

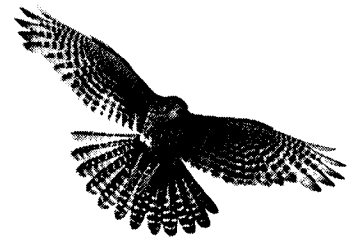
Te Kaupapa a Te Kārearea
Te Kārearea Strategic Relationship Agreement

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Te Kārearea



Te Pae Tawhiti/Vision:

“He Whenua Rangatira”

“Whangārei, a district of prosperity, wellbeing and empowered communities”

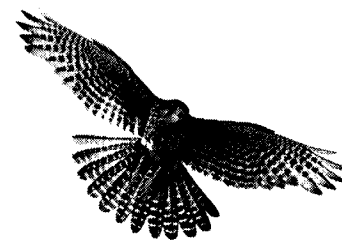
Te Kaupapa/Mission:

“Ka tūtuki te Kāwanatanga ā-rohe, ka puāwai hoki te kotahitanga me ōna tini kaupapa”

“Local Government that works through effective partnership and provides practical solutions”

Ngā Tikanga/Principles:

- He kitenga mutunga kore, mahi tahi, mahi pono – Strategic partnership working collaboratively and in good faith
 - Kia Māia – Providing leadership through courage
 - Te Manawatōpu – Of one heart and mind. We are stronger working together
 - Anga mua – Progressive and proactive
 - Me kōrero tika, tau noa ngā take – Open and frank mutually agreed outcomes
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Te Kārearea Strategic Relationship Agreement

Purpose

Te Kārearea is the strategic partnership forum between the hapū of Whangārei district, working through Te Huinga and the Whangārei District Council. The purpose of Te Kārearea is to enable the partners to work closely together to achieve the agreed vision '*He Whenua Rangatira - Whangārei, a district of prosperity, wellbeing and empowered communities*' and mission '*Ka tūtuki te Kāwanatanga ā-rohe, ka puāwai hoki te kotahitanga me ōna tini kaupapa - Local Government that works through effective partnership and provides practical solutions*'.

The forum provides a platform for high level, strategic discussions that will enable self-determination and self-reliance to flourish. This relationship will build to develop more robust partnership arrangements over time through learning conversations.

Statement of Principles

He Whakaputanga o Te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tirenī (Declaration of Independence – 1835) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840 provide the foundational doctrines of authority and partnership that are being sought after by the hapū of Whangārei as the relationship develops with the Whangārei District Council.

Whangārei District Council engages with the hapū of Whangārei and recognizes its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi and the Local Government Act. The organisational culture of Council will build strong relationships and embrace the principles and intent of these legislations. Issues will be addressed in a culturally appropriate way – with preference given to *kanohi ki te kanohi*, face-to-face engagement.

Whāinga - Priorities of Work

Te Huinga and Whangārei District Council will identify and develop their respective priorities, and then through Te Kārearea agree priorities, which can be progressed together. This will be done in the spirit of "*Mahi tahi tutuki noa te kaupapa – Completing the tasks through a culture of partnership*".

There will be a commitment to understanding each other's views and priorities. The membership of Te Kārearea will work in good faith to support progress on their respective priorities for the duration of this agreement. The Partnership will always be reflective – going forward but looking back.

Representation and Mandate

The Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum is made up of eight mandated hapū representatives and eight elected members of Whangārei District Council, which includes the Mayor. The forum will be co-chaired by a hapū representative and the Mayor of Whangārei District Council.

Te Kārearea Consultation

To achieve its purpose, each Partner will develop a schedule of 'issues of significance' to hapū in the Whangārei District and bring them to Te Kārearea.

The issues will be ranked by priority and the list kept up to date by Te Kārearea. The priority list of issues will guide Te Kārearea in developing a work programme and will be reviewed annually.

The Te Kārearea partners will engage in ongoing meaningful consultation with the wider Māori community to ensure that it maintains an awareness of the issues of significance to Māori in the community.

Review of Agreement

The representatives on the Te Kārearea Partnership Forum will accept responsibility for reviewing this Strategic Relationship Agreement every three years from the date of signing.

Pita Tipene

Te Huinga

Mayor Sheryl Mai

Whangārei District Council

As Co-Chairs of Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum

Dated this 17th day of JUNE 2014

Appendices:

Background

Whereas Central Government is recognised as The Treaty of Waitangi partner, it is acknowledged that partnership must also happen at a local level where local decisions are made.

New Zealand/Aotearoa is moving inexorably towards a new sense of nationhood and these partnership arrangements at a local level will further define a distinct society in a national and global setting, built on mutual respect, trust and advantage.

This partnership forum provides a starting point for Māori representation and participation in Council decision-making processes.

The strategic partnership shall be between Whangārei District Council (elected member representatives) and Te Huinga (hapū representatives of Whangārei). This strategic partnership will be known as Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum. Refer Diagram 1.

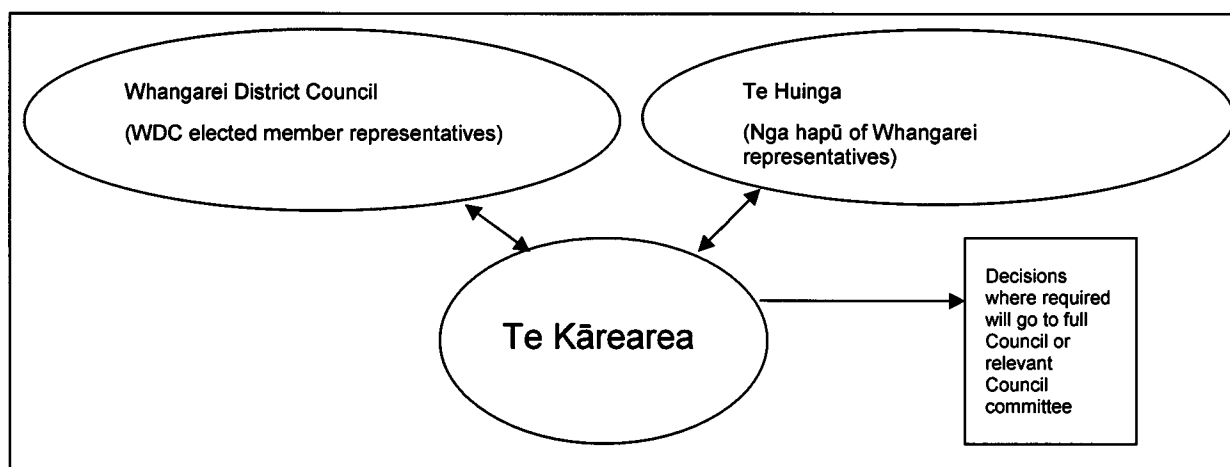


Diagram 1

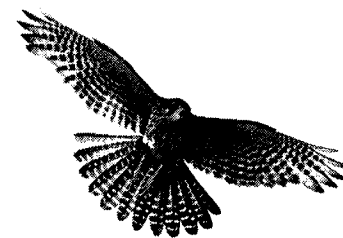
Te Huinga Statement of Principles

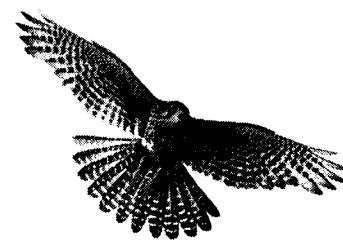
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Te Huinga will work towards achieving the strategic intent.

Strategic Intent

- Vision/Te Pae Tawhiti: 'Ma nga hapū ano nga hapū e korero' - 'Hapū self reliance and prosperity'
- Mission/Te Kaupapa: 'Achieving hapū aspirations through effective and enduring relationships'
- Whangārei - Māori Community Outcomes:
 - a A rohe with a vibrant Māori culture
 - b A Māori community, which is healthy and highly educated
 - c A society that protects and cares for all its members
 - d A rohe with a flourishing Māori economy
 - e A society that appreciates and cares for its natural environment
- Nga tikanga – Values
 - a Whanau – the extended family is the social unit that Māori identify with.
 - b Mana Hapū - Hapū are the cornerstone of the Māori community and identity.
 - c Mana Motuhake – self-determination, self-reliance and self-sustainability.
 - d Whakarite – Invest time and energy in building decision-making capacity and capability.
 - e Te Manawatoopu – Of one heart and mind. We are stronger working together.
 - f Kia maia – Providing leadership through courage.





Whangārei District Council Statement of Principles

In order to improve and enhance relationships with Māori, Council acknowledge a strategic platform is required upon which to continue to build strong relationships. Council has undertaken as part of the Whangārei District Council Long Term Plan 2012-2022 to further its collaboration with Māori organisations within the District. Council has a contribution to make towards Māori wellbeing, be it environmental, social, cultural/spiritual or economic. Additionally, further collaboration and relationship building processes with Crown agencies and other local territorial authorities will continue as all such organisations make up part of the many services that impact on Māori wellbeing.

Whangārei District Council willingly acknowledges it wishes to engage with Māori hapū and to recognize the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Local Government Act 2002 outlines the obligations of local authorities around the Treaty of Waitangi.

Local Government Act 2002

Section 4 (LGA)

Treaty of Waitangi

“In order to recognize and respect the Crown’s responsibility to take appropriate account of the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and to maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to local government decision-making processes, Parts 2 and 6 provide principles and requirements for local authorities that are intended to facilitate participation by Māori in local authority decision-making processes.”

Part 2 (LGA)

Section 14(1) (d)

“A local authority should provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes.”

Part 6 (LGA)

Section 76-80

Planning, decision-making, and accountability

These sections direct Council to consider all reasonably practicable options to achieve the objective of a decision, to give consideration to the views and preferences of persons likely to be affected, about have to achieve compliance, the significance of a decision and the identification of inconsistent decisions.

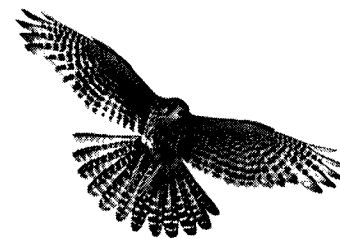
Section 81

Contributions to decision-making processes by Māori

- 1 *A local authority must -*
 - (a) *establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and*
 - (b) *consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and*
 - (c) *provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b).*
- 2 *A local authority, in exercising its responsibility to make judgments on the manner in which subsection (1) is to be complied with, must have regard to -*
 - (a) *the role of the local authority, as set out in section 11; and*
 - (b) *such other matters as the local authority considers on reasonable grounds to be relevant to those judgments.*

Section 82(2) (LGA)

“A local authority must ensure it has in place processes for consulting with Māori in accordance with subsection 1 (principles of consultations 82(1))”



The Resource Management Act 1981 also places Treaty obligations on local authorities.

Part 2 – 6 (RMA)

In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall recognise and provide for the following matters of national importance:

- (e) *the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahitapu and other taonga*
- (f) *the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use and development*
- (g) *the protection of recognized customary activities.*

Part 2 – 7 (RMA)

In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall have particular regard to –

- (a) *Kaitiakitanga*
- (b) *the ethic of stewardship*

Part 2 – 8 (RMA)

Treaty of Waitangi

In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall take into account the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).

Both the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), and more recently the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA), require Council to establish more formal, meaningful and sustainable relationships with Māori. These relationships, guided by the Treaty of Waitangi principles, are intended to foster:

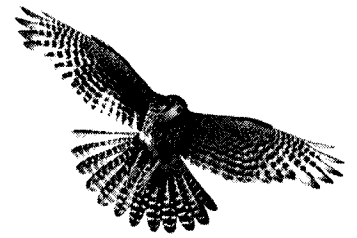
- opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council
- the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council
- the provision of information to Māori so they are enabled to contribute to the decision-making processes of Council
- improved consultation with Māori.

Working Relationship

- (a) A letter shall be completed between Whangārei District Council and Te Huinga covering operating protocols, agreed agenda-setting process, confidentiality issues, and press/publicity matters.
- (b) Formal meetings of Te Kārearea shall generally be held monthly with meetings alternating between a Marae and Council Chambers. A meeting with the full Whangārei District Council shall be held at least twice per annum.
- (c) Whangārei District Council will nominate its Senior Management and staff to work with Te Huinga.
- (d) The strategic partnership Te Kārearea will undertake an annual self-review process and a three-year review consistent with the Long Term Plan (LTP) cycle.
- (e) The Te Kārearea strategic partnership does not preclude individual hapū working on matters of their own concern with Council.

Funding

Council will fund Te Kārearea to give effect to its kaupapa. This budget will be negotiated and agreed annually in advance.



Te Huinga Representation and Mandate

At present there are 16 endorsed hapū representatives. Eight of these members represent hapū on Te Kārearea. Each hapū grouping has a lead and an alternate/support person in the event the lead is not available. They are as follows:

- Pita Tipene and Pita Cherrington (Te Orewai and Ngati Hine)
- Merepeka Henley and Te Warihi Hetaraka (Nga Hapū o Whangaruru)
- Deborah Harding and Jared Pitman (Patuharakeke)
- Allan Halliday and Mike Kake (Ngati Hau)
- Dick Shepherd and Huhana Seve (Ngati Kahu o Torongare)
- Taipari Munro and Hona Edwards (Te Parawhau and Te Urirotoi)
- Pereri Mahanga and Aperahama Edwards (Te Waiariki, Ngati Korora, Ngati Takapari)
- Kaile Nahi-Taihia and Anaru Kaipo (Nga Hapū o Mangakahia)

Discussion will be had with the respective hapū within the Whangārei rohe to decide on how representation will be configured on Te Huinga.

Eight of these sixteen members currently represent Te Huinga and sit on Te Kārearea following their hapū consultation processes, which endorsed their representation.

Whangārei District Council Representation and Mandate

Council representation on Te Kārearea shall be Her Worship the Mayor, Deputy Mayor plus six elected members as appointed by HWM and received by Council at the start of each political term. In the event any Councillor/s on Te Kārearea is unavailable, there is provision for an alternate Councillor/s to replace them for that meeting.

Council representatives appointed to Te Kārearea are as follow:

- HWM Sheryl Mai
- Deputy Mayor - Cr Morgan
- Cr Deeming
- Cr Martin
- Cr Innes
- Cr Bell
- Cr Christie
- Cr Williamson

Alternates

- Cr Halse
- Cr Bretherton
- Cr Cutforth
- Cr Glen
- Cr Hermon
- Cr McLachlan