

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, Sandra Hawken, Simon Mitchell, Tame Te Rangī, Sean Walters, Nicki Wakefield and Hohipere Williams
Meetings	Bimonthly for formal standing committee meetings, with hui on being held on a marae in accordance with Tikanga
Quorum	8 comprised of 4 councillor and 4 hapū members

Note: Marae based hui will be 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 Māori¹ and the community in the Whangarei 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)

¹ Māori in this context is defined as people that affiliate to a whanau, hapū, Iwi, mana whenua groups

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
 - 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.