



Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui Agenda

Date: 19 May, 2021
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Tau Henare Marae
Pipiwai
Attendees: Hapū mandated Chairperson
Cr Phil Halse
Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
Cr Gavin Benney
Cr Ken Couper
Cr Greg Innes
Cr Anna Murphy
Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid
Delaraine Armstrong
Jade Kake
Tame Te Rangi
Jared Pitman
Mira Norris
Aorangi Kawiti
Deborah Harding
Len Bristowe

No decisions are made at the Hui.

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Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

Membership

Chairpersons

Council based meetings: Councillor Phil Halse

Marae based hui: to be determined from mandated hapū members*

Members

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai

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

Eight mandated hapū representatives: Delaraine Armstrong, Jade Kake, Tame TeRangi, Jared Pitman, Mira Norris, Aorangi Kawiti, Deborah Harding and Len Bristowe

Meetings

Bi monthly 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

Preamble

Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Forum was formed late in 2012 between Te Huinga (as advocates of the hapū of Whangarei) and Whangarei District Council. The desire to 'develop more robust partnership arrangements over time' was signaled in the 2014 revision of the Agreement. This partnership Committee Represents an important step in that process. While the Purpose, Key Responsibilities and Delegations form the basis for the Terms of Reference to determine what the Committee will do, it is important that the respective principles of each of the Partners continue to underpin the relationship, and that the relationship builds on the foundations outlined in the Agreement. The Statement of Principles for each of the Partners, as established in the foundation relationship agreement, is below.

Te Huinga Statement of Principles

He Whakaputanga o Te Rangiratanga o Nu Tireni (Declaration of Independence – 1835) and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, 1840 provides 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.

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 is committed to 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 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.

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 Whangarei District. (participation)
- Ensuring Council complies with statutory provisions that refer to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), including providing oversight of key processes and controls (assurance)
- To agree mutual strategic priorities (direction)

However, it is acknowledged that areas of focus/priorities may be beyond the direct control of the committee, meaning that in some areas it will be operating in an advisory capacity.

Recognising this, and to ensure clarity, the Working Group for Maori Participation in decision making (which was tasked with developing Terms of Reference) split the responsibilities of

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

the Committee into those where it provides advice and recommendations, and those where decision making powers would be delegated.

Key responsibilities – advice and recommendations

- 1) Participation
 - a) Develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and Council.
 - b) Ensure the views of Māori are taken into account.
 - c) Recommend ways to develop Council capacity
 - d) Recommend ways to develop Māori capacity to contribute to decision making processes
 - e) Governance oversight of initiatives, Te Karearea budget and resourcing to build capacity (both Council and Māori) and deliver on the Terms of Reference
 - f) Provide for equitable participation
- 2) Direction
 - a) Identify strategic priorities for the partnership
 - b) Provide advice on topics referred by Council and Māori
 - c) Advice to, and relationships with, other committees of Council
 - d) Recommendations on harbour and waterway matters (within the jurisdiction of WDC)
 - e) Advice and recommendations on 3 Waters and flood protection infrastructure
 - f) Oversight and advice on central government reform initiatives relating to strategic priorities of the partnership and Te Ao Māori including, but not limited to, three waters reform
 - g) 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
 - h) Information sharing / discussions on Treaty Settlement processes and potential co-governance opportunities (where appropriate)
 - i) Identify matters of significance to Māori that may require joint positions/advocacy with external agencies (i.e. co-governance) or recommendations to Council
 - j) Recommendations on Maori Representation (i.e. under the Local Electoral Act)
- 3) Assurance
 - a) Develop a workplan and strategy log to monitor input to, and decision making/progress on, strategic priorities identified by the Committee
 - b) 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.
 - c) Receive and consider audit reports on Council's compliance with its legislative obligations
 - d) Monitor and ensure that appropriate action is being taken
 - e) Monitor and assess the primary partner relationship against its vision and mission
 - f) 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 – under Delegated authority

- 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) Establishment of working parties or steering groups
- 5) Nominating hapū representatives to any Council committee, joint committee or working group (as required, noting that nominations to Council Committees or Joint Committees must then be appointed by full Council)
- 6) Developing collaborative relationships on strategic priorities/areas of focus

5.1 Action Log Update May 2021

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Hui
Date of meeting: 19 May 2021
Reporting officer: Dominic Kula (General Manager Strategy and Democracy)

1 Purpose

To brief the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee on the actions undertaken for queries brought up at previous meetings in the attached Action Log.

2 Background

Queries from previous Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee meetings are added to the Action Log with Council updating actions.

3 Significance and engagement

The decisions or matters of this Agenda do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy, and the public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.

4 Attachments

Action Log

Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Action Log

Item #	Meeting	Date item raised	Type of Issue / Action required	Action item	Action taken / Comments	Status
2020- 01	Te Kārearea hui	18/11/2020	Request - support	Support sought for the NSPS (Ngunguru Sandspit Protection Society) petition requiring WDC to change the bylaw to prohibit vehicles driving on the estuary and ocean beaches in the Ngunguru Sandspit Scenic Reserve.	18/12/2020 To check with NTA on the process for this. 7/12/2020 Awaiting response on speed limits on beaches from NTA. 9/2/2021 NTA has advised that this can be incorporated into Council's Tutukaka Coastal area speed limit review. This area is in in Tranche 4, which is currently programmed for mid-late 2022 for consultation with implementation in 2023. This is similar to the approach for 90 Mile Beach in Far North, where the hapu and council are creating a management plan, which one element was speed limit. With 90 Mile Beach, there has been engagement and consultation alongside the management plan, which will also be the process here.	In progress
2020- 02	Te Kārearea hui	18/11/2020	Health and Safety Incident	Report of accident with Council's rubbish truck.	7/12/2020 Health and Safety Incident report logged. Requested more details from Aorangi Kawiti for Health and Safety Incident report. 17/12/2020 Further email to Aorangi Kawiti requesting more details to proceed with Health and Safety Incident report. 9/2/2021 Require further details to complete Health and Safety Incident report 17/3/2021 Aorangi Kawiti reported that vehicle has been fixed. Advised that Council cannot action this item further without details required to complete Health and Safety Incident report.	Complete
2020- 03	Te Kārearea hui	18/11/2020	Query - feedback required / Agenda Item for future meeting	Query on how WDC works with NTA.	18/11/2020 NTA overview to be scheduled for the new year. Dominic spoke to NTA manager 2/2/21. 17/3/2021 Item on April Te Kārearea agenda.	Complete
2020- 04	Te Kārearea hui	18/11/2020	Resolution	Resolution that the Chief Executive invite Minister Nanaia Mahuta to have a discussion on Three Waters with the Te Kārearea Standing Committee	18/11/2020 Chief Executive has had Initial discussions with government officials with a positive response. A letter is being drafted for sign off by hapū and Council Chairs. 21/12/2020 Letter sent to Hon Nanaia Mahuta inviting her to meet with Te Karearea. 23/12/2020 Received acknowledgement of receipt of the invitation. 4/02/21 Hui held	Complete
2020- 05	Te Kārearea Committee	9/12/2020	Request - feedback required / Agenda Item for future meeting	Request for Te Kārearea / Te Huinga to have the opportunity to consider how Council's pensioner housing serves Māori. Discussion should include how pensioner housing provides for kaumatua and kuia and tools to support papakainga housing	9/12/2020 Dominic Kula will arrange for a report back to Te Kārearea. 17/02/2020 Feedback provided to Te Karearea Standing Committee. General Manager Community will provide an overview of Councils pensioner housing portfolio to present to Te Karearea Standing Committee. 17/3/2021 Item on April Te Kārearea agenda.	Complete
2020- 06	Te Kārearea Committee	9/12/2020	Request - feedback required	Request for feedback from Te Kārearea / Te Huinga on Camping in Public Places (noting that the bylaw is subject to a formal statutory process).	9/12/2020 Delaraine Armstrong will put on Te Huinga's agenda for discussion.	In progress
2020- 07	Te Kārearea Committee	9/12/2020	Request - information required	Request for Te Kārearea to be provided with a high level capex programme list	08/12/2020 Capex programme provided	Complete

2020- 08	Te Kārearea Committee	9/12/2020	Request - support	Request for support from Council for Māori cemeteries and for planning/facilities support in rural areas	9/12/2020 Funding in the draft LTP outlined, while there is increased funding for rural areas (particularly in Transportation) and a playground programme there is currently no funding for urupa. Feedback to be provided through the LTP process. 17/2/2020 Delaraine Armstrong will put on Te Huinga's agenda for discussion. 17/03/2021 Dominic Kula provided clarification as per minutes of Te Kārearea hui on 17 March 2021.	In progress
2020- 09	Te Kārearea Committee	9/12/2020	Request - feedback required	Query whether Te Kārearea could have the opportunity to be involved in Council's review of its Procurement Policy.	17/2/2020 Business Support to look into this.	In progress
2020- 10	Te Kārearea Committee	9/12/2020	Resolution	Resolution that a Marae based wananga to build capacity / understanding of Te Ao Māori be held.	9/12/2020 Hapu members to work through what this could involve and report back to the Committee. 17/2/2020 Working party formed to plan this . Working party made up of Aorangi Kawiti, Jade Kake, Cr Carol Peters and Cr Ken Couper. 21/4/2020 Working group to meet after April Te Kārearea meeting.	In progress
2020- 11	Te Kārearea Committee	17/2/2021	Request - feedback required	Concerns raised that Marae are treated as 'commercial buildings' through the Building Consent process.	26/2/2021 Response requested from staff. 8/3/2021 Response provided: Marae fall into the commercial building definition under legislation due to the need for specified or life safety features. This requirement is above a residential residence.	Complete
2020- 12	Te Kārearea Committee	17/2/2021	Request - feedback required / Agenda Item for future meeting	Request for information/discussion on the Hikurangi repo (swamp)	26/2/2021 Response requested from staff. Item scheduled for April. 17/3/2021 Item on April Te Kārearea agenda.	Complete
2020- 13	Te Kārearea Committee	17/2/2021	Request - feedback required	Divesting of the Otangarei Marae - Clr Peters sought progress on the process for the transfer of the Otangarei Marae to hapu	26/2/2021 Response requested from staff. Historic information pulled out and being reviewed to determine what is required. 21/4/2021 Dominic Kula provided an update to Te Kārearea. There are three different ways to approach this, proposal is to sit down with new Trust to establish what their aspirations are.	In progress
2020- 14	Te Kārearea Committee	17/2/2021	Agenda Item for future meetings	Query on discussions WDC has had with Kainga Ora. Desire to have a 'housing workstream' to look at opportunities for action alongside Kainga Ora.	17/2/2021 Informal housing group established and information requested/provided. First meeting held 11/03/21. Clr Peters to lead and report back to Committee with scope and Terms of Reference. 21/4/2021 Cr Peters updated Te Kārearea on progress of the working group. The group have met a few times and determined that Council needs to have a position on what is Local Government's role in housing.	In progress
2020-15	E-Mail request (Jade Kake)	2/3/2021	Request - feedback required	Puhipuhi Mercury Abandoned Mine - opened in 1907 and abandoned in 1945 and nothing has been done by WDC and NRC or the Government to clean it up. This is a head water that flows into the Kaipara Harbour and Whangarei Harbour. Puhipuhi has high rain fall and also the Exploration Mining Permit did hanging over this area as a threat. Concern that this site is slowly over the years missing off the District Maps. Climate Change and pollution issue.	3/3/2021 Response provided covering historic (1998) District Plan provisions requiring remediation prior to a new activity occurring, and the current requirements under the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health	Complete
2020-16	E-Mail request (Jade Kake)	2/3/2021	Request - feedback required	There are two farm dams up Puhipuhi Road and the WDC has not for many years put in correct and large road drains meaning every heavy rain the surface water washes into our maori bush reserve this needs to be corrected.	4/3/2021 Issue not known to staff. Request for address and/or photos from complainant in order to log it as a CRM for the contractors to look into.	In progress

2020-17	Te Kārearea hui	17/3/2021	Agenda Item for future meetings		17/3/2021 Issue regarding Road Safety Concerns about stock on roads to be placed on the agenda for April. 17/3/2021 Item on April Te Kārearea agenda.	Complete
2020-18	Te Kārearea Committee	21/4/2021	Agenda Item for future meeting		21/4/2021 Dominic Kula to develop framework and scope for Te Teriti o Waitangi Audit processes and bring back to next meeting for discussion around pathways. Te Kārearea to workshop this once information provided.	In progress
2020-19	Te Kārearea Committee	21/4/2021	Agenda Item for future meeting		21/4/2021 Report on Inner City Living to be brought back to Te Kārearea.	In progress
2020-20	Te Kārearea Committee	21/4/2021	Resolution		21/4/2021 Te Kārearea to undergo an information gathering exercise that includes mapping of information on Treaty of Waitangi land claims in aide of providing better decision-making on land use within the Whangarei District.	In progress
2020-21	Te Kārearea Committee	21/4/2021	Resolution		21/4/2021 Progress on the Hikurangi Swamp Pump Operation to be reviewed by Te Kārearea in July 2021. Chairpersons of the Te Kārearea to write a letter to the MPI highlighting the plight of hapū and ask for a response.	In progress

5.2 WDC Organisation Strategy and Beyond Diversity initiative

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 19 May 2021
Reporting officer: Jenny Antunovich (General Manager – People and Capability)

1 Purpose

To update Te Kārearea on the WDC Organisation Strategy and Beyond Diversity initiative.

2 Recommendation/s

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee

1. Receive the report and note the contents.

3 Background

Back in late 2015, we began a transformation – we wanted to build a more inclusive, cohesive and effective organisation.

At this time, we had some challenges, including a deep-rooted issue of departments working independently of each other, and a lack of strategic direction – both of which were impacting on the outcomes we were achieving for our community.

We put together a group of 34 staff from across the organization and powered by the collective genius, passion, energy and imagination of these people. We are now in the unique position of working towards a strategy set by our 34 for our 380-strong team. The unified direction of this strategy and the tikanga that guide us has had a wonderfully positive impact on our performance and the outcomes we are achieving for our community.

The group of 34 decided that the staff should be guided by four tikanga - Kotahitanga, Atawhaitanga, Whanaungatanga, and Manaakitanga. We have used those tikanga as our guiding principles for decision making since 2019. In essence, the tikanga have become the “staff values” and are the lens through which we view our success. Recently, we were very pleased to win the Taituara 2021 Local Government Excellence Award for our tikanga and organizational strategy.

Of particular importance was our focus on upholding the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. One of the outcomes of our Action Plan within the Strategy is “We will honour the Treaty and improve wellbeing for Maori.” We have worked hard in this area and were thrilled when Council voted in favour of Maori wards for our District.

We have an initiative underway that will support this further. Beyond Diversity™ is a two-day workshop which will explore how we can together contribute to a more racially equitable and inclusive Aotearoa New Zealand under Te Tiriti O Waitangi. This workshop is a unique opportunity to help us better understand how racial equity plays out in our personal lives and our mahi. The Courageous Conversation Protocol™ will provide us with tools, strategies and

parameters to engage, sustain and deepen conversations about race, racism and racial equity

Jenny Antunovich (General Manager – People and Capability) will attending the hui to provide and update to Te Kārearea on this korero.

5.3 Representation Review update – May 2021

Meeting:	Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting:	19 May 2021
Reporting officer:	Emily Thompson (Manager – Democracy and Assurance) Nicolene Pestana (Team Leader – Democracy)

1 Purpose

To update the Te Kārearea on the progress of the representation review and to gain Te Kārearea feedback on how to proceed with Maori wards and on the current options for General Wards.

2 Background

The Local Electoral Act (LEA) 2001 requires local authorities to undertake a review of their representation arrangements at least once every six years. Council last reviewed its representation arrangements in 2018 which took effect for the 2019 and 2022 triennial elections.

When, on 3 November 2020, Council resolved to establish Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections, this necessitated a review of the representation arrangements in 2021, with the outcome to apply for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections.

A joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing was held on 4 March 2021 providing an overview of the representation review process. A further hui with Te Kārearea was held on 17 March 2021.

The Local Government Commission (LGC) recommends that Councils undertake informal preliminary public consultation to seek feedback on representation arrangements from the community in order to assist Council in identifying options. From 7 April to 7 May, an informal survey was held to seek community views on our current representation.

On 1 April 2021, Council was briefed on the considerations and principles to consider when undertaking a representation review. Some potential approaches / scenarios were discussed at the briefing on 1 April 2021. The minutes of this briefing are attached as Annexure 1.

Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofoske and council staff worked through 10 possible scenarios based on Council feedback from the 1 April briefing. 6 of these possible scenarios did not align with legislative requirements for fair representation. 5 possible options (from feedback provided at the 1 April briefing) were identified and mapped. At the joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing held on 12 May, further detail on the 5 possible options was provided along with the results of the informal survey to inform further considerations.

The agenda and minutes of the joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing on 12 May includes a summary of the feedback received from the informal survey and options that were discussed along with the preferred options identified in the 12 May briefing. These are attached as Attachments 2 and 3.

3 Discussion

Council considers three key considerations when developing the options for wards across our district:

- Councillor numbers
- If we have wards and what they are called
- If we have community boards.

Community members who participated in the informal survey provided feedback on these issues as follows:

- No additional councillors
- Retain the ward structure
- Split feedback on community boards

At the briefing on 12 May, councillors and Te Kārearea members worked through the 5 possible options to identify preferred options for development of the Initial Proposal. While not all councillors and Te Kārearea members were present, two preferred options emerged for further development:

Option 2:

- 10 general councillors + 2 Māori ward councillors
- 6 general wards (Whangarei Heads(1), Hikurangi Coastal(1), North Rural(1), South Rural(1), Bream bay coastal(1) and Whangarei Urban(5))
- 1 Māori ward (2) (whole of district)

Option 4:

- 11 general councillors + 2 Māori ward councillors
- 6 general wards (Whangarei Heads(1), Hikurangi + Coastal(2), Maungakahia and Manugatapere (1), Bream bay coastal(2), Denby (2), Okara (3))
- 1 Māori ward (2) (whole of district)

Council is seeking direction from Te Kārearea on both the above options, and the best options for the Māori wards. While proposals have been progressed to this stage based on one 'district wide Māori ward', other options could include splitting the district either geographically or by iwi or by hapū groupings. Feedback from Te Kārearea will inform the initial proposal adopted by Council in June.

4 Attachments

Attachment 1: Minutes of Council briefing 1 April

Attachment 2: Agenda report 12 May briefing

Attachment 3: Minutes of Council and Te Kārearea briefing 12 May 2021

Council Briefing Minutes

Date: Thursday, 1 April, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber
 Forum North, Rust Avenue
 Whangarei

In Attendance

Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai
 (Chairperson)
 Cr Gavin Benney
 Cr Vince Cocurullo
 Cr Nicholas Connop
 Cr Ken Couper
 Cr Tricia Cutforth
 Cr Shelley Deeming
 Cr Jayne Golightly
 Cr Phil Halse
 Cr Greg Innes
 Cr Greg Martin
 Cr Anna Murphy
 Cr Carol Peters
 Cr Simon Reid

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

Her Worship the Mayor convened the briefing.

1. Apologies

Cr's Simon Reid and Greg Innes.

2. Reports

2.1 Representation Review 2021 - Considerations and principles

Dale Ofoske (Electoral Officer, Independent Election Services) facilitated the briefing and went through the presentation on key principles and considerations when undertaking a representation review.

Elected members were asked to provide feedback and direction on the following:

1. Communities of Interest

In general, elected members felt that communities of interest have not changed that much, although it would be good to have some analysis on growth areas.

There was some interest in taking a clean slate approach, particularly in the urban wards. It was felt that within the community there is a sense of one urban area and the historical Denby/Okara split should be reconsidered. A reconsideration of the Hikurangi-Coastal ward was also suggested. Hikurangi-Coastal ward is a mixture of rural and coastal villages and has a massive area with two distinct communities of interest who experience different impacts and issues. It was felt that a clean slate approach provides an opportunity to look at larger wards for those communities that don't identify with one place or would like to vote for elected members outside of their ward.

It was agreed that a clean slate approach would be used as a starting point. Options will be brought back to Council to work through.

2. Number of Councillors

Elected members discussed what is the best number for effective governance, considering workload and the ability of elected members to be active and useful in the community.

There was a steer that 10 general ward councillors plus two Māori ward councillors and the Mayor (Council of 13) would be a good option to consider, although some elected members felt that the current number of Councillors works best for effective representation. The option of a smaller Council with community boards was also suggested.

It was agreed that options along these lines will be worked through and brought back to Council.

3. Structure of representation

Elected members discussed how councillors should be elected i.e. wards, 'at large' or a mixture.

There were mixed views on this. Some elected members felt that the current ward system provides effective and fair representation. Other elected members were keen to explore an at large/wards mixture.

Suggestions included North Rural and South Rural wards and an at large urban ward, an at large urban ward with councillors elected from rural wards, one or two urban wards with a large rural ward, elected at large and using SH1 to split the district.

It was agreed that options along these lines will be worked through and brought back to Council.

4. Community Boards

There were mixed views on whether community boards should be introduced. Some elected members felt that community boards confuse the issues as people do not

know what these are and all communities will want them, adding another level of bureaucracy. Others were open to the idea of community boards as a democratic way of driving decision making down to community level.

Other options were suggested such as Community Committees which take charge of community issues but where members are not elected, and the structure differs from community boards.

Next steps

Elected member feedback along with community feedback from the informal survey will be considered in order to bring back some options for council to consider further.

3. Closure of Meeting

The briefing concluded at 14.53pm.

Representation Review 2021 – considering various scenarios

Meeting:	Council Briefing
Date of meeting:	12 May 2021
Reporting officer:	Dale Ofoske – Electoral Officer, Election Services Limited Nicolene Pestana – Team Leader, Democracy Emily Thompson – Manager, Democracy and Assurance

1 Purpose

To present feedback from the informal survey and provide detail on potential representation scenarios.

2 Background

The Local Electoral Act (LEA) 2001 requires local authorities to undertake a review of their representation arrangements at least once every six years. Council last reviewed its representation arrangements in 2018 which took effect for the 2019 and 2022 triennial elections.

However, on 3 November 2020, Council resolved to establish Māori wards for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections, necessitating a review of the representation arrangements in 2021, with the outcome to apply for the 2022 and 2025 triennial elections.

The Local Government Commission (LGC) recommends that Councils undertake informal preliminary public consultation to seek feedback on representation arrangements from the community in order to assist Council in identifying options. From 7 April to 5 May, an informal survey was run to seek community views on our current representation. The results of this survey will be presented at today's briefing.

A joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing was held on 4 March 2021 providing an overview of the representation review process. A further hui with Te Kārearea was held on 17 March 2021.

On 1 April 2021, Council was briefed on the considerations and principles to consider when undertaking a representation review. Some potential approaches / scenarios were discussed at this briefing. At today's joint Council and Te Kārearea briefing, Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofoske will provide further detail on the impact of these scenarios.

Councillors and Te Kārearea members will work through these scenarios with the aim of identifying potential options for the Initial Proposal.

3 Discussion

3.1 Informal Consultation

Informal community consultation is took place in April and May and included the following:

- **Informal survey**

- An informal survey which ran from 7 April to 7 May 2021. The survey was available online as well as in a printed booklet with a tear-off survey attached. Copies of the booklet were available at all WDC library branches (including the mobile library bus) and WDC customer service counters (Ruakaka and Forum North).
- **Communication and advertising**
 - Social media campaign, explaining process, first steps, what happens, directing traffic to online forms and physical forms. Channels included Facebook, Neighbourly and Community Facebook Groups and pages.
 - Dedicated WDC website page in 'Have Your Say' section, with overview and informal survey link.
 - Printed stories and ads in the Leader (Wednesdays) and Advocate (Saturdays).
 - Communication with resident and ratepayer's groups and Lions, Rotary and Zonta Groups and Te Huinga and Te Kārearea providing information on the review and offering to attend their meetings in April or May.
- **Engagement**
 - Engagement sessions with Council's Youth, Positive Ageing and Disability Advisory Groups
 - Drop-in sessions at the Central Library throughout April, until 5 May.
 - Briefings with Te Kārearea in March and May.

3.2 Feedback from Advisory Group engagement sessions

Council staff attended Council's Youth, Positive Ageing and Disability Advisory Group meetings in April. A presentation covering the Representation Review process, key dates, Māori wards and the informal survey was provided. Members of the group were encouraged to provide individual feedback to the survey with the expectation that the groups would provide a group submission for the formal consultation on the initial proposal. The presentation and information provided were well received.

The Positive Ageing Advisory Group requested more information on aspects such as community boards and numbers of electors in wards and this was provided to the group subsequent to the meeting. Feedback from this group was that Council/councillors should be more proactive in promoting the representation review in their respective wards.

Both the Youth Group and Positive Ageing Advisory Group felt that the Council should be promoting the representation review and democracy in a broader sense in schools.

Council staff were unable to meet with the Multi Ethnic Collective in April and May as this group is in the process of finalizing its leadership and structure. However, staff have been invited to attend the groups June meeting.

3.3 Feedback from Residents and Ratepayers Associations / Groups

Feedback was received from members of the Whananaki Residents and Ratepayers Association and Kamo Community Inc. Staff also met with a member of the Onerahi Community Association who expressed interest in that community making a submission on the Initial Proposal during formal consultation.

3.4 Results of informal survey

The informal survey was accessible to anyone wishing to participate. Access to the survey was through the Council website's Have your Say page. Posts directing people to the survey

were posted on Facebook, Neighbourly and other community group social media pages. Hardcopy versions were available in all branch libraries and Customer Service Centres.

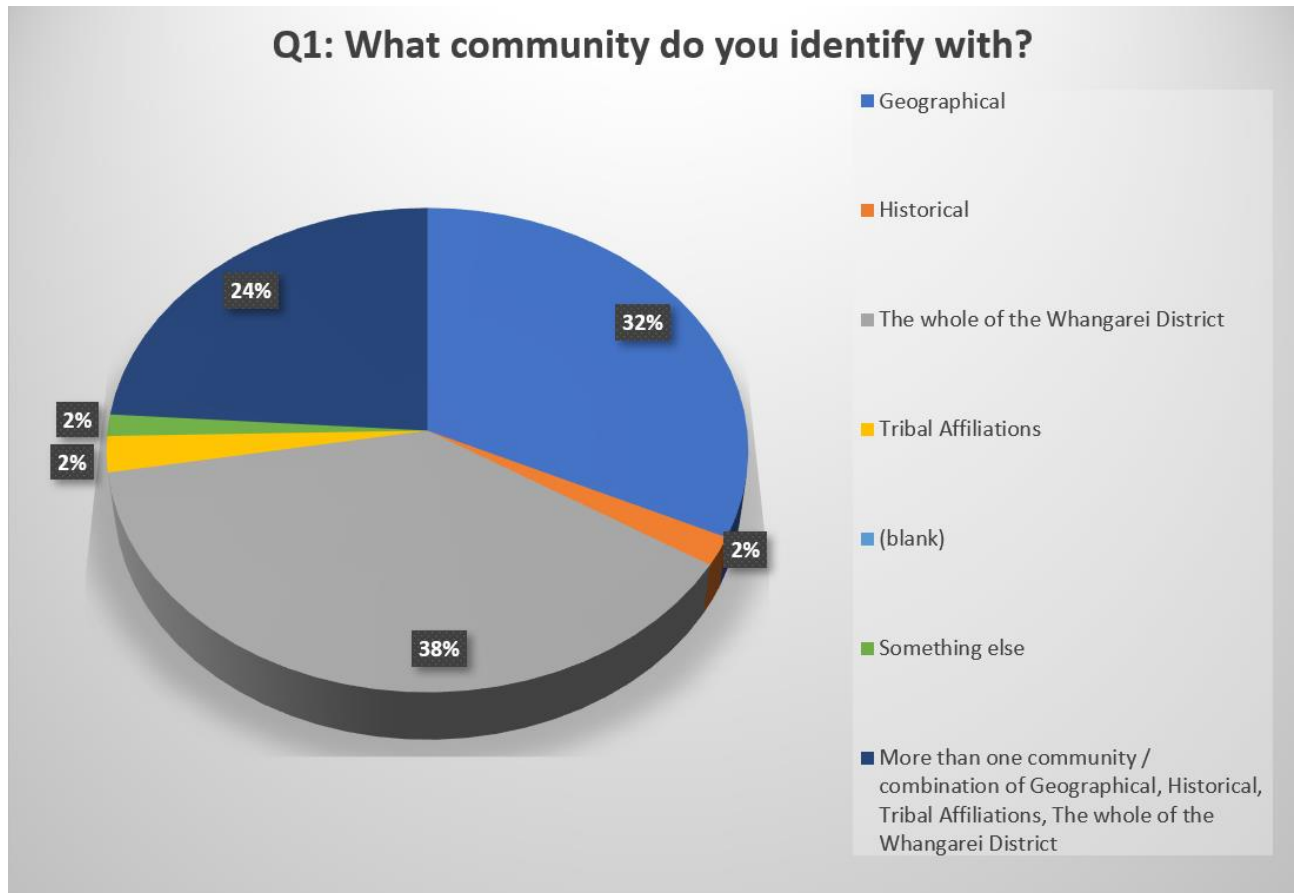
There were 212 responses to the survey, 139 of which were online, with 73 hardcopy responses. A full copy of the survey responses is attached as Attachment 1.

The informal survey asked for feedback on the following questions:

Question 1: What community do you identify with?

Five options were provided: Geographical, Historical, Tribal Affiliations, The whole of the Whangarei District or something else (please describe).

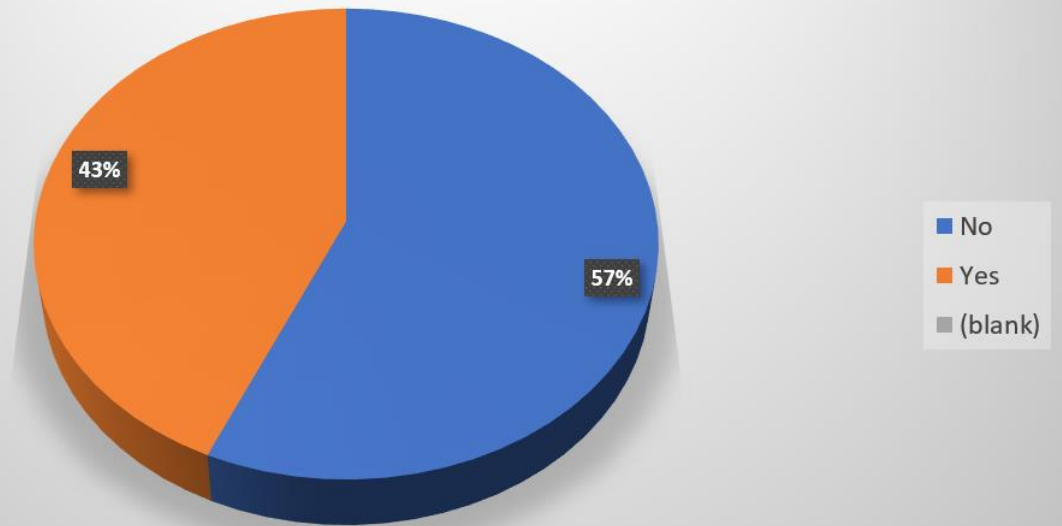
- 38% of survey participants identify with the whole of the Whangarei District.
- 32% of survey participants have a geographical connection to their community.
- 2% of survey participants have a historical connection to their community.
- 2% of survey participants have tribal affiliations to their community.
- 24% of survey participants identify with two or more of the options provided. Attachment 1 provides details of which communities these survey participants identified with.
- 2% of survey participants identify with Something else and listed this as 'other' in the comments section of their response. (Attachment 1).
- 4 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- 4 survey participants identify with one (or more) community but stated another community of interest (e.g. disability) in the comments section of their response. (Attachment 1).
- Some survey participants indicated their community / ward in the comments section of their response. (Attachment 1).



Question 2: Do you think the current wards reflect your community?

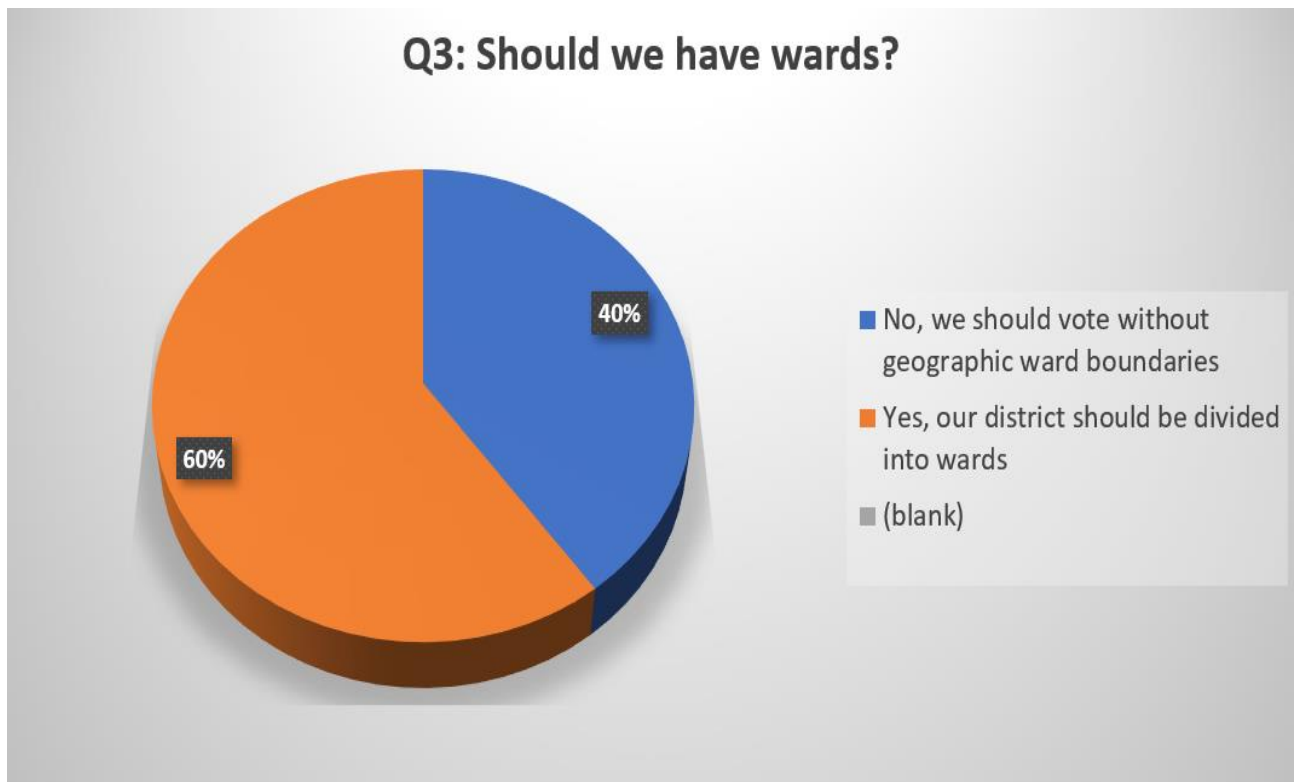
- 57% of survey participants feel that the current wards do not reflect their community.
- 43% of survey participants feel that the current wards do reflect their community
- 2 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).

Q2: Do you think the current wards reflect your community?



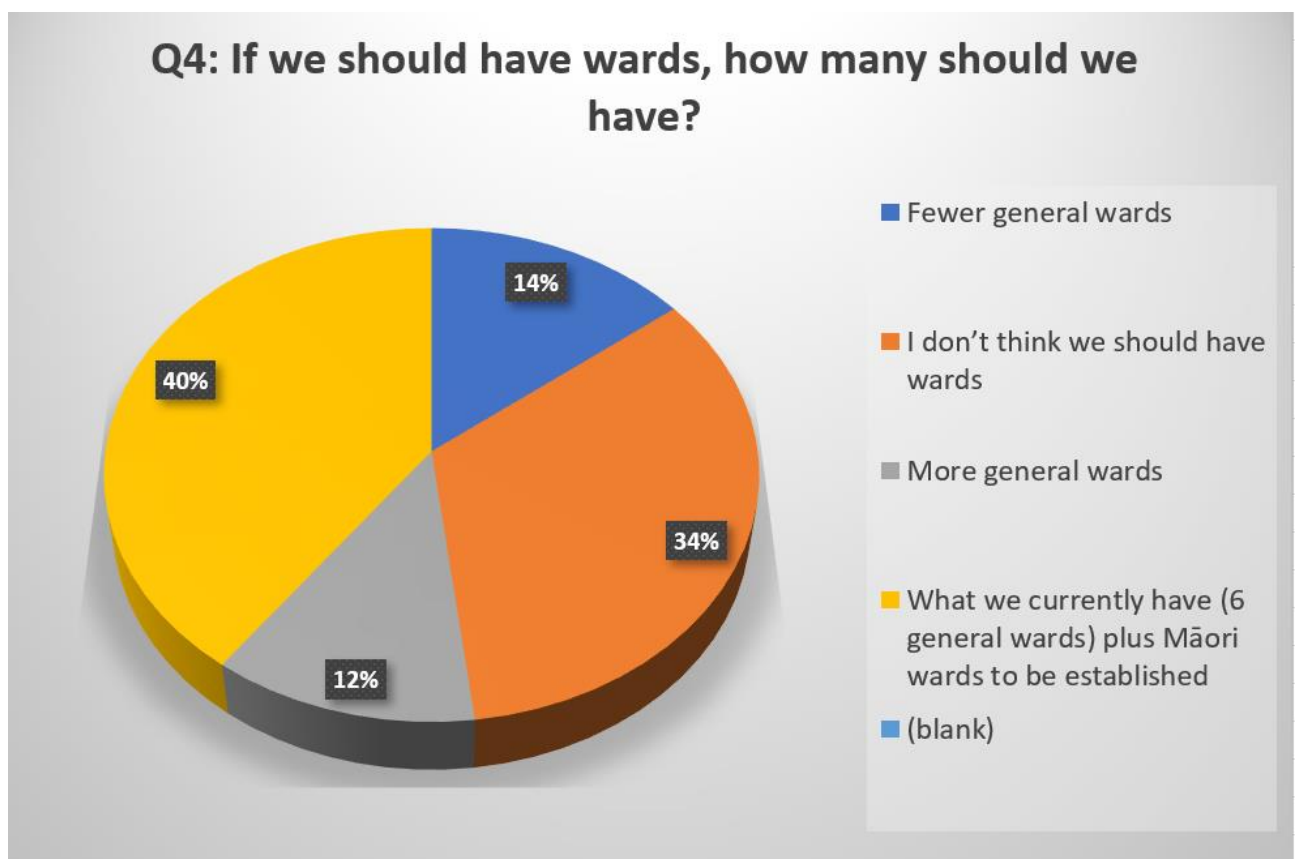
Question 3 Should we have wards?

- 60% of survey participants want our district to be divided into wards.
- 40% of survey participants feel that we should vote without geographical boundaries
- 8 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).



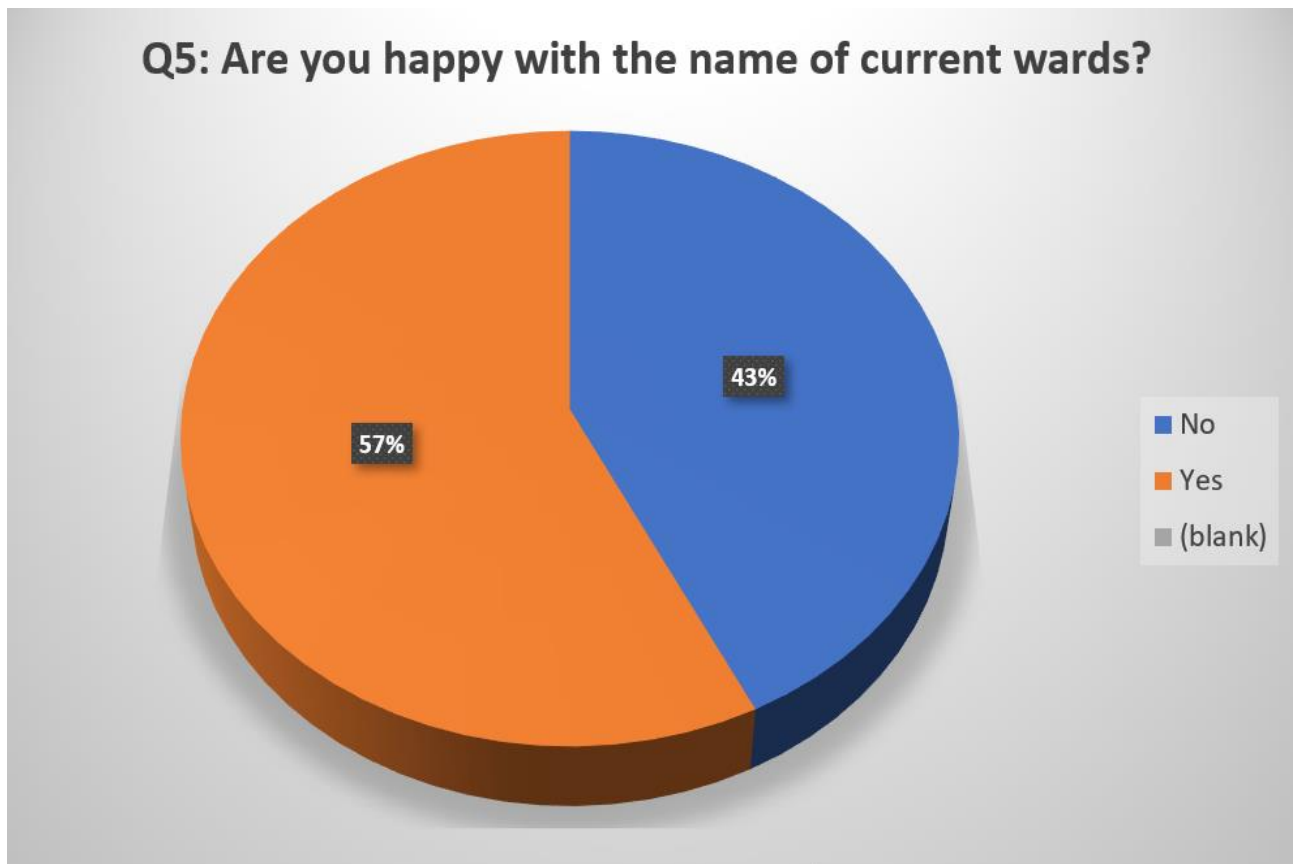
Question 4: If we have wards, how many wards should we have?

- 40% of survey participants opted to retain what we currently have (6 general wards) plus Māori wards to be established.
- 34% of survey participants do not think we should have wards.
- 14% of survey participants feel we should have fewer general wards.
- 12% of survey participants feel we should have more general wards.
- 5 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).



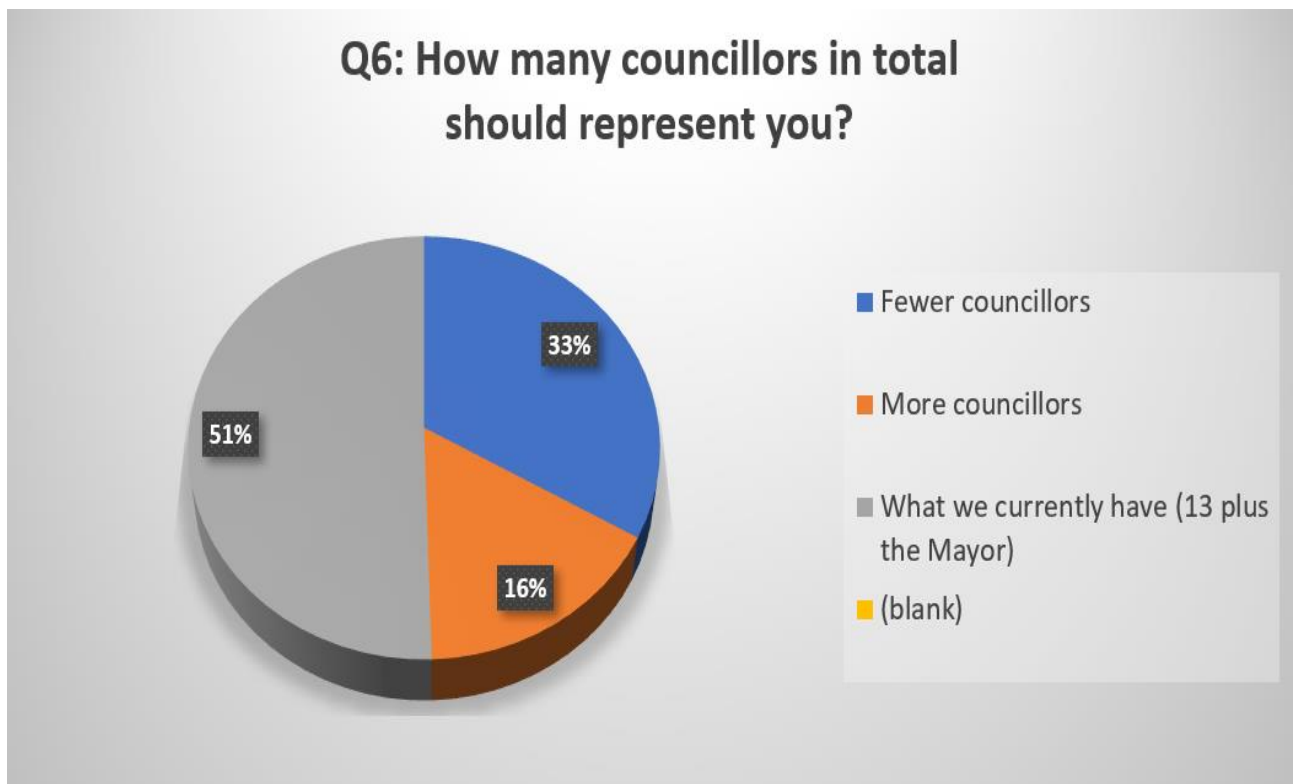
Question 5: Are you happy with the names of the current wards?

- 57% of survey participants are happy with the name of the current wards.
- 43% of survey participants are not happy with the name of the current wards.
- 5 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).



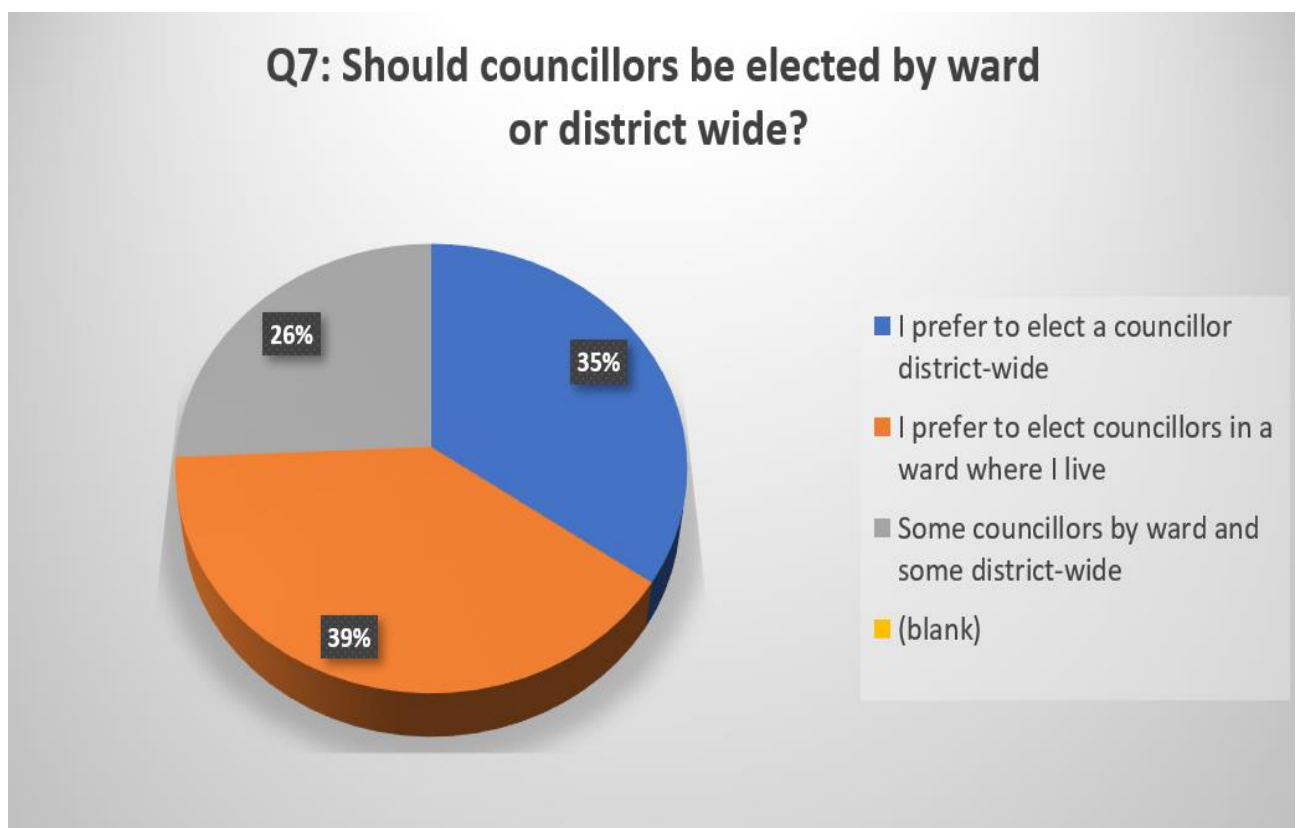
Question 6 How many councillors in total should represent you?

- 51% of survey participants opted to retain what we currently have (13 councillors plus the Mayor).
- 33% of survey participants feel we should have fewer councillors.
- 16% of survey participants feel we should have more councillors.
- 3 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).



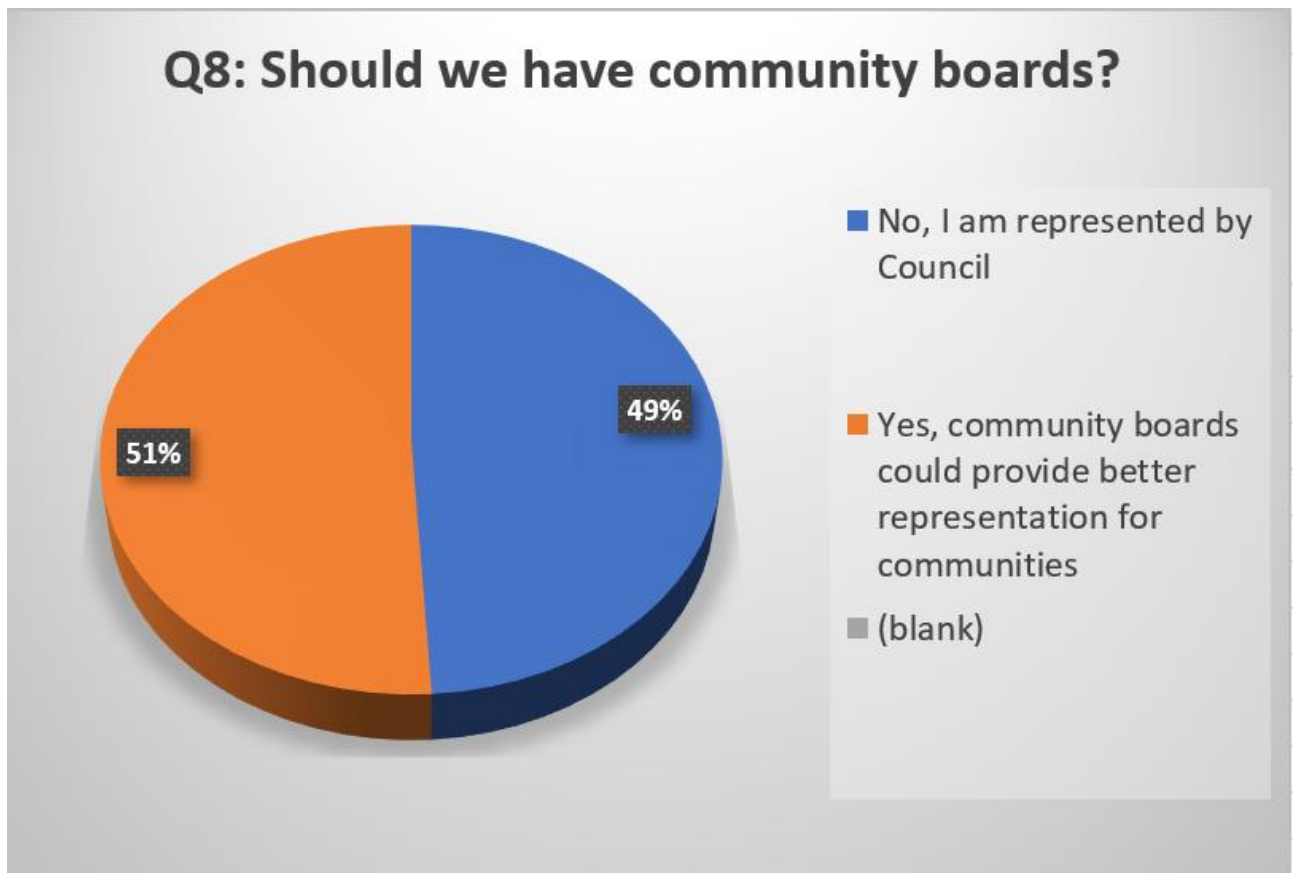
Question 7: Should councillors be elected by ward or district-wide?

- 39% of survey participants prefer to elect councillors where they live (ward based).
- 35% of survey participants prefer to elect councillors districtwide ('at large').
- 26% of survey participants prefer to elect some councillors by ward and some district-wide.
- 3 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).



Question 8: Should we have community boards?

- 51% of survey participants think that community boards could provide better representation for communities.
- 49% prefer to be represented by Council.
- 5 survey participants did not answer the question. These responses have been excluded from the results in the graph below.
- Some survey participants have included commentary on this question in the comments section of their response (Attachment 1).



3.5 Potential approaches / scenarios

A number of approaches / scenarios were discussed at the briefing on 1 April 2021. The minutes and presentation of this briefing is attached as Annexure 2 and Annexure 3.

Council's Electoral Officer, Dale Ofoske and council staff have worked through 10 possible scenarios based on feedback from the 1 April briefing. 6 of these possible scenarios did not fit in terms of legislative requirements for fair representation. 5 possible options (which aligned with feedback provided at the 1 April briefing) were identified and mapped. These options will be presented at the briefing today for discussion.

Councillors have previously requested information on Community Boards. A survey of Community Boards was undertaken in 2018 by Business Lab. The purpose of the survey was to answer two questions:

- What roles and responsibilities do Community Boards in New Zealand have?

- How effective are Community Boards at performing those?

A copy of the report on this survey is included as Attachment 4.

3.6 Next steps

- Te Kārearea hui on 19 May to obtain feedback from hapū on a preferred option.
- Council briefing on 1 June to seek feedback on a preferred option for staff to formalize a recommendation for Council meeting on 24 June.
- Council meeting on 24 June for Council to resolve an initial proposal for consultation.

4 Attachments

Attachment 1: Full copy of the survey responses.

Attachment 2: Minutes of Council briefing 1 April.

Attachment 3: Presentation - Council briefing 1 April.

Attachment 4: Business Lab report: Serving New Zealand? A 2018 Survey of Community Boards.

Council Briefing Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 12 May, 2021
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber
 Forum North, Rust Avenue
 Whangarei

In Attendance	Her Worship the Mayor Sheryl Mai (Chairperson) Cr Gavin Benney Cr Vince Cocurullo Cr Nicholas Connop Cr Ken Couper Cr Tricia Cutforth Cr Shelley Deeming Cr Jayne Golightly Cr Phil Halse Cr Greg Innes Cr Greg Martin Cr Anna Murphy Cr Carol Peters Cr Simon Reid Deborah Harding (Te Kārearea) Delaraine Armstrong (Te Kārearea) Len Bristowe (Te Kārearea) Mira Norris (Te Kārearea)
Scribe	N. Pestana (Team Leader Democracy)

The briefing commenced at 2.15pm.

2. Reports

2.1 Representation Review 2021 - Considering various scenarios

Dale Ofoske, Electoral Officer and Emily Thompson ran through the presentation, the content of which included:

- Summary of community feedback from informal survey;
- Summary of possible options considered but discarded as unfeasible models;
- Detailed options for discussion;

- Representation review timetable;
- Next steps.

Options for discussion

Five options were presented to councillors and Te Kārearea members for discussion at today's briefing. A summary of the five options is provided below:

	General Councillors	Māori Councillors	General Wards	Māori Wards	Ward outline (and councillor numbers)	Outcome
Option 1 10 councillors	8	2	3	1-2	North General (2) South General (2) Urban General (2) Māori (2)	Compliant with +/- 10% rule
Option 2 12 councillors	10	2	5	1-2	Whangarei Urban General (5) Bream Bay General (1) Hikurangi-Coastal General (1) Mangakahia-Maungatapere General (2) Whangarei Heads General (1) Māori (2)	Compliant with +/- 10% rule.
Option 3 12 councillors	10	2	4	1-2	Whangarei Urban General (5) North Coastal General (2) South Coastal General (1) Whangarei Rural General (2) Māori (2)	Compliant with +/- 10% rule
Option 4 13 councillors	11	2	6	1-2	Bream Bay General (2) Denby General (3) Hikurangi-Coastal General (2) Mangakahia-Maungatapere General (1) Okara General (4) Whangarei Heads General (1) Māori (2)	Three of six wards non-compliant. Would need further work/adjustment
Option 5 12 councillors	10	2	1	1	Whangarei General (10) (district-wide) Māori (2) district-wide	District-wide wards do not need to comply with +/- 10% rule

These five options were mapped and details were provided in the presentation.

Councillors and Te Kārearea members split into three groups to consider the five options. The group feedback provided was as follows:

- **Group 1: Option 2**
 - Maungatapere Ward divided into 2 wards, Rural North and Rural South
 - Hikurangi village moved into proposed Rural North Ward
 - Onerahi moved into Whangarei Heads Ward
- **Group 2: Options 2 and 4.**
 - Option 4 with 11 general ward councillors and 2 Māori ward councillors; and
 - Option 2 Maungatapere Ward divided into 2 wards, 10 general ward councillors and 2 Māori ward councillors.
- **Group 3: Option 2 and 3.**
 - Maungatapere Ward divided into 2 wards, Rural North and Rural South.
 - Opportunity for Matching community boards.
 - 5 city + 5 other councillors + 2 Maori ward councillors.

Councillors and Te Kārearea members present at the briefing were then asked for individual feedback on their preferred options. Individual feedback indicated preference for the following options:

1. Option 2

- 10 General councillors / 2 Māori ward councillors
- 6 general wards (Maungatapere Ward divided into 2 wards, Rural North and Rural South)
- 1 / 2 Māori wards.

2. Option 4

- 11 General councillors / 2 Māori ward councillors
- 6 general wards (Maungatapere Ward divided into 2 wards, Rural North and Rural South)
- 1 / 2 Māori wards.

Councillors and Te Kārearea members present at the briefing were evenly divided on the introduction of community boards.

Next steps:

- Te Kārearea hui on 19 May to obtain feedback from hapū on a preferred option for Māori wards.
- Staff will map options 2 and 4 ahead of the Council briefing on 1 June where staff will seek feedback on a preferred option for staff to formalize a recommendation for Council meeting on 24 June.
- Council meeting on 24 June for Council to resolve an initial proposal for consultation.

3. Closure of briefing

The briefing closed at 3.42pm.

5.4 Okara Pa – Old Boys Clubrooms and Rugby Grounds

Meeting: Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Hui
Date of meeting: 19 May 2021
Reporting officer: Sue Hodge (Parks & Recreation Manager)
 Dominic Kula (General Manager Strategy and Democracy)

1 Purpose

To up-date the Committee on the current status of the part of Okara Park that contains Old Boys Clubrooms and Rugby Grounds (Okara Pa), seeking feedback on options going forward.

2 Background

Okara Park is located at the corner of Port Road and Okara Drive. It contains a cluster of recreational facilities that are held in four separate titles that broadly contain Semenoff Stadium, Cobham Oval, Old Boys Marist Clubrooms and adjacent rugby fields. Whangarei District Council is the owner of all properties.

Semenoff Stadium and sports field is managed by a separate Trust. Cobham Oval and the sports fields adjacent to Old Boys Marist Clubrooms are managed by the Parks department of Council.

The Old Boys Marist Rugby Club Inc leased the area that contained their clubrooms. There have been a number of proposals for the portion of the site containing Old Boys Marist Clubrooms (Okara Pa).

This Agenda briefly outlines the current management of the site along with recent discussions with, and feedback from, hapu. Direction from Te Karearea will enable staff to undertake further research before bringing a recommendation back to the Committee in June.

3 Status of Council Management

In 2009 there was a proposal to sell this land for commercial development. This did not proceed for a variety of reasons, including an Environment Court appeal.

Since that time it has been Council's intention to relocate Old Boys Marist to William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island (Pohe Island). To facilitate this Council has developed three sand fields and lights.

Council has also supported the development of facilities for the Club and Union. This development was provided for in the William Fraser Memorial Park on Pohe Island Reserve Management Plan.

The last step in this process is the construction of the Clubrooms and changing rooms which are expected to be open in July/August 2021. This is the last season that Old Boys Marist will be located at Okara Park.

The building lease has expired and the buildings have transferred to Council ownership. The club remains on a month by month basis and are likely to remove all chattels after their last games around October 2021.

Council has not made a decision about the future of the site.

4 Korero with hapu

It is understood that there have been a number of discussions with hapu regarding the future of the site over the years. In October 2019 staff met with representatives of Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau to hear their proposals.

At that time a number of possible uses were outlined by Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau, with it being noted that a collective position of hapu was required to progress these. During the hui an alternative option for the Crown to purchase the land was raised by representatives of Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau, with it being indicated that this had also been raised with the Minister. Representatives of Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau committed to keep Council informed of developments.

In September 2020 Te Arawhiti contacted Council to close the loop on their discussions with representatives of Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau. At that time the potential for the Crown to purchase the site for treaty settlement purposes (subject to it meeting the Crown's criteria) was informally discussed with councillors, with Te Arawhiti being advised that:

In the past the property has been for sale and Council accepted a conditional offer on it some years ago. That sale was dependant on a plan change to allow commercial development which was declined by the environment court, so the sale lapsed.

As with all WDC owned land, if the Crown wishes to acquire it in order to assist with Treaty settlements WDC are very happy to consider any requests.

Through the consultation on the 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan Te Huinga submitted requesting that *“the Okara Pa (Old boys rugby grounds) is set aside for Nga hapu o Whangarei determination of its future activities including the interests of Te Iwitahi Manihera whanau o Te Parawhau”*.

Through deliberations Council committed to present the proposal to Te Karearea for a recommendation. Feedback and direction is sought from this hui so that research can be done and a recommendation brought back to Te Karearea.

5.5 Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework Project Update

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Hui

Date of meeting: 19 May 2021

Reporting officer/s: Shelley Wharton, Manager Infrastructure Planning & Capital Works;
Bernadette Aperahama, Senior Strategic Planner

1 Purpose

To provide a status update for the project to develop a Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework for Whangarei District Council and Te Taitokerau and to receive advice from the Committee on aspects of project delivery.

2 Recommendations

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee

1. Notes the project status report.
2. Provides guidance on a regional approach and methods(s) to scoping and developing the Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework.
3. Provides advice on suitable team members to engage with in scoping and developing the Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework in these early stages.
4. Provides guidance on hapū and iwi based Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping projects that are planned or underway in Whangārei or the region that could be appropriate to support and opportunities for inter-agency collaboration.

3 Discussion

Whangarei District Council is developing a Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework. The Framework will assist Council staff and decision makers with how to consider Te Ao Māori principles and values when responding to climate change and relevant Council policies and plans.

There are Council projects and programmes that have directed staff to develop a Framework based on Te Ao Māori values and principles. This includes:

- Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Terms of Reference
- The Draft Climate Action Plan which has a direct action to develop a Te Ao Māori decision-making framework.
- The Climate Adaptation Te Taitokerau regional programme of work.

- The Tane Whakapiripiri report prepared by hapū within Whangārei which recommends enhancing the capacity and capability of Māori to be involved in decision making processes
- The National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2020 requires local authorities to:
 - give effect to Te Mana o te Wai,
 - include tangata whenua and communities in developing long term visions for waterbodies, and
 - actively include tangata whenua in freshwater management (including decision making processes, policy, plans and monitoring).

The Framework will not be a substitute for direct engagement of tangata whenua. It is also not intended to remove the mana motuhake (mana derived of the land, separate identity, autonomy, self government) that tangata whenua have in decision-making processes.

Rather it is hoped that the Framework will be used as a tool, amongst other guidance, to assist in Council procedures.

4 Discussion

For some time, ngā hapū o Whangārei have advocated for the following outcomes relating to decision making, well-being of the environment and well-being of people:

- Hapū are acknowledged as the kaitiaki within their rohe and are actively involved in the decision-making, management, monitoring and enhancement of the environment;
- The relationship through whakapapa of hapū to their rohe is recognised and provided for by local government;
- The mātauranga of hapū is acknowledged, protected, respected and informs local government processes and decision making.

Climate change is identified in hapū and iwi environmental management plans within Te Taitokerau both in terms of the need for local government to plan for climate change but also to deliver climate change mitigation responses at the same time.

In recent regional and district level projects focussed around climate change, hapū and iwi representatives have expressed concern that the processes and focus of local government decision making creates risks regarding responses to climate change. Specifically, that decision making by local government is framed by Eurocentric measures and concepts which does not yet give sufficient voice to the specific perspectives, knowledge and needs of tangata whenua. Essentially, there is inequity.

Without addressing these issues, Council efforts to act in relation to climate change are at risk of:

- Limiting the ability of Maori to adapt to climate change;
- Limiting the collective efforts to reduce the severity of climate change or to improve the well-being of our environment;
- Making decisions without all the information potentially leading to maladaptation; and
- Perpetuating inequalities and breaching Treaty obligations under legislation.

4.1 The role of Te Ao Maori in decision making in local government.

Hapū and iwi have expressed a position that if we are to improve the health of the environment and our people, we need to change the way that people interact with the environment. This involves a shift from viewing the environment as a commodity or resource for extractive use to a relationship with the environment as one of reciprocal exchange.

Hapū acknowledge their whakapapa (genealogy) to the natural environment, connecting people to place and seeing the interconnectedness of wellbeing of the environment to wellbeing of the people. By the nature of acknowledging this relationship, Te Ao Māori can help decision making that enable both the natural world and humans to prosper. As kaitiaki, hapū have a planning horizon that is inter-generational more closely aligning to the way we need to be planning for climate change than our current process.

Staff working across the regional and district level on climate change projects have heard that decision making based on Te Ao Māori supports the following outcomes:

- Building an understanding of cultural differences into Council processes;
- Equity in the Local Government responses to climate change with mutually beneficial decision making occurring; and
- Decision makers and Council processes are well-informed having two streams of knowledge to draw on; and
- Working with Māori communities who have a history of successfully adapting to and using change for their betterment and can see the mitigation and restoration opportunities available.

There is the potential for this framework to function as a higher order document across all of the Councils and their projects. For example, it could be used to guide the Long Term Plan priorities. Acknowledging the significance of this work, the Māori relationships advisors have been approached to help guide the process with hapū, iwi and Councils to develop this framework.

4.2 Climate change focus.

In November 2019, Te Huinga nominated Rosie Wellington and Delaraine Armstrong as the two representatives of Te Huinga to work alongside Council staff on climate change projects. These projects are:

- **Climate Adaptation Te Taitokerau (CATT):** The four Councils in Northland are working alongside hapū and iwi representatives to collaboratively develop a regional climate change adaptation strategy that will set out the approach to adaptation by councils in Northland.
- **Whangarei District Council Draft Climate Action Plan:** An Action Plan in response to the declaration of a climate emergency by Council. The Draft Climate Action Plan has outcomes and actions focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The need for a Te Ao Māori decision making framework was raised early in these projects. Feedback from our Te Huinga and TTMAC representatives have emphasised the need for councils to develop a Te Ao Māori framework that builds an understanding of cultural differences into council processes. Climate change also has the potential to significantly affect Three Waters assets, processes and subsequently environmental outcomes related to water quality. Climate change is also identified in hapū and iwi environmental management plans both in terms of the need for local government to plan for climate change but also to deliver climate change mitigation responses at the same time.

4.3 Current status of the Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework project

We are at the project planning stage.

- Funding of \$100,000 to develop a decision making framework for local government within Te Taitokerau based on Te Ao Māori has been obtained.
- Puawai Kake of WSP, has been engaged to project manage this work.

- A draft scope has been prepared and is being refined following initial feedback from hapū, iwi and Council representatives.
- A draft project execution plan has been prepared.
- The intent is to create a framework based on Te Ao Māori that is relevant to local government in Te Taitokerau, that will eventually be supported by tools and an implementation plan.
- A list of parties to work and learn from with is being prepared.
- The project team members and method for delivery of the project are in the process of being identified.

The advice of Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee is seen as a key step in: guiding a regional approach and methods and identifying appropriate team members from within the hapū and iwi of Te Taitokerau to scoping and developing the Te Ao Māori Decision-Making Framework in these early stages.

4.4 Alignment with other work

Closely aligned to this project are the following projects:

- **Mātauranga Māori and GIS data capture projects:** Resourcing of \$150,000 has been obtained through the Three Waters Fund to assist hapū and iwi within Te Taitokerau to undertake GIS work that can inform climate change adaptation and mitigation and Three Waters projects. Hapū within Whangarei have expressed interest in developing GIS databases to support further kaupapa such as mapping cultural narratives and sites of significance. Staff seek an understanding of the scope, scale and progress of hapū or iwi GIS projects in Whangārei and Te Taitokerau that are planned or underway. As well as opportunities for collaboration with other agencies to support hapū and iwi GIS aspirations across the region. Supporting an existing project or partnering to deliver one is likely to lift the value of the outcomes for hapū and iwi compared to funding an independent project.
- **Literature review:** Commissioned by NRC, this provides an analysis broadly scoped around Maori perspectives on climate change and how it has been communicated elsewhere in New Zealand.
- **Audit of Council's operations and decision making under the Treaty of Waitangi:** NRC have expressed interest in undertaking an audit together. Staff will bring this project to the June meeting of Te Karearea as a separate agenda item.

5 Significance and engagement

The decisions or matters of this Agenda do not trigger the significance criteria outlined in Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. The public will be informed via Agenda publication on the website.