

# Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

## Membership

Chairperson	Council based meetings: Councillor Deb Harding Marae based hui: to be determined from mandated hapū members*
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Phil Halse
Members	His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo Councillors Nicholas Connop, Patrick Holmes, Carol Peters, Simon Reid and Phoenix Ruka  Eight mandated hapū representatives: Delaraine Armstrong, Len Bristowe, Aperahama Edwards, Simon Mitchell, Tame Te Rangi, Sean Walters, Nicki Wakefield and Hohipere Williams
Meetings	Monthly
Quorum	8 comprised of 4 councillor and 4 hapū members

*Note: Marae based hui will be held bimonthly and held in accordance with Tikanga and as such are outside of Standing Orders adopted under the Local Government Act 2002.*

## Purpose

To enable the primary partners (Council and hapū of Whangārei) to work closely together to achieve the agreed vision:

*'He Whenua Rangatira - Whangārei, a district of prosperity, wellbeing and empowered communities'* and Agreed mission:

*'Ka tūtuki te Kāwanatanga ā-rohe, ka puāwai hoki te kotahitanga me ōna tini kaupapa - Local Government that works through effective partnership and shared decisions to provide practical solutions.*

The Committee provides a platform for high level/strategic discussions and priority setting between the primary partners, with preference given to *kanohi ki te kanohi* (face-to-face) and preserving tikanga. Areas of focus include, but are not limited to;

- Identifying the cultural, economic, environmental, and social issues/decisions of Council that are significant for Māori<sup>1</sup> and the community in the Whangārei District. (Participation)
- Ensuring Council complies with statutory provisions that refer to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi).
- To agree mutual strategic priorities as and when required (Direction)

## Key responsibilities – advice and recommendations

- Participation
  - Develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and Council.
  - Ensure the views of Māori and the community are equally considered
- Governance oversight of initiatives - Te Karearea budget and resourcing to build capacity (both Council and Māori) and deliver on the Terms of Reference

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<sup>1</sup> Māori in this context is defined as people that affiliate to a whanau, hapū, lwi, mana whenua groups

- Ensure equitable participation, by adequately resourcing hapu to engage, e.g., paid hapu reps for all Council related mahi, hui, etc
- Ensure that Marae hui are open to the public
- Direction
  - Identify strategic priorities to address the Climate Change Adaptation Plan.
  - Provide guidance and advocacy on protection of “nga taonga tuku iho” (special and natural indigenous resources) impacted by the Wildlife Act and Conservation Act.
  - Prepare and provide agenda items in a timely manner on topics referred by Council and Māori
  - Provide recommendations on harbour and waterway matters (within the jurisdiction of WDC)
  - Provide advice and recommendations on Three Waters and flood protection infrastructure
  - Provide oversight and advice on central government reform initiatives relating to strategic priorities of the partnership
  - Provide advice to council to manage the allocation of the “Better Off funding’.
  - Provide advice and recommendations on key strategic policies, plans and projects of Council, including but not limited to growth strategies, the Long-Term Plan and the Annual and District Plan
  - Information sharing / discussions on Treaty Settlement processes and potential partnership opportunities (where appropriate)
  - Identify matters of significance to Māori that may require joint positions/advocacy with external agencies (i.e. partnerships) or recommendations to Council.
- Assurance
  - Develop a workplan and strategy log to monitor input to, and decision making/progress on, strategic priorities identified by the Committee
  - Monitor and advise on council’s compliance with its legislative obligations to Māori, including under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Resource Management Act 1991.
    - Receive and consider audit reports on Council’s compliance with its legislative obligations
    - Monitor and assess the primary partner relationship against its vision and mission
    - Monitoring compliance with statutory provisions that refer to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), including providing oversight of key processes and controls.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- 1) Establishing Audit Processes for statutory provisions relating to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi).
- 2) Establishing Council processes and templates for Mana whakahono ā rohe Agreements and Iwi/Hapu Environmental Management Plans
- 3) Developing a Te Ao Maori framework for decision making
- 4) Developing collaborative relationships on strategic priorities/areas of focus.

### **Delegations**

The approval of financial expenditure of less than \$1 million, plus GST.

### **The Committee does not have:**

- I. The power to appoint members (including external members).
- II. The power to establish sub-committees.

- III. The powers Council is expressly prohibited from delegating as outlined in Clause 32(1)(a)-(h) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002; being:
- the power to make a rate
  - the power to make a bylaw
  - the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan
  - the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan or annual report
  - the power to appoint a chief executive the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government 2002 in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement
  - the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.