

Huihuinga O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party
Thursday 23 February 2023 at 10.15am - 3.00pm

AGENDA

RĀRANGI TAKE

Rārangi Take O Te Kāhui Māori O Taitokerau (Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party Agenda)

Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber (and via audio visual link)
36 Water Street, Whangārei on Thursday 23 February 2023
Commencing at 9.00am for the iwi and hapū caucus and 10.15am for the formal meeting.
Finishing at 3.00pm.

Please note: working parties and working groups carry NO formal decision-making delegations from council. The purpose of the working party/group is to carry out preparatory work and discussions prior to taking matters to the full council for formal consideration and decision-making. Working party/group meetings are open to the public to attend (unless there are specific grounds under LGOIMA for the public to be excluded).

NGĀ MANA WHAKAHAERE (MEMBERSHIP OF THE TE TAITOKERAU MĀORI AND COUNCIL WORKING PARTY)

Heamana Tokorua (Co-Chairs): Marty Robinson, Councillor and Pita Tipene, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine

Alan Riwaka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua (*membership TBC*)

Amy Macdonald, Councillor

Aperahama Edwards, Ngātiwai Trust Board

Bree Davis, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa (*membership TBC*)

Edith Davis-Sigley, Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust

Geoff Crow, Councillor

Georgina Curtis-Connelly, Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust (*membership TBC*)

Jack Crow, Councillor

Janelle Beazley, Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi (*membership TBC*)

Joe Carr, Councillor

John Blackwell, Councillor

Juliane Chetham, Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board

Lynette Wharerau, Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau

Mariameno Kapa Kingi, Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri (*membership TBC*)

Michelle Elboz, Ngāti Kuta

Mike Kake, Ngāti Hau (*membership TBC*)

Mira Norris, Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust

Nora Rameka, Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia

Pania Greaves, Ngāti Tara (*membership TBC*)

Peter-Lucas Jones, Councillor

Rick Stolwerk, Councillor

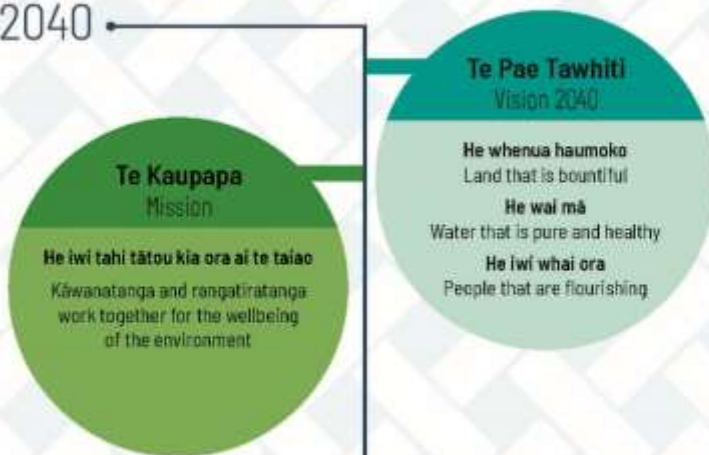
Rihari Dargaville, Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa (*membership TBC*)

Rowan Tautari, Te Whakapiko Hapū

Thomas Hohaia, Te Roroa (*membership TBC*)

Tui Shortland, Councillor (Chair, NRC)

Te Taitokerau Māori and council working party Strategic Intent 2021-2040



Capacity and capability

Ngā Whainga - Desired Goals

- 1 Capability:** Tangata whenua are sustained to give effect to their aspirations in council decisions and operations.
- 2 Capacity:** Tangata whenua are adequately resourced to participate in council decisions and operations.
- 3 Partnership:** Tangata whenua and council work in a Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership to achieve their shared goals.

Māori representation

Ngā Whainga - Desired Goals

- 4 Te Tiriti o Waitangi:** Is upheld and embraced.
- 5 Decision Making:** Tangata whenua are equitably represented in all council decisions and operations.
- 6 Resourcing:** Tangata whenua are equitably resourced to contribute to council decisions and operations.

Water/marine

Ngā Whainga - Desired Goals

- 7 Mauri:** The mauri of waterways and waterbodies is protected, restored and improved.
- 8 Mātauranga:** Information is gathered and collated to better understand and improve the health of waterways and waterbodies.
- 9 Mana i te wai:** Holistically recognise and provide for tangata whenua who whakapapa to waterways and waterbodies.

Climate crisis

Ngā Whainga - Desired Goals

- 10 Te Ao Māori:** Ensure Te Ao Māori is inherent in mahi relating to climate crisis and its impacts.
- 11 Advocacy:** Ensure tangata whenua have a strong voice in the development of climate crisis policy.
- 12 Implementation:** Provide support and resources to tangata whenua to prepare for and address the effects of climate crisis.

Economic development

Ngā Whainga - Desired Goals

- 13 Whai Rawa:** Restore and boost tangata whenua self reliance and self determination.
- 14 Whai Mana:** Maximise economic opportunities for tangata whenua.
- 15 Whai Oranga:** Economic growth is compatible with the protection and enhancement of ecological, spiritual and cultural values of tangata whenua.

Ngā Tikanga Values

Titiro ki ngā taumata o te moana - Always remain strategic in our approach/intent/view

Mahi tahi tutuki noa - Identifying opportunities, increased collaboration and completion of projects

Me whakatau mā roto i te kōrero - Resolution through conversation

Kaitiakitanga - Dedicated stewardship by tangata whenua of Te Taitokerau

NOTE in the context of He Whakaputanga me Te Tiriti o Waitangi: The significance and meaning of He iwi tahi tātou (we are two people, one nation), as was used by Governor Hobson in 1840 at the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Tangata whenua = whanau, hapū and iwi

Commonly used terms and abbreviations

Appointed member – one of the (up to) twenty-one appointed iwi and hapū members from Te Taitokerau tāngata whenua. Members are appointed in accordance with the [Terms of Reference](#). In addition to appointed members there are nine elected members (councillors)

AP - Annual Plan

TTMAC caucus – is comprised of appointed (tāngata whenua) members

CEO - Chief Executive Officer

CPCA - Community Pest Control Areas

DOC - Department of Conservation

FNDC - Far North District Council

GIS - Geographic Information System

HEMP - Hapū Environmental Management Plan

IEMP - Iwi Environmental Management Plan

ILGACE - Iwi and Local Government Chief Executives Forum

KDC - Kaipara District Council

LAWA – Land, Air, Water Aotearoa

LEA - Local Electoral Act 2001

LGA - Local Government Act 2002

LGNZ - Local Government New Zealand

LIDAR – Light detection and ranging

LTP - Long Term Plan

MBIE – Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment

MFE - Ministry for the Environment

MOT - Ministry of Transport

MPI - Ministry for Primary Industries

MTAG - Māori Technical Advisory Group (a sub-group of TTMAC)

NES - National Environmental Standards

NINC - Northland Inc. Limited

NIWA - National Institute of Water and Atmosphere

NPS - National Policy Statement

NPS-FM - National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

RMA - Resource Management Act 1991

RP – Regional Plan

TAG - Technical Advisory Group

TKoT – Te Kahu o Taonui

TTMAC - Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party

TTNEAP – Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan

TOR - Terms of Reference

TPK - Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Maori Development)

TWWAG – Tāngata Whenua Water Advisory Group

WDC - Whangarei District Council

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TITLE: **Appointment of Tangata Whenua Co-Chair**

From: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

At the council meeting held on 22 November 2022, the council confirmed its new governance structure which included affirming the continuation of the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC)¹ and its current terms of reference. The current terms of reference provide for a co-chair arrangement for TTMAC. Council resolved to retain the co-chair structure and appointed Councillor Robinson as the elected member to act as co-chair.

Council now seeks a nomination from the TTMAC iwi and hapū members for the Co-chair and alternate Co-chair roles. These nominations will be put forward for adoption at the next formal council meeting.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Appointment of Tangata Whenua Co-Chair' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 9 December 2022, be received.
 2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party iwi and hapū members nominate _____ to be appointed as co-chair and that _____ be appointed as alternate co-chair.
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Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

¹ TTMAC had been deemed by the previous council not to be discharged on the coming into office of the council elected at the October 2022 triennial elections.

TITLE: **Record of Actions – 8 September 2022**

From: Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Record of Actions of the last meeting (attached) held on 8 September 2022 for review by the meeting.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Record of actions from 8 September 2022 [↓](#) 

Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party
8 September 2022

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 and via audio visual link (Zoom)
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Thursday 8 September 2022, commencing at 11.00am - 3.00pm

Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, Marty Robinson
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene
Councillor Jack Crow
Councillor Amy Macdonald
Councillor Penny Smart
Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Councillor Colin Kitchen
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Juliane Chetham
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Rihari Dargaville
Ngāti Kuta, Patukeha, Michelle Elboz
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Janelle Beazley
Te Roroa, Thomas Hohaia
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake
Ngātiwai Trust Board, William Sullivan
Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust, Waimarie Kingi

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

Chief Executive Officer
Pou Manawhakahaere – GM Governance and Engagement
Pou Tiaki Taiao - GM Environmental Services
Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori – Māori Relationships Manager
Kaiārahi Tikanga Māori
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement

Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)

Policy and Planning Manager
Policy Specialist
Policy Specialist (Freshwater)
Corporate Policy Specialist
Strategic Policy Specialist
Delaraine Armstrong, Co-Chair Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group
Paul Beverley, Buddle Findlay
Raheera Douglas, Whaia Legal

The meeting commenced at 11.00am.

TITLE: Meetings schedule 2023

From: Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to confirm the meeting schedule for Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party's (TTMAC) formal meetings and workshops for 2023. Clause 14 of TTMAC's Terms of Reference states:

"The working party will meet up to a maximum of 10 times a year. These will alternate between a formal meeting of the working party which will be held at the council's office in Whangārei and workshops at marae focusing on local issues (i.e. up to five formal meeting and five marae-based workshops.)"

It is proposed that:

1. Meetings and workshops continue to be held on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of the inaugural meeting. This is to be held on 23 February 2023 to allow sufficient time for the tāngata whenua re-mandating process, for staff to prepare papers, and to avoid any scheduling conflicts with Waitangi Day commemorations. The next meeting will be 13 April, given 9 March is so close in proximity to 23 February.
2. Formal meetings to be held in Council Chambers, with the tāngata whenua caucus from 9.30 – 11.00am to assist iwi and hapū members to provide feedback on agenda items for the full TTMAC meeting, and the full meeting with councillors commencing at 11.00am – 3.00pm. Members are also able to join via audio-visual link.
3. As agreed TTMAC's 9 December 2021 meeting, that workshops are to focus on Ngā Whāinga in TTMAC's Strategic Intent 2021-2040 to help advise and inform TTMAC on important issues and impacts on iwi and hapū, and that the venue be able to host online hui to reduce travel for members and make it easier for external speakers to attend. Workshops generally run from 10.00 – 2.00pm.
4. It is recommended that two of the workshops be held on marae hosted by TTMAC iwi and hapū members and that council provide appropriate supports and resources to assist with these marae-based workshops.
5. That the meeting schedule be reviewed every 12 months to ensure that TTMAC is able to advance the Whāinga/Key Objectives and optimise the benefits associated with marae-based workshops, including attendance and availability of TTMAC members as it relates to the proposed meeting schedule.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Meetings schedule 2023' by Sally Bowron, Strategy, Governance and Engagement Team Admin/PA and dated 5 December 2022, be received.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party for 2023 meets every second Thursday of the month, from February 2023 to November 2023 as follows.

Date	Type of meeting
23 February	Inaugural formal meeting

Date	Type of meeting
9 March	Deferred to April
13 April	Formal meeting
11 May	Workshop – marae-based
8 June	Formal meeting
13 July	Workshop
10 August	Formal meeting
14 September	Workshop – marae-based
12 October	Formal meeting
9 November	Workshop
14 December	Formal meeting

3. That workshops focus on Ngā Whāinga in TTMAC’s Strategic Intent 2021-2040 and that venues be able to host online hui so that it is more efficient for members to attend, reducing travel time and facilitates speakers/guests to participate.
4. That the host and location for the respective marae-based workshops be:
 - i. for the 11 May _____ will host at _____ marae.
 - ii. for the 14 September _____ will host at _____ marae.

OR

That the 11 May and 14 September marae-based hosts and locations be confirmed at the 13 April Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meeting.

5. That, when members review the Terms of Reference, they consider amending Clause 14 to reflect any changes made by the recommended actions above.

Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

TITLE: Nominations for Hapū and Iwi members to Council Joint Committees and Working Parties

From: Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

At the council meeting held on 22 November 2022, council approved their governance structure and membership, including the delegations and terms of reference².

Council reaffirmed the continuation of the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) and resolved to maintain iwi and hapū representation on the Natural Resources, and Biosecurity and Biodiversity working parties by appointing equal membership of TTMAC iwi and hapū members, and councillors.

Council invites iwi and hapū members of TTMAC to nominate representatives onto the two working parties, and also onto the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee, as a recommendation for council to endorse at their next meeting.

In addition, for the first time to strengthen Māori representation, Council endorsed independent Tangata Whenua Experts with voting rights to be appointed onto the Investment and Property Subcommittee and the Audit and Risk Subcommittee³.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Nominations for Hapū and Iwi members to Council Joint Committees and Working Parties' by Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 23 January 2023, be received.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) iwi and hapū members nominate:
 - a. Four TTMAC iwi and hapū members onto the Natural Resources Working Party
 - (i) _____
 - (ii) _____
 - (iii) _____
 - (iv) _____
 - b. Four TTMAC iwi and hapū members onto the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party:
 - (i) _____
 - (ii) _____
 - (iii) _____
 - (iv) _____

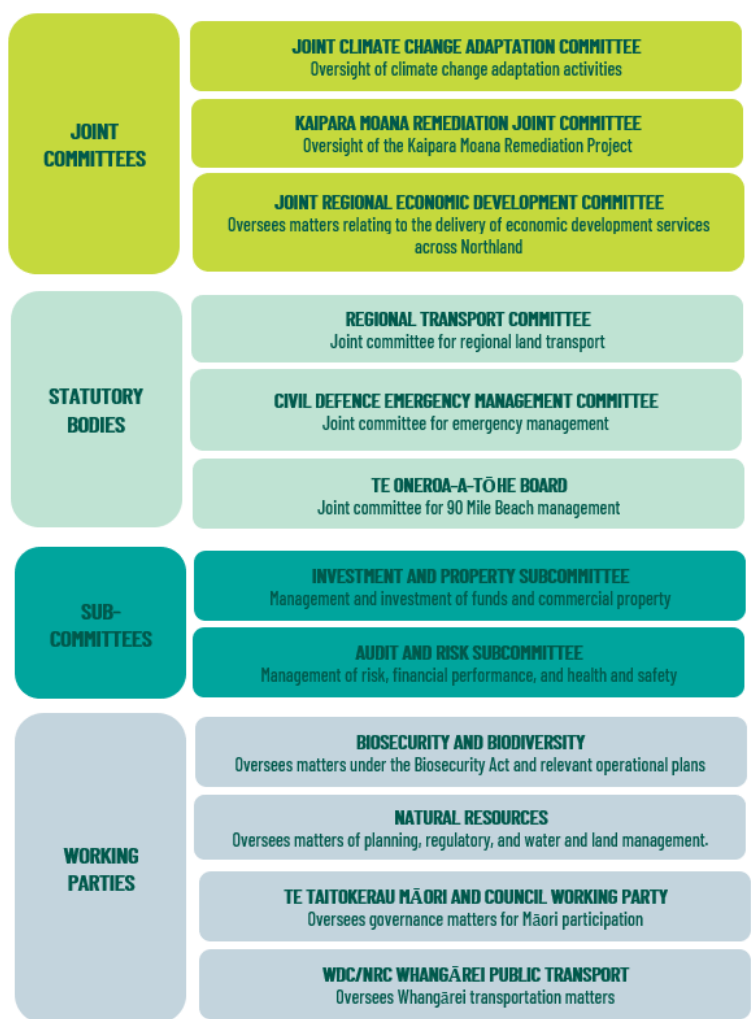
² [Microsoft Word - NRC Local Governance Statement \(2022-25 Triennium\).docx](#)

³ See paper recommending Process for Appointment and Selection of Independent Tangata Whenua Experts

- c. Joint Climate Adaptation Committee
(Member) _____
(Alternate member) _____
3. That TTMAC endorse the hapū and iwi member nominations in Action 2 for council to adopt at the next formal meeting.

Background/Tuhinga

Following the election in October 2022 there were several workshop discussions on options for council’s governance structure for the next three years in office. Council decided on the governance structure in the diagram below. Full details of all committees and members are available on the council’s website⁴.



Memberships and functions

The following membership and functions were proposed for the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee, Natural Resources Working Party and Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party. Positions marked as “TBA” (to be appointed) indicate establishment of the position with the appointment yet to be confirmed.

⁴ [Microsoft Word - NRC Local Governance Statement \(2022-25 Triennium\).docx](#)

Joint Committees

Joint Climate Change Committee

The Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee is a standing committee made up of elected members from all the Northland councils and representatives from Northland hapū and iwi.

Meetings are about two hours duration and the 2023 dates have been scheduled for:

- Monday 20 Feb
- Friday 26 May
- Friday 1 September
- Monday 13 November

Member:	Cr A Macdonald
Alternate:	Cr J Crow
NRC iwi/hapū representative:	TBA (<i>previously Rihari Dargaville and Alternate Thomas Hohaia</i>)

- Provide direction and oversight of the development and implementation of climate change adaptation activities by local government in Te Taitokerau
- Receive advice and provide direction and support to Climate Adaptation Te Taitokerau
- Make recommendations to member councils to ensure a consistent regional approach is adopted to climate change adaptation activities

Working parties

Natural Resources Working Party

Meetings are about two to three hours duration and the 2023 dates have been scheduled for:

- Tuesday 21 February
- Wednesday 3 May
- Wednesday 2 August
- Wednesday 1 November.

Chair:	Cr A Macdonald
Members:	Crs J Carr, G Crawford, M Robinson
Māori Representation:	Four non-elected members of TTMAC
Ex officio:	Cr T Shortland

- Provide oversight on activities that contribute to or influence the quality & quantity of water including land management and environmental monitoring.
- Provide oversight on council's resource management planning and regulatory activities.
- Oversee the implementation of the Proposed Regional Plan.
- Be the governance entity for the policy implementation of Essential Freshwater.
- Make recommendations to council on appeals and recommendations to accept, adopt or reject private plan change applications.

Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party

Meetings are about two to three hours duration and the 2023 dates have been scheduled for:

- Tuesday 21 February
- Wednesday 3 May

- Wednesday 2 August
- Wednesday 1 November.

Chair:	Cr G Crawford
Members:	Crs J Blackwell, J Craw, M Robinson
Māori Representation:	Four non-elected members of TTMAC
Ex officio:	Cr T Shortland

- Provide oversight on council's biosecurity and biodiversity activities.
- Oversee the implementation of the Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP), Marine Pathway Plan (MPP) & regularly report progress to council.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

TITLE: **Independent Tangata Whenua Experts - Investment and Property, and Audit and Risk subcommittees**

From: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Bruce Howse, Pou Taumatua – Group Manager Corporate Services and Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

On confirmation of the governance structure, council decided to have two Independent Tangata Whenua Members (with voting rights) on each of the Audit and Risk, and Property and Investment subcommittees respectively in a commitment to strengthen Māori representation and expertise in governance roles. The role of the Independent Tangata Whenua Member is to provide independent specialist advice to the subcommittees within the scope of the subcommittees delegations and Te Tiriti responsibilities. The role has voting rights and also attends council meetings in an advisory capacity.

The rationale for the independent expert to be appointed externally rather than selected from TTMAC was the requirement and desire to ensure the process was broad enough and equivalent to similar council processes to identify a person who has the technical expertise and knowledge to support the delegations of the respective sub-committees.

It is recommended that council undertake recruitment for Independent Tangata Whenua Members in partnership with Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) and Te Kahu o Taonui. The proposed process and timeframes are:

- Role advertised by 10 April 2023,
- Applications close 27 April 2023,
- Shortlisting complete 30 April 2023,
- Interviews in week of 3 – 7 May 2023, and
- Report to council meeting 23 May 2023 with recommendation of appointment.

Council policy on appointment of independent advisors is **attached**.

As such the interview panel would be comprised of current TTMAC Co-Chairs, Councillor Stolwerk (Chair of Investment and Property Subcommittee), Councillor Jones (Chair of Audit and Risk Subcommittee), Chair Shortland and a Te Kahu o Taonui representative.

The reason for recommending these councillors is due to their Chair roles on the respective subcommittees and Chair Shortland being an ex-officio member on both subcommittees.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions


1. That the report 'Independent Tangata Whenua Experts - Investment and Property, and Audit and Risk subcommittees' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and dated 29 January 2023, be received.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorse the process for appointment of Independent Tangata Whenua Members to the Audit and Risk, and Property and Investment subcommittees.

3. That the recommendation to council is that TTMAC Co-Chairs, Councillors Stolwerk and Jones, Chair Shortland and a Te Kahu o Taonui representative be appointed as the panel to shortlist and interview applicants for the Independent Tangata Whenua Expert roles.
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Tuhinga/Background

Not applicable.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Attachment 1: Policy on the Appointment of Independent Advisors [↓](#) 

TITLE: **Re-establishment of the Māori Technical Advisory Group**

From: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

Council acknowledges that over the previous triennium the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) workload significantly increased and that MTAG members were being asked to provide both operational and governance advice as a subgroup of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC).

As a result, there have been a number of challenges including:

- An increase in the number of MTAG meetings to inform and assist with council's work programmes
- Limited ability to remunerate appropriately the total time and effort of MTAG members, as non-elected members of TTMAC
- An associated expectation that MTAG members provide a significant amount of time and expertise outside of meetings both to advance council's work and to provide support to TTMAC iwi and hapū members.
- A resolution at the TTMAC meeting held 8 September 2022 that the incoming council considers further discussion about the provision and remuneration of Māori technical advice and how that fits into the governance structure.

Demands on TTMAC iwi and hapū members are likely to increase this term in relation to central government reforms, long-term planning, the implementation of Tāiki e, and having to respond to other council priorities. Therefore, the purpose of this item is to recommend an alternative to MTAG that seeks to resolve the challenges by establishing an operational technical kaitiaki group resourced to support priority actions identified by TTMAC and operational activities focused on achieving Tāiki ē. It is also recommended that guidance be provided by previous members of MTAG, given their experience and knowledge, to the scope/guidelines for the establishment of the kaitiaki group i.e., purpose, criteria and expectations of roles and responsibilities.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Re-establishment of the Māori Technical Advisory Group' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 23 January 2023, be received.
2. That an operational technical kaitiaki group be established to support priority actions as identified by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) and operational activities focused on achieving Tāiki ē.
3. That the following members of the 2019 – 2022 Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) be endorsed to provide guidance on the scope for the establishment of the kaitiaki technical group and that those members be remunerated for that work:

Tuhinga/Background

The Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) enhances Māori participation in council to better inform council work programmes, policies and procedures.

The previous membership of MTAG is listed below:

Member	Affiliation
Juliane Chetham	Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board
Georgina Connelly	Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust
Nora Rameka	Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia
Mira Norris	Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust
Rowan Tautari	Te Whakapiko Hapū
William Sullivan	Ngātiwai Trust Board
Janelle Beazley	Te Runanga ā Iwi o Ngāpuhi

During the prior three-year term, MTAG contributed to the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) Strategic Intent 2021 – 2040 and Ngā Whaingā.

MTAG was initially established as a seven-member group.

In appointing replacement members, TTMAC should recall that the primary criterion for appointment is that members have the technical knowledge and experience to provide detailed advice to inform these plans and processes. Secondary criteria are providing, as best as possible, for regional coverage within the seven-member group, and members' availability for attending meetings. The MTAG was endorsed in 2015 as a sub-group of the iwi and hapū members of TTMAC to provide technical advice and guidance. They do not have formal delegations or terms of reference and the MTAG priorities and focus are set by TTMAC.

It is important to note that the Te Tiriti Health Check reported MTAG members' views and that the TTMAC agenda is largely determined by the Council's agenda and framework and that more opportunities and resources are needed to consider matters important to Māori. Council needs to clearly communicate back to iwi/hapū about MTAG and Māori technical expertise/input and how this has been addressed.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

TITLE: **Terms of Reference Review**

From: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

This paper seeks feedback and endorsement from Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) on a process to revise the current Terms of Reference. Currently, no changes or amendments have been made to the current Terms of Reference (attached) for the 2022-2025 triennium, however the following suggestions for improvements are noted:

- Recognition of the TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021-2040 Kaupapa and Mission Statement within the Terms of Reference as a reflection of iwi and hapū aspirations
- Incorporation and integration of the principles of Tāiki ē Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Recognition of membership to reflect the changes of Te Kahu o Taonui.

It is recommended that the TTMAC co-chairs work with key staff to review the Terms of Reference (ToR) to make any amendments as a result of the feedback today and bring back the ToR with amendments to the 9 March TTMAC meeting, for endorsement that the ToR go for adoption at a formal council meeting.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Terms of Reference Review' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 23 January 2023, be received.
 2. That the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorse the following process to revise the current Terms of Reference:
 - a. TTMAC co-chairs work with key staff to review and amend the Terms of Reference, taking into consideration any feedback provided by members.
 - b. The proposed revised Draft Terms of Reference to be brought to TTMAC next formal meeting for members consideration and endorsement.
 - c. That the Terms of Reference endorsed by TTMAC go to the next available formal council meeting for adoption.
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Tuhinga/Background

The current Terms of Reference (TOR) is attached for members' review and feedback.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Attachment 1: Terms of Reference 2019 - 2022 (current) [↓](#) 

TITLE: Tāiki ē Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan Progress Report

From: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to update Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) on the progress of *Tāiki e*, the NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan. Now that it has been formally adopted by council, it is a commitment that regular updates focussed on Priority 1 Actions, the work being done and any challenges that need to be addressed in partnership with hāpu and iwi noting that *Tāiki ē* only addresses two of the Whaingā – Māori Representation and Building Capability and Capacity.

This process is fundamental to preparing proposals to facilitate Māori representation and building capacity and capability of Māori in regard to the Annual and Long Term Plan (2024-2034).

As such, the attached table summarises three phases and council's commitment (in the first 12 months) to commence priorities that are top priority and have the potential to have a significant impact in terms of work and resourcing.

- Phase 1 – Priority 1, 2 and 3 actions and work that is already underway.
- Phase 2 - Priority 1 actions that have commenced and have been endorsed by TTMAC and other priority actions.
- Phase 3 – Priority 1 actions that have commenced and need TTMAC endorsement.
- Phase 4 – Priority 1 actions that have been undertaken as part of TTMAC being re-established.

Council request that the report be received, and any subsequent feedback be considered in the ongoing reporting and implementation of *Tāiki ē*. It is also recommended that a *Tāiki ē* Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan Report (with timeframes and milestones) be a standing agenda item on the TTMAC agenda in council's commitment to being as open, honest as transparent as possible, particularly where council may be unable to deliver on the priority actions as planned.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions


1. That the report 'Tāiki ē Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan Progress Report' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement and Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and dated 13 February 2023, be received.
2. That *Tāiki e* Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan Report be a standing agenda item for TTMAC.

Tuhinga/Background

Tāiki ē was formally adopted by council in July 2022 and outlines the actions to be taken to achieve shared outcomes guided by Northland Regional Council's (NRC) Te Pae Tawhiti – Our Vision 2021 – 2031 and Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Committee (TTMAC) Strategic Intent Te Pae Tawhiti | Vision 2040 and Te Kaupapa | Mission Statement. The Implementation Plan focuses specifically on actions to achieve desired goals for Capacity and Capability and Māori Representation. Both parties

acknowledged that there are other groups, agreements, and relationships, such as with Te Kahu o Taonui (TKoT) via the Whanaunga ki Taurangi agreement, Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreements and Memorandum of Understandings, that NRC has that are separate to TTMAC. This Implementation Plan does not override those existing relationships and agreements.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Attachment 1: Table summarising Tāiki ē actions [↓](#) 

TITLE: **Māori Expertise Procurement Policy Draft**

From: Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement;
Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and Nicola Hartwell, Legal Advisor
(Corporate Policy Specialist)

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

Over the last triennium council was experiencing an increasing need and demand to procure a range of Māori expertise and services in response to council activities, central government requirements and legislative reforms that gives effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Māori Expertise Procurement Policy provides clear guidance as to the processes under which council will contract Māori businesses and suppliers for their expertise, the quantum amount as determined by the market. It simplifies the approach that council takes to meet legal and financial requirements of local government.

Development and approval of council procurement policy is an operational matter and therefore the responsibility sits with the CEO to approve and implement within council. However, given the significance of this and the desire to ensure a high level of iwi and hapū input, guidance and support the CEO is seeking TTMAC feedback and endorsement ahead of approving the policy.

The purpose of this item is to update TTMAC on progress of the work being undertaken in relation to Tāiki ē and seek feedback from iwi and hapū members on the draft policy.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Māori Expertise Procurement Policy Draft' by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement; Kim Peita, Maori Relationships Manager and Nicola Hartwell, Legal Advisor (Corporate Policy Specialist) and dated 21 December 2022, be received.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorses and provides the following feedback for the CEO prior to approval and implementation of the Māori Expertise Procurement Policy Draft:
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Tuhinga/Background

The draft Māori Expertise Procurement Policy is directly linked to Priority 1 and 3 actions under Tāiki ē noted below:

1. Continue developing a Tāiki ē (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan) that includes, as a minimum:
 - a. What it means for NRC to uphold its Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles and obligation (e.g., what will success look like) and how NRC will live them through decision-making and operations;
 - b. NRC's overarching positions are clearly articulated on important matters such as transfer of powers under the RMA, payment for kaitiaki, recognition of mātauranga Māori and tangata whenua participation in decision making; and

Incorporate the findings and recommendations of Te Tiriti o Waitangi Health Check.

11. Ensure Tangata Whenua are consistently resourced to participate in governance, decision-making and operational activities by:
 - a. reviewing different funding models used elsewhere in Aotearoa that could be applied, adapted and enhanced in Te Taitokerau;
 - b. Taking into account the findings of (a), develop and implement an agreed methodology and policy regarding consistent resourcing of Tangata Whenua.
24. Review council procurement policies and processes to ensure fair and equal opportunities for Tangata Whenua consultants and contractors to obtain council contracts.
25. Identify opportunities in Council activities for Tangata Whenua consultants and contractors to apply for council contracts.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Attachment 1: DRAFT Kaitaonga Pūkenga Māori - Māori Expertise Procurement Policy [↓](#) 

TITLE: Tāngata Whenua Climate Adaptation Plan Fund

From: Tom FitzGerald, Climate Change Manager and Julian Hansen, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori - Senior Māori Technical Advisor

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience and Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on 20 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga/Executive summary

This paper provides an overview of the Tāngata Whenua Climate Adaptation Plan Fund and the process for implementation of the fund. The fund supports Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party's (TTMAC) climate crisis Whāinga, notably providing support and resources to tāngata whenua to prepare for and address the effects of climate change.

The Climate Action and Māori Relationships teams are working in partnership to ensure the fund complements and is consistent with other existing council grant funds and work programmes, and to devise a strategic approach to deliver the funds (pūtea) that council has available for climate adaptation mahi.

We propose that the Tāngata Whenua Climate Adaptation Plan Fund initially be delivered in two phases. The first phase will sit within the Iwi Hapū Environmental Management Plan (IHEMP) programme and augment the funding currently available to develop these plans. We recommend that the IHEMP grant fund be reopened promptly to allow applications to be submitted, reviewed and decided upon. Funds carried over from the 2021-2022 financial year will be used for Phase 1.

Phase 2 is likely to be broader in scope and will seek to provide funding support for climate action more generally. Background work to establish this second round of funding will occur concurrently with the delivery of Phase 1 and will align with and support other existing funds, where appropriate. The intent of this second phase is to enable flax-roots planning and action to support tāngata whenua to adapt to a changing climate, build community resilience, and foster a regional transition to net zero.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia/Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Tāngata Whenua Climate Adaptation Plan Fund' by Tom FitzGerald, Climate Change Manager and Julian Hansen, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori - Senior Māori Technical Advisor and dated 21 December 2022, be received.
2. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party endorse the process and phasing for implementation of the fund.

Tuhinga/Background

The Tāngata Whenua Climate Adaptation Plan Fund (the Fund), once established, will directly support the following priority actions (and indirectly support a number of other actions) in each of the following Strategies:

Strategy	Action
Ngā Taumata o te Moana Our strategy for tackling climate change	8. Adaptation community engagement - technical support
	9. Hapū-focused climate resilience programme
	23. Te Taitokerau Joint Adaptation Strategy - climate risk and Māori engagement

Strategy	Action
Te Taitokerau Climate Adaptation Strategy	T1. Ensure tāngata whenua are appropriately involved in adaptation decision-making
	T2. Ensure Māori values and worldviews are included in council processes and decision-making related to climate change.
	T9. Improve bi-cultural understanding of climate risks and consequences.
	T10. Enable iwi/ hapū-led adaptation planning at appropriate scales
Tāiki e NRC Te Tiriti strategy	<p>7. Taking into account the existing tools and models available, develop and fund a culturally appropriate Council environmental monitoring programme that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses iwi and hapū interests and concerns in the monitoring of the environment; Includes the incorporation of mātauranga Māori, tikanga Māori and recognition of the role of Tāngata Whenua as kaitiaki; Recognises and provides for any cultural monitoring tools endorsed by iwi and hapū; Is consistently implemented as a component of NRC environmental monitoring and reporting practices and processes; and Is reviewed and updated every 3 years for its effectiveness and efficiency. <p>16. Deliver specific projects within agreed priority areas of interest (e.g. water / marine, climate crisis, economic development) to Tāngata Whenua and NRC by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaking a stocktake of existing projects and work programmes being progressed with the agreed priority areas of interest; Establishing and implementing a joint TTMAC and NRC work programme that identifies new opportunities for joint projects; and Seeking resourcing through the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Planning cycle.

Proposal

To establish a specific grant fund to support tāngata whenua to lead their own climate adaptation planning processes, with the flexibility to provide assistance at the different stages that iwi / hapū may be at in this process.

We expect that Phase 1 will enable the use of funds that have been carried forward from the previous financial year, by leveraging the current IHEMP fund allocation process.

Phase 2 will require further scoping and development, to best meet the growing demand for practical and location-specific planning, preparation, and action. We intend to have this component of the fund available for allocation in July 2023.

Phase 1 – IHEMPs and climate change

Objectives include:

- Encouraging and enabling more climate action to be built into new and existing IHEMPs.
- Supporting IHEMP implementation and the establishment of cultural monitoring frameworks. A number of IHEMPs describe a Te Ao Māori framework for monitoring the environment and the wellbeing of their community within that environment. Supporting the implementation of such frameworks by funding (for example) implementation and/or tāngata whenua capacity development would assist tāngata whenua to partner with NRC in monitoring the effects of climate change. A good example of a cultural monitoring framework can be found in Section III of the Patuharakeke Hapū Environmental Management Plan 2014 (see 3.3 Kaitiaki Monitoring Tools presenting the Coastal Cultural Health Indicators).

- Creating a direct statutory link to the RMA that is lacking in other community adaptation planning processes around Aotearoa, by directly linking adaptation planning work with IHEMPs.

Key statutory links that can be made are described below:

- The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) (s8) directs those exercising powers and functions under the Act to take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi). These principles have been defined by the courts and the Waitangi Tribunal to include partnership; mutual benefit; reciprocity; informed decision-making; acting reasonably, honourably and in good faith; redress; active protection; and participation.
- All persons exercising powers and functions under the RMA shall “recognise and provide” for the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taonga (s6(e)); and shall have “particular regard” to kaitiakitanga (s7(a)). Kaitiakitanga of taonga is a core element of IHEMPs.
- The RMA stipulates that regional councils must, when preparing or changing regional policy statements and plans, take into account any relevant planning document recognised by an iwi authority that has been properly lodged with council, to the extent that they have a bearing on resource management issues of the region (s61(2A) and s66(2A)). This also applies to planning documents prepared by customary marine title groups. An IHEMP is recognised as a relevant planning document for this purpose.

Implementation

- Supplement current IHEMP fund application process.
- Extend current fund round with additional component.
- Encourage current IHEMP holders to revise plans to include or enhance climate action.
- Cultural competency training for NRC staff on how to use IHEMPs, however this will be funded by existing council budgets and is not intended to be covered by the fund.

We propose to leverage IHEMPs as vehicles for supporting climate action for the following reasons:

- Māori communities in Te Taitokerau are among some of the most vulnerable to climate change, and they face existential threats to their cultural taonga and values, so are highly motivated to effect change and increase their resilience.
- The iwi and hapū who have previously developed or are currently developing IHEMPs are likely to be those who are the most motivated and well organised in the region to implement climate action, in addition to having a favourable predisposition to partnering with NRC.
- Iwi- and hapū-led initiatives have good potential to address climate change issues effectively at the local level due to having common purposes as well as strong community cohesion, communication and organisational skills.
- The tendency of iwi and hapū to have a holistic approach to environmental issues is likely to yield useful lessons and experience that can be applied to other climate change adaptation initiatives in the region.
- NRC has a duty under the RMA to partner with Māori to support them to exercise their kaitiaki roles, and to recognise and provide for Māori to express their relationship to their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taonga.
- NRC has to date significantly under-utilised the potential of IHEMPs as a vehicle for partnership with iwi- and hapū — in accordance with Te Tiriti principles — to implement concrete actions responding to mutual, but especially iwi- and hapū-led, priorities. The Fund

is an important opportunity to leverage resources to support the achievement of more effective partnership.

Climate Change sections in IHEMPs as platform for second funding round

For the Phase 1 funding round, grants will be made only to iwi and hapū presenting climate change-related issues, objectives, policies, plans, and/or methods for funding consideration. Those with climate change already mentioned in their IHEMPs will be proactively contacted, but all iwi and hapū will be offered the opportunity to apply for funding, including those who have not yet addressed climate change in their IHEMP. The desired outcome is an optimal number of updated and revised IHEMPs that include a climate change component.

As an example of an IHEMP with an existing climate change component, Section 10 of Te Roroa 2019 Iwi Environmental Policy Document addresses climate change directly. This section outlines climate change-related issues, objectives, policies and methods. For Phase 1 funding, Te Roroa might for example wish to update and revise their IHEMP and elaborate further on climate change-related plans and actions. They might also wish to apply for a grant in the Phase 2 funding round for implementation of plans and actions. Or they might be content to stop at Phase 1 if the timing or criteria do not fit immediately. As the fund will be rolled out over ten years, there will be further opportunities to apply once individual iwi and hapū are ready to do so.

Phase 2 – Strategic overview of climate action support including general climate adaptation mahi

General climate adaptation mahi

Tāngata whenua wish to lead their own adaptation planning processes and seek the tools and resources to do so. The fund intends to support iwi- and hapū-led climate change adaptation planning at the stage and scale relevant to a 'place-based' setting. Councils in Te Taitokerau will be facilitating adaptation planning at a regional/district scale, and the objective of this part of the fund is to complement this with a bottom-up community approach. By doing this, we hope to build capacity and to support enduring partnerships founded on shared climate action.

Examples of climate action support

NRC currently enables and supports climate action in different ways: e.g. natural hazard investigations and updated science, the Water Resilience Fund, and partnerships with territorial authorities to support community adaptation planning (including seed funding).

This fund would provide direct assistance to those iwi and hapū communities in need who may be most exposed to climate risk and may have particularly vulnerable populations and/or assets.

Examples of support could include:

- Resourcing expertise to provide specific climate-related advice.
- IHEMPs (ongoing) – especially cultural monitoring.
- Enabling engagement/hui/kōrero on climate change.
- Alignment and augmentation of the Water Resilience Fund.
- Marae Emergency Response plans.
- Development of solar power and heating facilities.
- Planning for managed retreat (marae, community facilities, urupā / wāhi tapu, and other sites of cultural significance and value to Māori).
- Integration of the Te Ao Māori decision-making framework (expected to be finalised this year).

Implementation:

Phase 2 will require the development of allocation guidelines and criteria, with the intent that this funding will be available from July 2023.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Nil

TITLE: Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group: Stage 2 Reports

From: Alison Newell, Policy Specialist

Authorised by Ruben Wylie, Pou Tiaki Taiao – Group Manager Environmental Services, on
Group Manager/s: 01 February 2023

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) was tasked with providing advice to council on the content, from a tangata whenua perspective, of the freshwater plan change which the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM) requires council to prepare and notify by no later than December 2024.

With the assistance of consultants, TWWAG has been working on their recommendations, including three workshops held with Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) towards the end of last year. TWWAG has also undertaken a series of case studies to help inform their recommendations.

TWWAG has now completed both the Stage 2 Recommendations Report (Attachment 1) and the associated Case Studies (Attachment 2) which are presented here for TTMAC endorsement to Council for consideration in the development of the freshwater plan change.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommended actions

1. That the report 'Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group: Stage 2 Reports' by Alison Newell, Policy Specialist and dated 1 February 2023, be received.
2. That the Stage 2 report *Nga Roimata o ngā atua: The tears of Ranginui and Papatūānuku: A recommendation report to support the implementation of Te Mana o Te Wai in te Tai Tokerau* be endorsed by the iwi and hapū members of TTMAC to present to council for consideration, subject to any further minor amendments, translation of key text and formatting.
3. That the Stage 2 report *Voices of Ngā Wai Māori ki te Tai Tokerau: A Case Study Report* be endorsed by the iwi and hapū members of TTMAC to present to council for consideration.

Background/Tuhinga

Building on their Stage 1 work (*Te Mana me te Mauri o te Wai: A Discussion Document for Te Tai Tokerau*) which was endorsed by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council (TTMAC) in June 2022, the members of the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) have worked through a series of facilitated workshops and an overnight wananga to develop TWWAG's recommendations on the content of the freshwater plan change from a tangata whenua perspective. Peer review was also provided by two independent planning experts. Three TWWAG workshops were held with TTMAC in October – December last year to provide all TTMAC iwi and hapū members with the opportunity to discuss the draft recommendations and provide feedback. Based on the feedback received, TWWAG have further refined their report


The Stage 2 report *Nga Roimata o ngā atua: The tears of Ranginui and Papatūānuku: A recommendation report to support the implementation of Te Mana o Te Wai in te Tai Tokerau* will undergo final layout and formatting, and key text translated into Te Reo Māori (as previously

requested by TTMAC) once TTMAC iwi and hapū members have endorsed the content and recommendations.

Selected freshwater case studies were also undertaken, involving both literature review and in-depth interviews with key identified individuals, to help inform TWWAG's recommendations. These case studies had a particular focus on lessons learnt and best practice in regards to decision-making, governance, tangata whenua engagement and the use existing tools such as s.33 Transfer of powers and functions, Mana Whakahono a Rohe agreements and Iwi/Hapu Environmental Management Plans (IHEMPS). The *Voices of Ngā Wai Maori ki te Tai Tokerau: A Case Study Report* is complete and attached for endorsement.

Once endorsed by the iwi and hapū members of TTMAC, both reports will be presented to council for consideration in its freshwater plan change deliberations.

Ngā tapirihanga / Attachments

Attachment 1: Stage 2 report Nga Roimata o Nga Atua FINAL [↓](#) 

Attachment 2: Case study report FINALdocx [↓](#) 