

External Partnerships

Te Kārearea Partnership Committee – Terms of Reference

Membership

Chairperson Councillor Phil Halse

Deputy Chairperson TBC

(note: while there can only be one Chair under standing orders it is proposed to have a hapū mandated Deputy Chair, and for meetings to be managed to ensure a partnership approach to chairing. Staff will look into potential mechanisms to achieve this under standing orders)

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Members

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai

Councillors Gavin Benney, Ken Couper, Greg Innes, Anna Murphy, Carol Peters, Simon Reid

Eight mandated hapū representatives, TBC following a hapū led mandating process

Meetings

Monthly to June 2020, followed by quarterly

Quorum

8 comprised of 4 councillor and 4 hapū members

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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 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'. Central to this is continued development of robust partnerships through learning conversations.

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 in the Whangārei District which can include taura here² (participation)
- Ensuring Council complies with statutory provisions that refer to He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), including providing oversight of key processes and controls (assurance)
- To agree joint-mutual strategic priorities (direction)

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

² A term sometimes used for tribal members in the city who join *taura here* groups to help to retain their identity and links back to their tribal homelands.

Key responsibilities

- Participation
 - Develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and ~~e~~Council.
 - Ensure the views of Māori are taken into account ~~in the exercise of council functions.~~
 - Recommend ways to develop Māori capacity to contribute to decision making processes
 - Recommend ways to develop Council capacity for He Whakaputanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Direction
 - Provide advice on topics referred by Council and Māori
 - 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 District Plan
 - Identify matters of significance to Māori that may require joint positions/advocacy ~~(where possible)~~ with external agencies (i.e. co-governance) or recommendations to Council
 - Identifying joint/agreed strategic priorities of the partners, along with the mechanisms for implementation
 - Monitor progress of each partner on strategic priorities
- Assurance
 - 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 ensure that appropriate action is being taken
 - Monitor and assess the primary partner relationship against its vision and mission

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Delegations

- (i) All powers necessary to perform the committee's responsibilities, including but not limited to:
 - (a) establishment of working parties or steering groups.