

# Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum



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A meeting of Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum will be held at **Terenga Paroa Marae**,  
**10 Porowini Avenue**, on:

**Wednesday**  
**24 May 2017**  
**1.00pm**

**Co-Chairpersons**

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai & Jared Pitman (Acting)

**Te Huinga members**

Merepeka Henley

Deborah Harding

Allan Halliday

Takiri Puriri

Taipari Munro

Pereri Mahanga

Kaile Nahi-Taihia

**Councillors**

Crichton Christie

Vince Cocurullo

Tricia Cutforth

Sue Glen

Greg Innes

Sharon Morgan

Anna Murphy

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# Te Kārearea

## Te Pae Tawhiti/Vision:

“He Whenua Rangatira”

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

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## 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”

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## 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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**Mihi whakataau**

**Part one – community hui**

**Part two - Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum hui**

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# 1 Introduction of Whangarei District Council Strategic Leadership Team

Chief Executive Rob Forlong will introduce the members of the Strategic Leadership Team –

- Alan Adcock (General Manager Finance and Corporate)
- Sandra Boardman (General Manager Community)
- Alison Geddes (General Manager Planning and Development)
- Jill McPherson (General Manager Strategy and Democracy)
- Simon Weston (General Manager Infrastructure).

Each manager will give a brief overview of their area of responsibility.

## 2. Minutes: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum Wednesday 19 April 2017

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*Minutes of a Meeting of the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum held in the Council Chamber, Forum North on Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 9.00am*

### **Present:**

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Co-Chairperson) and Jared Pitman (Co-Chairperson - Acting)

Allan Halliday, Takiri Puriri, Taipari Munro, Huhana Lyndon, Mikel Kake, Hona Edwards, Janelle Beazley, Councillors Tricia Cutforth, Sue Glen, Anna Murphy, Greg Innes, Cherry Hermon, Jayne Golightly.

### **Apologies/Absent**

Pita Cherrington, Deborah Harding, Merepeka Henley, Kaile Nahi-Taihia, Te Warihi Hetaraka, Councillors Sharon Morgan, Crichton Christie, Vince Cocurullo and Māori Relations Manager Solomon Tipene.

### **In Attendance:**

Chief Executive (Rob Forlong), General Manager Community (Sandra Boardman), General Manager Strategy and Democracy (Jill McPherson), General Manager Corporate (Alan Adcock), Governance Manager (Jason Marris), Senior Meeting Co-ordinator (Jennie Thomas)

Co-Chairpersons: Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai

Acting Co-Chairperson: Jared Pitman

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai opened the meeting.

Hona Edwards opened with a Karakia and thanked Te Huinga members, Councillors and staff for organising and attending this meeting.

HWM advised that Pita Tipene has resigned as Co-Chair to Te Kārearea. She welcomed Jared Pitman who has offered to co-chair for this meeting. The meeting acknowledged the work that Pita Tipene had done as previous Co-chair.

Introductions/Whakawhanaungatanga were made.

### **Agenda Headings**

#### **1. Hapu Mandating Update**

Jared Pitman advised that Terms of Reference are being developed for Te Huinga which have changed significantly. Hapu will go through a process of being mandated or re-mandating representatives.

At the meeting on 4 May Te Huinga will consolidate Terms of Reference and membership.

## 2. Priorities for Te Kārearea

HWM advised that Council priorities are in draft form and Council would like to develop joint priorities after discussion at Te Kārearea.

WDC Chief Executive, Rob Forlong, spoke on Council priorities from the Council workshop held on 13<sup>th</sup> April. He highlighted the process used to identify the three main priorities which are:

- Effective 2-way Communication
- Hihiaua Cultural Centre
- Focus on Youth (joint initiative)

Rob Forlong advised that there was no resolution as only nine elected members were present and voted at the workshop.

Two key themes to come out of the list of priorities were that relationship is important and that we need to do tangible things.

There was a query about the availability of the minutes from the Council workshop as it would be helpful for Te Huinga to peruse the list. It was agreed that Council will take a supplementary item to 27<sup>th</sup> April meeting to ratify council priorities.

It was agreed that priority lists from Te Huinga and Council will be brought to the May Te Kārearea meeting.

There was a request to view the new WDC organisational chart but Rob Forlong advised that Council are currently consulting on the structure and in the interim Jill McPherson is to be the first point of contact.

## 3. Overview of Council's Rating Structure Review and Engagement with Māori

Alan Adcock summarised the rates review process.

It was suggested that several workshops - hapu specific and tailored more for Māori community would be helpful to engage the wider community and increase attendance. Marae based Workshops/huis would be useful.

There was discussion that it would be helpful to have knowledge of Marae calendars to help identify who is meeting when and where. Jill McPherson was asked to find out where the hui are so that opportunities to work with Māori were more easily identified by Council and vice versa.

It was agreed that Alan Adcock would arrange a joint workshop/briefing on schedule 11 of the Local Government Rating Act (LGRA).

## 4. Long Term Plan (LTP) 2018-2028 community engagement

Jason Marris summarised the item.

Early engagement will take place from 6 June onwards.

In addition to the feedback from the rates review item the following was suggested.

1. Workshop (hui) with Māori would be welcome.
2. Iwi radio – local Māori radio station

3. Channel North television

4. The following groups were suggested to add to the groups to consider consulting with:

- Landowner groups
- Te Huinga
- Māori Land Trusts
- Manaia PHO
- Community Advisor Groups
- Catchment groups

The Northland Intersectional Forum (NIF) co-ordinator may be able to provide more information to help.

### **5. Treaty of Waitangi Settlements – Progress from Hapu**

Representatives of Ngapuhi are in a “holding pattern” with Ministry and Crown. Now sitting with Minister Finlayson as to where from here. Hearing process continuing.

Hona Edwards advised they are in the final year for the final submissions. October will be the end of treaty process. Once that time line has expired there will be deliberations then the process will pick up after that.

Mike Kake advised that there was a more collaborative agreement about getting a settlement rather than boundaries. Co-governance and DOC not wanting to wait for settlement already looking at cultural redress. There are shared conversations taking place now - inter and intra hapu as they wait for treaty settlement.

Settlements have six months to go and this is where the focus needs to be. Community engagement will become more relevant after settlement has been reached.

### **6. Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum meeting dates**

The dates for Te Kārearea meetings were confirmed aside from the 17<sup>th</sup> of May due to other commitments. The co-chairs will negotiate an alternative date and will advise as soon as possible. Terenga Paraoa marae was offered to host the next meeting and this will be confirmed when the date for the next meeting is established.

### **Agreed Actions for this meeting**

- Council priorities will be taken as a supplementary agenda item for the 27<sup>th</sup> April Council meeting.
- Te Huinga will discuss and decided their priorities at the 4<sup>th</sup> May meeting.
- Both groups will bring agreed priorities to the next Te Kārearea Meeting in May.
- Alan Adcock to schedule a joint workshop on schedule 11 of the LGRA.
- Jill McPherson to coordinate a marae/hui calendar to look for opportunities to work together.
- Incorporate feedback received into the engagement plans for the Rates Review and LTP.

### **General Business**

Hikurangi swamp group, comprising of five Hapu groups, would like to be able to use the old unused Water Services building in Central Avenue and would be prepared to share this as a community space. Rob Forlong sought councillor's views to explore this proposal further. Agreement was indicated.

Whanau at the Falls Day is to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Cr Murphy is attending a Catchment Group meeting which has been set up to monitor water quality at six sites around Ngunguru – 7<sup>th</sup> May 1.00pm.

The Whitehead bird or pōpokotea is to be released at Bream Head next month. Cr Innes can circulate the dates. (13 May 2017)

The meeting acknowledges Jane May, who before she passed, gave hapu four hectares of land which provides access to ancient burial grounds.

DOC have agreed to fund a restoration of Russell State Forest. Nine Hapu are involved in developing a health management plan for the forest.

Janelle Beazley advised that on 22<sup>nd</sup> April two busloads are heading to Wellington to celebrate the purpose-built building that now house the documents regarding Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Whakaputunga and women's suffrage in Wellington. The celebrations will run for 2-3 days with important documents on display during this period.

Jared Pitman acknowledged all contributions and asked Taipari Munro to close the meeting at 12.25 pm with a Karakia.





### 3 Hapu Mandating Update

Verbal Update.



## 4 Setting Shared Priorities Report

**Report author:** Jill McPherson (General Manager)

**Date of meeting:** 24 May 2017

### 1 Purpose

To notify Te Kārearea of Council's priorities.

### 2 Recommendation/s

That Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum;

- a) receives the Council resolution stating Council priorities;
- b) agrees to consider the priorities of Te Huinga and Council together to agree shared priorities at the June meeting of this Forum.

### 3 Background

At the April meeting of Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum, Council members committed to ask the Council, at the next available Council meeting, to define their priorities for Te Huinga to consider at their 4 May meeting, and Te Karearea to consider in defining shared priorities and therefore the work programme.

At the Council workshop held on 13 April, Council informally voted on possible priorities and the results of this workshop were reported to the Council meeting of 27 April where it was resolved as follows:

#### **Council priorities for Te Kārearea,**

*“That Council;*

- (a) agrees to base its priorities for Te Kārearea, on the concept of “fairness to all”*
- (b) confirms the Whangarei District Council priorities below for discussion at the May Te Kārearea meeting:*

#### **Council Draft Priorities**

*8 points - Effective 2-way communication*

*6 points - Hihiaua Cultural centre*

*5 points - Focus on youth (joint initiative)*

*4 points equal*

- *Sincere early engagement (e.g. LTP/Rates Review/Blue Green Strategy)*
- *Explore co-governance models so we are ready (Management plans - areas)*

*3 points equal*

- *Water Quality issues (e.g. Otuihau)*
- *Cultural competency training (translation)*
- *Maori Commissioners (RMA) training/resource*
- *Working with under resourced communities*
- *National symposium on Maori representation and local government*

*2 points equal*

- *Joint effort to promote the District*
- *Possible transfer of land Otangarei Marae/Takahiwai*
- *Creating an understanding of council processes*
- *Maori housing/healthy homes*

*1 point equal*

- *Council protocol for mihi whakatau meetings etc.*
- *Understanding the history of significant areas to Maori in the District*
- *Observing the relevant legislation more than we do now*
- *Support Marae on same basis as community halls*

*Other Priorities*

- *Pilots for local Hapu to be contractors (e.g. Mokau Otangarei)*
- *Investigate employing more Maori staff at WDC*
- *Water Ownership and Management*
- *Papakaianga Housing – making it happen*
- *Using Hapu Environmental Management Plans better*
- *Waiata for Councillors (appropriate for circumstance)*
- *Fixing naming mistakes*
- *Heritage trails Blue/Green -shared stories*
- *More in Maori language week/Matariki.”*



## 5 Treaty of Waitangi Settlements – Progress from Hapu

Verbal Update.