

Tuhituhi o ngā Mahi O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau **Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Record of Actions**

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei and via audio visual link
on Thursday 13 April 2023, commencing at 11.00am - 3.00pm

Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, NRC Councillor Marty Robinson
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene
Councillor Amy Macdonald
Councillor Jack Craw
Councillor Peter-Lucas Jones
Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Kahukuraariki Trust Board, Geraldine Baker
Ngāti Kuta, Michelle Elboz
Ngāti Tara, Mahue Greaves
Ngātiwai Trust Board, Alyssce Te Huna
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris
Te Roroa, Thomas Hohaia
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Niki Conrad
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, George Riley
Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Bree Davis, Nyze Manuel
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Janelle Beazley
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connolly
Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust, Edith Sigley-Davis
Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau, Lynette Wharerau
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

Interpreter, Kawiti Waetford
Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori Senior Māori Technical Advisor
Kaiawhina-Pārongo - Communications Advisor
Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori – Māori Relationships Manager
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement
Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, Acting CE

Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)

Co-Chair Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group, Delaraine Armstrong
Environmental Monitoring Officer - Māori Relationships
Kai Whiri Iwituna, Rivers
Members of Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group, Celia Witehira and
Sheila Taylor
Monitoring Manager
Policy and Planning Manager
Policy Specialist
Policy Specialist (Freshwater)

Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – GM Biosecurity
Pou Tiaki Taiao - Group Manager Environmental Services
Strategic Policy Specialist

The iwi and hapū caucus commenced at 9.00am. The full plenary session with all members started at 11.00am.

Karakia / Whakatau

Co-Chair Pita Tipene commenced the meeting with karakia tīmatanga.

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Councillor Geoff Crawford
Councillor Joe Carr
Councillor John Blackwell
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake
NRC Chair, Tui Shortland
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Julianne Chetham
Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer NRC
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua, Alan Riwaka

Nga whakapuakanga (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest) (Item 3.0)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Record of Actions – 23 February 2023 (Item 4.1)

It was agreed that the record of actions was an accurate reflection of the meeting and appreciation expressed to the meeting secretary.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

The Action Sheet was received. Additional background was provided about the process of appointing Independent Tangata Whenua Advisors to the Audit and Risk, and Investment and Property subcommittees.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Secretarial Note: After Item 4.3, items were addressed in the following order Items 4.4, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.7, 4.3, 4.5, 4.6, 4.11.

Nominations to working parties and alternate for Co-Chair (Item 4.3)

Councillor Macdonald, Chair of the Natural Resources Working Party and Councillor Craw, member of the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party outlined the key areas of focus for each rūpu and what knowledge and experience was sought. The value of iwi and hapū members contributions to working parties was acknowledged, including expanding council's knowledge of tangata whenua connection to and expertise in the taiao. There was insufficient time in the iwi and hapū caucus to consider an alternate for the Co-Chair, so this was deferred to the next meeting.

Agreed action points:

That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) iwi and hapū members nominate:

- a. Lynette Wharerau, Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau, onto the Natural Resources Working Party.
- b. Nyze Manuel, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa and Niki Conrad, Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, onto the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party.
- c. That an alternate for the non-elected members' Co-Chair role be sought at the next formal TTMAC meeting.

Secretarial Note: Post-meeting, Nora Rameka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, confirmed she was happy to transfer from the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party to the Natural Resources Working Party, thereby ensuring each working party had equal membership of TTMAC and council members as per their Terms of Reference.

Report on Tāiki ē (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan) (Item 4.4)

The purpose of this paper was to provide an update on the thirteen Priority 1 Actions in *Tāiki ē*. (*Tāiki ē* being the actions required by council to implement the TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021 – 2040.)

Key discussion points included:

- What a review of Māori constituencies under Priority 1 Action 22(b) might look like
- The importance of the Long Term Plan to secure appropriate financial support for the actions in *Tāiki ē*
- The need to start work on developing an implementation plan for the remaining whainga in the Strategic Intent (Water/Marine, Climate Crisis, Economic Development)
- Not to assume that because council is progressing *Tāiki ē* that it is always progressing under the auspices of TTMAC
- That *Tāiki ē* is yet to be implemented in a lot of council policies. With respect to resource consent policies, it was noted that the review of regulatory services is a priority and that a consultant has been engaged to provide a high level scope of what the review may look like
- That councillors are very supportive of TTMAC and wish to maintain the momentum of the mahi accomplished over the last triennium.

Agreed action points:

1. That Action 22 be re-categorised from Priority 1 to Priority 2 to better align the work with the local government election timeframes.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party be provided with quarterly progress updates.

Annual Plan 2023/24 and update on the development of the Long Term Plan 2024-2034 (Item 4.5)

This paper provided an update on development of the Annual Plan 2023/24 and work on the development of the next ten-year plan, the LTP 2024 – 2034 (LTP 2024). Members were supportive of the three proposed actions, emphasising the need to develop the remaining whainga of the Strategic Intent, which would assist the guiding and phasing of the LTP at an time of exceptional legislative reform in local government and provide an opportunity to get a more detailed understanding of iwi and hapū perspectives. A similar approach to how *Tāiki ē* was initially developed was supported.

Agreed action points:

1. That a follow up report be provided by the Corporate Strategy Manager after adoption of the final Annual Plan 2023/24 in June
2. That staff workshop with Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party in May to ensure that hapū and iwi are able to participate fully in the Long Term Plan process
3. That following the May workshop a clear collective and coherent approach is developed to give effect to *Tāiki ē*.

Tū i Te Ora Scholarship (Item 4.6)

This paper advised of changes to the Tū i te Ora Scholarship programme, which were made based on survey information from previous scholarship recipients. The new structure aims to strengthen connections between recipients and NRC and provide more value both parties. Four of six recipients of this year's Tū i te Ora scholarship package (\$4,000 scholarship and \$11,000 summer work experience) whakapapa to Taitokerau.

Agreed action points:

That this year's recipients of the Tū i te Ora scholarships be invited to a Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meeting later in the year.

Review of the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Regional Policy Statement from a Tangata Whenua perspective (Item 4.7)

This paper sought endorsement to release the report 'Review of the Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Regional Policy Statement from a Tangata Whenua Perspective' and to reconfirm member appointments to attend council workshops on the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) review. The report was prepared by consultants, based on feedback from the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) and was done on behalf of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC). Key discussion points included:

- How the RPS connects to the web of council's planning and policy documents. It sets the environmental direction for the Regional Plan and District Council Plans (e.g. consents, building in hazard areas). Whereas the Long Term Plan is council's main planning document and outlines what council plans to do over a 10-year period, why we plan to do it, how much it will cost and who will pay
- MTAG recommendations in the report will go to council with other material. Council will decide whether to make changes or wait and see what new planning legislation looks like
- Regardless of whether immediate use is made of the report, it informs where we want to go and overlaps with kōrero that's happening elsewhere at NRC
- There are typographical errors that need amending before it's released publicly
- The report along with the draft staff report will be released for public comment. Once public input is received, the staff report will be finalised.

Agreed action points:

1. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorse the release of the report prepared by Barker and Associates for public comment (subject to minor typographical corrections).
2. That TTMAC reconfirm the appointment of Julianne Chetham, Rowan Tautari and Mira Norris to attend council workshops on the Regional Policy Statement review.

Secretarial Note: The Co-Chairs and members of TTMAC acknowledged Ben's mahi and service to TTMAC and NRC and wished him well in his new consultancy role. Scope o

Mātauranga Māori Monitoring Framework (Item 4.8)

This paper sought endorsement of a revised approach to the development of the Mātauranga Māori Monitoring Framework (a Priority 1 *Tāiki ē* action) due to developments since the 22 September 2022 meeting when Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorsed the Framework's development process. Key discussion points included the need to be purposeful and clear about timelines and process before having a wānanga, the difficulty of procurement with too wide a scope, members accountability back to hapū and iwi, hapū each having different capacity to engage, the burden of consultation on iwi and hapū, that the Framework needs to work in practice, the value of sharing examples of what hapū are doing including intertwined with western science, where the Freshwater Plan Change and 3 Waters sit in this kaupapa, and data sovereignty. It was

agreed that staff return to the next TTMAC meeting with more detail about timeframes and outcomes.

Agreed action points:

That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party endorse the following approach for the development of the Mātauranga Māori Monitoring Framework:

- a. That a detailed scope of work is developed for the Mātauranga Māori Monitoring Framework as Stage 1 of the project;
- b. That the Stage 1 scope is presented to the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party for endorsement;
- c. That the procurement for the scope of work proceed following endorsement of Stage 1

Tangata Whenua Freshwater Symposium (Item 4.9)

This paper provided an update on the progress of the tangata whenua-led Freshwater Symposium. The symposium was one of the recommendations made by the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) regarding tangata whenua engagement on the Freshwater Plan Change, and was endorsed at the August 2022 Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meeting. The update covered funding, setting a tentative date of 7 June 2023 and next steps of confirming an event organiser and an oversight group to give advice the event organiser(s).

Agreed action points:

That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party iwi and hapū members endorse Nyze Manuel, Delaraine Armstrong, Dave Milner and Celia Witehira to be members of the Freshwater Symposium working group, with Rowan Tautari and Mira Norris contributing subject to their availability.

Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group Update (Item 4.10)

Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) Co-Chair Delaraine Armstrong and members provided an update. Key points from the discussion included a desire for TWWAG to extend their engagement mahi on the Freshwater Plan Change, confusion in communities about what is being implemented (Te Mana O Te Wai, the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management (NPSFM), 3 Waters, Te Pae Tawhiti), high levels of consultation fatigue, how to bring together two world views and articulate them for Taitokerau, the amount of change is a risk to the communication process, engagement roadmaps may look different for council and tangata whenua, the NPSFM allows mātauranga Māori to be infused into the Regional Policy Statement and Freshwater Plan Change, how council is enabling mātauranga Māori across planning and policy documents, the weight of the workload, what council's communications plan is around the Freshwater Plan Change, and that there hasn't been any focus on mana moana.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 4.11)

This paper was taken as read. There was a wide-ranging kōrero about the response and ongoing recovery after Cyclone Gabrielle, including what funding was available (relief funding for fencing and removing trees from awa, planning for responses) and the need for data. Appreciation from Ngāti Hine for NRC's support of the Ahuareka festival was also noted.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

Kaiawhina-Pārongo - Communications Advisor closed the meeting at 2.40pm with a karakia whakamutunga.

The Record of Actions will be confirmed at the next TTMAC meeting on 8 June 2023.