

## **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 23 February 2023, commencing at 11.00am - 3.00pm (triennium inaugural meeting)

### **Tuhinga (Present):**

Co-Chair, Marty Robinson  
Co-Chair, Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hine, Pita Tipene  
Chair, Tui Shortland  
Councillor Amy Macdonald  
Councillor Jack Craw  
Councillor Rick Stolwerk  
Kahukuraariki Trust Board, Geraldine Baker  
Ngāti Kuta Michelle Elboz  
Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board, Julianne Chetham  
Te Parawhau Hapū Authority Charitable Trust, Mira Norris  
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Rehia, Nora Rameka  
Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa, George Riley  
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-O-Ngāpuhi, Janelle Beazley  
Te Waiāriki, Ngāti Korora, Ngāti Taka Hapū Iwi Trust, Edith Sigley-Davis  
Te Whakapiko Hapū, Rowan Tautari

### **I Tae Mai (In Attendance):**

#### **Huihuinga i te katoa (Full Meeting)**

Interpreter  
Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori Senior Māori Technical Advisor  
Kaiāwhina Kaupapa Māori Technical Advisor  
Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori – Māori Relationships Manager  
PA/Team Admin, Governance and Engagement  
Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement  
Pou Tiaki Pūtaiao – GM Biosecurity  
Tāhūhū Rangapū - Chief Executive Officer NRC

#### **Huihuinga i te wahanga (Part Meeting)**

Climate Resilience Advisor  
Co-Chair Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group, Dave Milner  
Co-Chair Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group, Delaraine Armstrong  
Community Engagement Manager- Deputy GM  
Financial Accountant  
Human Resources Manager  
Kaiāwhina Tari  
Members of Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group  
Monitoring Manager  
Policy and Planning Manager  
Policy Planner  
Policy Specialist

Policy Specialist (Freshwater)  
Pou Tiaki Taiao - GM Environmental Services  
Poutiaki Hapori – GM Community Resilience, Louisa Gritt  
Strategic Policy Specialist

The iwi and hapū caucus commenced at 9.00am with karakia and mihi. The plenary meeting opened at 10.15am with whakawhanaungatanga.

## **Karakia / Whakatau**

The iwi and hapū caucus opened at 9.00am and commenced with a karakia from Pita Tipene.

## **Ngā Whakapahā/Apologies (Item 1.0)**

Te Uri o Hau Settlement Trust, Georgina Connelly  
Te Rūnanga O Ngāti Whātua, Alan Riwaka  
Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri, Mariameno Kapa-Kingi  
Te Roroa, Thomas Hohaia  
Ngāti Hau, Mike Kake  
Te Whakaminenga O Te Hikutu Hapu-Whanau, Lynette Wharerau  
Ngāti Tara, Mahue Greaves  
Ngātiwai Trust Board, Aperahama Edwards  
Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa, Bree Davis  
Councillor Geoff Crawford  
Councillor Joe Carr  
Councillor John Blackwell  
Councillor Peter-Lucas Jones

## **Nga whakapuakanga (Declarations of Conflicts of Interest) (Item 2.0)**

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

## **Appointment of Tangata Whenua Co-Chair (Item 4.1)**

At its meeting held on 22 November 2022, council approved their governance structure which included affirming the continuation of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) and its current terms of reference (TOR), which provide for a co-chair arrangement for TTMAC. Council appointed Councillor Robinson as the elected member to act as Co-Chair and sought a nomination from Taitokerau Māori for a non-elected member as the associate Co-Chair.

### **Agreed action points:**

1. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) iwi and hapū members nominate Pita Tipene to continue as the non-elected members co-chair and that the nomination go to the next council meeting for approval.
2. That a non-elected members' alternate co-chair be sought at the next TTMAC meeting in April.

## Record of Actions – 8 September 2022 (Item 4.2)

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

### Agreed action points:

- The Chief Executive Officer's report to council to continue to be included in Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party agendas.

## Meetings schedule 2023 (Item 4.3)

Members confirmed the 2023 Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meeting and workshop schedule.

### Agreed action points:

- That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party meet every second Thursday of the month, from February 2023 to December 2023 as follows, except for March (too close in proximity to the February meeting).

Date	Type of meeting
23 February	Inaugural formal meeting
13 April	Formal meeting
11 May	Workshop
8 June	Formal meeting
13 July	Workshop
10 August	Formal meeting
14 September	Workshop
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, enabling members/speakers to participate remotely.
4. That staff work with Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa and Kahukuraariki Trust Board members to confirm the dates and details for the marae-based workshops.
5. That the Economic Development whāinga and how Tāiki ē is tracking to be the focus for the first TTMAC workshop in May 2023.

## Nominations for Hapū and Iwi members to Council Joint Committees and Working Parties (Item 4.4)

At its meeting held on 22 November 2022, council approved their governance structure which included resolving to maintain iwi and hapū representation on the Natural Resources, and Biosecurity and Biodiversity working parties by appointing equal membership of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) iwi and hapū members, and councillors. In addition an iwi or hapū member nomination was sought for the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee, to be approved at the next council meeting.

### Agreed action points:

- That Mira Norris (Te Parawhau) and Geraldine Baker (Kahukuraariki Trust Board) be appointed onto the Natural Resources Working Party.
- That That Mira Norris (Te Parawhau), Barb (Michelle) Elboz (Patukeha) and Nora Rameka (Ngāti Rehia) be appointed onto the Biosecurity and Biodiversity Working Party.
- That a paper go to the 13 April 2023 TTMAC meeting to fill the remaining appointments on the Natural Resources and Biosecurity and Biodiversity working parties.
- That the Te Rarawa representative be appointed as NRC's iwi and hapū representative onto the Joint Climate Change Adaptation Committee (JCCAC), with Rowan Tautari (Te Whakapiko) as the alternate.
- That the nomination for JCCAC go to the next council meeting for approval.

*Secretarial Note: Edith Sigley-Davis needed to withdraw her appointment to the Natural Resources Working Party due to other commitments subsequent to the meeting.*

## **Independent Tangata Whenua Experts - Investment and Property, and Audit and Risk subcommittees (Item 4.5)**

This paper sought members endorsement of the proposed process for the appointment of 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. Key discussion points included that Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party members with the requisite expertise were welcome to apply for the roles, and also how the expertise and work done in those in those subcommittees links to and impacts Tāiki ē.

### **Agreed action points:**

1. That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorsed the process for appointment of Independent Tangata Whenua Members to the Audit and Risk, and Property and Investment subcommittees.
2. 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.

## **Re-establishment of the Māori Technical Advisory Group (Item 4.6)**

This paper acknowledged that during 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). This, combined with other challenges, led to a recommendation that an alternative to MTAG be established and resourced to support priority actions identified by TTMAC and operational activities focused on achieving Tāiki ē. It was noted that a long term approach will be needed to bring people into these roles, with investment in succession planning and capacity building.

### **Agreed action points:**

1. 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.

2. That previous members of the 2019 – 2022 Māori Technical Advisory Group (MTAG) as listed below are endorsed to provide guidance on the scope for the establishment of the kaitiaki technical group and that those members be remunerated for that work.

### **Terms of Reference Review (Item 4.7)**

It was agreed that a thorough review of the current terms of reference was needed to reflect the considerable changes to the landscape after six years, for example, reference to Mana Whakahono a Rohe, TTMAC Strategic Intent, Tāiki ē and changes of representatives with different views.

#### **Agreed action points:**

That the Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) follow the process below 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.

### **Tāiki ē Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan Progress Report (Item 4.8)**

Members were provided with the background to the TTMAC Strategic Intent 2021 – 2040 (Strategic Intent) and Tāiki ē, NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan (Tāiki ē). Key discussion points included noting that the council chose not to formally adopt the Strategic Intent and, instead, to hold itself accountable through action by giving effect to it through Tāiki ē, which was written by a joint iwi, hapū and council subgroup. The continuation of the journey – addressing the remaining three Ngā Whainga of the Strategic Intent – is one of the top priority actions in Tāiki ē and the process to date is fundamental to preparing proposals to facilitate the first two Ngā Whainga, Māori Representation and building Capacity and Capability in regard to the Annual Plan and Long term Plan.

#### **Agreed action points:**

- That reporting on Tāiki ē (NRC Te Tiriti Strategy and Implementation Plan) be a standing item for Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party agendas.

### **Māori Expertise Procurement Policy Draft (Item 4.9)**

This paper updated members with progress on a Tāiki ē action and sought their feedback on the draft Māori Expertise Procurement Policy. While the draft policy is an operational matter which sits with the Chief Executive Officer, the significance of the policy and desire for a high level of iwi and hapū input into providing clear guidance on the processes council will use to contract Māori businesses and suppliers was sought before approving the policy.

#### **Agreed action points:**

That Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party endorses and provides the following feedback for the CEO prior to approval and implementation of the Māori Expertise Procurement Policy Draft:

- Strengthening of the link to Tāiki ē
- Effective communication of the policy to hapū and iwi
- Look at how this policy sits within the council's broader procurement programme
- Add a review clause.

### **Tāngata Whenua Climate Adaptation Plan Fund (Item 4.10)**

This paper provided 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. Key discussion centred around resilience planning for marae and papa kāinga.

#### **Agreed action points:**

- The process and phasing for implementation of the fund was endorsed by Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party.

### **Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group: Stage 2 Reports (Item 4.11)**

This paper sought Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) endorsement to take the reports prepared by the Tangata Whenua Water Advisory Group (TWWAG) to council for consideration in the development of the freshwater plan change. The reports provide 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 worked on their reports and recommendations, including three workshops held with TTMAC towards the end of last year.

#### **Agreed action points:**

1. 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* was endorsed by the iwi and hapū members of Te Taitokerau Māori and Council Working Party (TTMAC) to be present to council for consideration, subject to any further minor amendments, translation of key text and formatting.
2. The Stage 2 report *Voices of Ngā Wai Māori ki te Tai Tokerau: A Case Study Report* was endorsed by the iwi and hapū members of TTMAC to present to council for consideration.

### **Whakamutunga (Conclusion)**

The meeting concluded at 2.38pm.