
- (b) Providing training to assist tangata whenua to promote and implement the monitoring framework on an ongoing basis; and*
- (c) Incorporating the results and recommendations of tangata whenua monitoring in council's monitoring reports.*

Explanation:

Tangata whenua consider greater use of Mātauranga Māori as a key opportunity for greater recognition of tangata whenua's role in the management of natural and physical resources. The development of a regional Mātauranga Māori-based environmental monitoring framework is one way to enable tangata whenua to actively contribute, as kaitiaki, to the management of natural and physical resources in Te Tai Tokerau.