

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
on Thursday 11 July 2024, commencing at 11.00am - 3.00pm

Tuhinga (Present):

Co-Chair, NRC (Deputy Chair) Tui Shortland
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene
Councillor Crawford
Councillor Jack Craw
Councillor Jones
Councillor Robinson
Kahukuraariki Trust Board, Geraldine Baker
Ngāti Kuta Michelle Elboz
Ngāti Tara, Mahue Greaves
Patuharakeke Iwi Trust Board, Sheila Taylor
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Niki Conrad
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, Abe Witana
Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Bree Davis
Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Nyze Manuel
Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly
Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā, Ngāti Takapari, Ripeka Read
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari

I Tae Mai (In Attendance):

Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)

Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori - Senior Māori Technical Advisor
Kaiāwhina Kaupapa Māori Technical Advisor
Kaiwhakahaere Honongā Māori
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement
Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement
Pou Tiaki Hapori - GM Community Resilience
Pou Whakaritenga – GM Regulatory Services
Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Celia Witehira

Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)

Barker Associates, David Badham, Makarena Dalton
Kai Whiri Iwituna - Senior Catchment Advisor
Kaitātari Kaupapa Wai Māori
Monitoring Manager
Policy and Planning Manager
Policy Specialists, Policy and Planning Team
Rivers Manager

Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, George Riley
Troy Brockbank, Water engineer

The iwi and hapū caucus commenced at 9.30am with karakia and mihi by Co-Chair Pita Tipene and representative for Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka. At the opening of the 11.00am formal meeting, Co-chair Shortland acknowledged the karakia given at the caucus, noting that it continued to resonate for the formal meeting, and delivered a brief mihi.

Karakia / Whakatau

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Councillor Amy Macdonald
Councillor Joe Carr
Councillor John Blackwell
Councillor Rick Stolwerk
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake
Ngātiwai Trust Board, Aperahama Edwards
Te Roroa, Delilah Te Aōrere Parore-Southon
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua Alan Riwaka
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Janelle Beazley
Te Whakaminenga o te Hikutu Hapū-Whanau, Lynette Wharerau

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 – 9 May 2024 (Item 4.1)

It was agreed that the record of actions was an accurate reflection of the meeting.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 4.2)

The action sheet was received.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Tāiki ē - Report on Priority Actions (Item 4.3)

The Tāiki ē report on priority actions was received.

The key discussion points were about gaining a higher-level overview of council activities (like caulerpa and protected marine areas) and being more deliberate in finding collaboration opportunities, especially for Tāiki ē Actions 13 and 30. Members also discussed reallocating council surpluses to projects that benefit both the council and tangata whenua.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Te Taitokerau Maori and Council Working Party Review - update (Item 4.4)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Action , Priority 1 and Action 16, Priority 2 was received.

The report provided an update on the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) Strategic Review Working Group's progress. Two meetings have been held, with a detailed report to be presented at TTMAC's 12 September 2024 meeting.

Agreed action points:

- That the recommendations from the TTMAC Strategic Review working group be presented for members consideration at the 12 September 2024 TTMAC meeting.

Tāiki ē - Resource Consents Review Report (Item 4.5)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Action 9, Priority 1, was received.

Consultants David Badham and Makarena Dalton, who were engaged by NRC to review its resource consenting process, presented an overview of *Tāiki ē – Regulatory Services Review – Resource Consents Process – Final Draft's* findings and preliminary recommendations. Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorsement was sought for the report before it was submitted to the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee for its consideration.

Key discussion points included:

- the first logical step is a shared contact database and processes
- the need for the report to align with Audit, Finance and Risk Committee considerations and reporting requirements
- the report's focus was on the granting of resource consents, with post-consent monitoring and enforcement being the next phase of the work
- the importance of engaging with iwi and hapū about GIS spatial mapping tools
- funding available to support iwi and hapū in the distribution, vetting, review, and comment on resource consent applications
- the need for iwi and hapū to be involved in the pre-lodgement phase and addressing gaps in the council's process, particularly around hapū contacts
- whether a shared process across Te Taitokerau could be created for a more streamlined approach, given the transactional nature of parts of the process.

Agreed action points:

- That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorses the Tāiki ē - Regulatory Services Review - Resource Consent Process - Final Draft (the Report), subject to any minor changes or amendments.
- That the Report is presented to the Audit Risk and Finance Committee 28 August 2024 meeting for their oversight in relation to Regulatory Services and to consider the financial implications of the recommendations.
- That the topic of a shared service for resource consents be raised through forums such as the Mayoral forum and Local Government New Zealand.

Te Tiriti Health Check 2024 (Item 4.6)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Action 1, Priority 1, was received.

This item sought to re-establish the working group for the bi-annual Te Tiriti Health Check, and engage consultants Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal to conduct the work programme as proposed.

Key discussion points included:

- the Te Arawhiti framework is no longer appropriate and a Te Taitokerau framework be developed that's inclusive of He Whakaputanga 1835 and Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840.
- ensuring that the consultants are still the best to utilise and that they remain accountable through the process.
- the importance of keeping the original 2022 Te Tiriti Health Check in mind, and understanding how it links to the Long Term Plan.

Agreed action points:

- That a Te Tiriti Health Check working group be re-established to advise and guide council on how to action the recommendations made in the Te Tiriti Health Check 2022 and to remunerate the members as per council policies.
- That the members of the original 2022 Te Tiriti Health Check working group be asked if they are available for the 2024 working group (Mira Norris, Rowan Tautari and Juliane Chetham). If not, that Celia Witehira and Nyze Manuel be nominated as replacements.
- That Buddle Findlay and Whaia Legal be engaged to commence the 2024 Te Tiriti Health Check work programme as proposed, to provide continuity through their experience and expertise with TTMAC and council.
- That the working group investigate the development of a Te Taitokerau specific framework to guide future bi-annual Te Tiriti o Waitangi Health Checks.

Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group update (Item 4.7)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Action 27, Priority 1, was received.

As requested at the March 2024 meeting of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC), the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) provided a recommendation on the future of TWWAG, given council's decision to delay notification of the proposed freshwater plan change until after central government has amended the National Policy Statement – Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) and the Resource Management Act (RMA).

Key discussion points included:

- members were supportive of the recommendations but emphasised the need for a strategic approach that aligned with the TTMAC Strategic Review and Te Tiriti Health Check
- wider questions that need addressing include how to embed te ao Māori expertise around council, separation of governance from operational work, how to value and remunerate the expertise and, if an expert panel was put in place, whether it would be accountable to TTMAC, council or staff
- Te Rarawa and other iwi use a process to ensure their active involvement in appointing Māori experts to panels managing the Tē Aupouri aquifer, which could offer useful insights
- if the recommendations are not immediately implemented, continued access to independent Te Ao Māori expertise is still needed for several workstreams
- that the disbanding of TWWAG be deferred until there is a clear direction from the TTMAC Strategic Review working group.

Agreed action points:

1. Subject to recommendations from the TTMAC Strategic Review, that the iwi and hapū representatives on Te Taitokerau Maori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorse to council that:
 - a. the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) be disbanded with a view to reconvene the group when council is closer to developing a proposed freshwater plan change for notification; and

- b. the concept of the Te Ao Maori Expert Panel recommendations included in this report are considered as part of the TTMAC review that is presently underway.
2. That the TWWAG learnings and recommendations inform the TTMAC review regarding the capacity of independent Māori technical expertise and appropriate remuneration.

Wetland mapping tool (Item 4.8)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Action 27, Priority 1, was received.

The purpose of the report was to provide an overview of the wetland mapping tool commissioned in a joint project by the council and Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme (KMR). The wetland mapping project had previously been outlined to Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) in March 2022.

Key discussion points included:

- wetlands are significant places and can be highly tapu as they hold taonga and taniwha, and some areas should remain undisclosed to the public and be protected
- iwi and hapū members sought more active involvement in the mapping process through a workshop or convening a group
- that the timeframe for release of the mapping was flexible and could be paused for kōrero
- the importance of language – that iwi and hapū should not be considered as ‘other interested parties’ but as Te Tiriti partners
- how to inform tauiwi if a site is wahi tapu
- concerns were raised about mapping tapu sites without hapū involvement, the robustness of the mapping methodology and the need for ground truthing
- the process needed to include discussions with iwi and hapū about data sovereignty and protection.

Agreed action points:

- That staff engage with the Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) on the wetland mapping process to ensure the key issues highlighted by TTMAC are appropriately addressed prior to further implementation.

Te Mana me te Mauri o te Wai - monitoring programme update (Item 4.9)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Actions 7 and 8, Priority 1, was received.

This report sought approval for a high-level workplan and 2024/2025 tangata whenua environmental monitoring fund criteria. These were developed following the 9 May 2024 Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) meeting, where members agreed to shift from a Mātauranga Monitoring Framework to implementing a series of recommendations from wānanga with Mana Whakahono ā Rohe (MWaR) partners.

Key discussion points:

- clarification was sought about council’s position on Te Mana o te Wai
- members were hesitant to endorse the workplan due to concerns about unmet resourcing needs and the need for broader funding opportunities as demand grew
- MWaR partners sought clarity on how their wānanga discussions with staff led to the recommendations in the current report, especially regarding the effectiveness of a contestable fund
- that, given the importance of council’s partnership with MWaR partners, a further hui was needed with those partners before the workplan could be endorsed
- additionally, a ‘deeper dive’ TTMAC workshop was proposed to test and refine the Kaitiaki Network approach and funding criteria (contestability, workability for kaitiaki)

- the name of the monitoring framework was discussed. It was noted that finding a Māori word for “monitoring” can be challenging due to its deeper meanings, so using the English term may be acceptable
- it was decided not to endorse the workplan but hui with the MWaR partners to gather advice about how to approach/shape a Te Mana me te Mauri o te Wai item for an August TTMAC workshop.

Agreed action points:

- That Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā, and Ngāti Takapari be asked whether the marae-based hui they were hosting on 8 August be changed to a workshop in Chambers to discuss the proposed Te Mauri me te Mana o te Wai monitoring programme, funding criteria, and kaitiaki network concept.
- That prior to the 8 August workshop, staff hold a hui with council’s Mana Whakahono a Rohe partners to gather advice about how to approach/shape the Te Mana me te Mauri o te Wai item for the August TTMAC workshop.

Secretarial Note: The representative for Te Waiariki, Ngāti Kororā, and Ngāti Takapari agreed to holding a workshop on 8 August.

Wananga Waioira 2024 (Item 4.10)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Action 27, Priority 1, was received.

This item sought approval to establish a project steering group to advise on the themes, programme, and speakers for the 2024 Wānanga Waioira and symposium.

Key discussion points:

- keep Wānanga Waioira as the kaupapa, with a focus on climate crisis and resilience. This may attract additional funding support
- the 2023 event at Waitangi was very successful with a Mid-North location. Consider Ngawha for its centrality and relevance to flood resilience.

Agreed action points:

- That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) nominate Nyze Manuel, Celia Witehira and Niki Conrad to work with council staff to confirm the theme and programme for Wānanga Waioira 2024.

Developing flood resilient marae (Item 4.11)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Actions 11 (Priority 1), 12 (Priority 2) and 28 (Priority 1), was received.

This item presented an update on the marae flood resilience plans, and detailed the funding for flood-prone marae to address the effects of climate change. The year-long project is almost fully government-funded. Of the approximately 350 marae in Te Taitokerau, about 70% of the project’s marae are in the Far North. A copy of the presentation is available at: [Flood Resilient Māori Communities and Marae \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

Key discussion points:

- TTMAC members will be invited to the opening on 9 August 2024 of the Kawakawa Deflection Bank and Otiria/Moerewa Spillway
- the success of the collaboration between council and iwi and hapū helps to secure additional central government funding.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Economic Development: Update on various matters (Item 4.12)

The report, relating to Tāiki ē Action 29, Priority 2, was received.

This report provided updates on three matters: Northland Inc shareholding; the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF); and 2023 Census (initial release).

Key discussion points:

- that TTMAC assist in identifying collaborative projects and investment opportunities with hapū and iwi, with the NIWA development being an example where there was a lack of consideration for hapū involvement
- the inconsistency of Northland Inc's communications, with the example being the opening of the Brynderwyns held at the Duke of Marlborough
- that Te Parawhau have an interest in being included in issues regarding council's shares in NorthPort, given that land was confiscated from Te Parawhau
- that Ngāti Rehia be provided with a Northland Inc contact for Kerikeri community development.

Agreed action points:

- That an economic development 'deep dive' be added to the agenda for the 8 August 2024 workshop and that Northland Inc's Chair and senior staff, the Chair of the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee, and Co-Chairs of the Steering Group for Te Rerenga be invited to attend.

Working Party Updates (Item 4.13)

This item was received and taken as read.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Chief Executive's Report to Council (Item 4.14)

This item was received and taken as read.

Agreed action points: Nil.

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 2.30pm.