

# Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Agenda

Date: Thursday, 4 July, 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am

Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust

Avenue

**Attendees:** Cr Deborah Harding (Chairperson)

Cr Phil Halse (Deputy Chairperson)

His Worship the Mayor Vince

Cocurullo

Cr Nicholas Connop Cr Patrick Holmes Cr Carol Peters Cr Simon Reid Cr Phoenix Ruka

Delaraine Armstrong

Len Bristowe Sean Walters Simon Mitchell Hohipere Williams Sandra Hawken Nicki Wakefield Tame Te Rangi

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# 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 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 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)

#### Key responsibilities – advice and recommendations

- Participation
  - o 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 o Governance oversight of initiatives - Te Karearea budget and resourcing to build capacity (both Council and Māori) and deliver on the Terms of Reference

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Māori in this context is defined as people that affiliate to a whanau, hāpu, 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

- o Identify strategic priorities to address the Climate Change Adaptation Plan.
- o 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 o Provide recommendations on harbour and waterway matters (within the jurisdiction of WDC)
- o 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
- o 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 o Information sharing / discussions on Treaty Settlement processes and potential partnership opportunities (where appropriate)
- o 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.
  - o 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.



#### Item 4.1

# Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 15 May, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Tuparehuia Marae

**765 Whangaruru North Road** 

Whangaruru

In Attendance Cr Deborah Harding

**Cr Phil Halse** 

His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo

**Cr Nicholas Connop** 

Cr Carol Peters Cr Phoenix Ruka

**Delaraine Armstrong** 

Simon Mitchell Nicki Wakefield Hohipere Williams

> Cr Simon Reid Len Bristowe Sandra Hawken Tame Te Rangi Sean Walters

Also in Attendance Cr Scott McKenzie

Scribe Angelina Marshall

#### 1. Karakia / Mihi

Haukainga

# 2. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

Cr Patrick Holmes, Cr Simon Reid, Cr Gavin Benney, Sean Walters, Sandra Hawken, Tame Te Rangi and Len Bristowe (absent).

# 3. Hīkoi to Te Paihere o Kaharau wāhi tapu and Waitapu Creek (Bland Bay Recreation Reserve)

#### 4. Community Forum / Hui a Hapori

## • Te Paihere o Kaharau wāhi tapu.

Neighbouring properties have made their own access through Te Paihere o Kaharau wāhi tapu to access the beach. Signage foreign to the Hapū is being erected on Te Paihere o Kaharau wāhi tapu as well. Hapū are removing these signs. Ngāti Wai have provided two signs to the Hapū to erect outside of Te Paihere o Kaharau wāhi tapu. Council staff will Te Paihere o Kaharau follow up with key Whangarei District Council staff and bring Northland Regional Council and Department of Conservation to the table to discuss. A few matters will be cross agency so staff will commit to bring the relevant parties together.

# • Te Whau (Bland Bay Recreation reserve)

A significant area because of its wāhi tapu. Koiwi are still appearing and Hapū have been reinterring Koiwi, however with the coastal erosion, it is likely that more Koiwi and potentially the reinterred Koiwi will resurface in future. Hapū would like to sit down with Whangarei District Council, Far North District Council and Department of Conservation to look at what can be done with the Koiwi and whether there is other land that can be considered to reinter. Punipuni Road wāhi tapu is another area where Koiwi are being exposed. Haukainga will deal with this in future.

#### Waitai Landing Reserve and Kirikiri Pawhaoa Reserve

This land was acquired by Whangarei District Council when whanau subdivided the land. There is no maintenance on the Council land and the whanau living beside the land have been completing the maintenance themselves with no compensation. The Thompson Whanau asked whether this land could be given back? There is no public utilization of this land and very limited access. Jim Sephton (General Manager, Infrastructure) and Louis Rattray (Manager, Parks) will visit the area in question and discuss a plan forward with relevant parties.

#### Punaruku Awa Komiti

The committee provided an update of work completed. A full presentation on the Punaruku Flood Mitigation Business Case will be made at the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee meeting on 20 May 2024.

# • The Local Resident and Rate Payer Committee

Ongoing issue with wild cattle. Request to work with the Whangarei District Council on Council Land Maintenance.

#### Rubbish dumped on the Corner of Whangaruru North Road

Whangarei District Council or Northland Regional Council to look at this issue.

#### Slow Vehicle Bays

There has been an increase of traffic including visitors to camp sites. Request for Council to consider more Slow Vehicle Bays and more signage to remind people to drive on the left hand side of the road.

#### Civil Defence team

Council to consider revisiting and progressing levelling of the land in front of the First AID Building.

#### The Community Centre

Poplar trees in the drain on Council Property. Request for trees to be removed as they are a falling hazard. Council staff will discuss the Poplar trees and drains with the Department of Conservation.

#### Tobacco Weed

Spreading everywhere in the Bland Bay area. Request for spraying

### 29 Punipuni Road

Flooding issues, potentially from another property with no culvert and the flooding spreads all the way to the Community Centre.

#### Boat Launch Access

There is very little access for Boats to launch at Bland Bay. Is there another area available where there can be access to the harbour for everybody?

#### Pest Control

Is there funding available to the community for their own pest control? The traps cost \$500 each.

# Slip at Kirikiri Pawhaoa (between 950 and 975 Whangaruru North Road)

Erosion is undercutting the bank. Can this road hazard be fixed? Request by the Residents and Rate Payers association members to receive any soil removed from the eroded area to be used to level the land by the Community Centre.

# 5. Closure of Meeting: Te katinga o te Hui

The hui concluded at 11.45am.

Confirmed this 4th day of July 2024

Cr Deb Harding (Chairperson)



#### Item 4.2

# Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, 4 June, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

In Attendance Cr Deborah Harding (Chairperson)

Cr Phil Halse (Deputy Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo

**Cr Nicholas Connop** 

Cr Carol Peters
Cr Simon Reid
Cr Phoenix Ruka
Len Bristowe
Sean Walters
Simon Mitchell
Hohipere Williams

**Delaraine Armstrong** 

Sandra Hawken Nicki Wakefield Tame Te Rangi

Scribe N. Pestana (Team Leader, Democracy)

1. Karakia/Mihi

Len Bristowe

2. Declaration of Interests / Take Whaipānga

Item 6.3 – Staffing Risks and Issues.

# 3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

Nicki Wakefield, Cr Patrick Holmes, Tame te Rangi, Delaraine Armstrong and Sandra Hawken.

Moved By Cr Phil Halse Seconded By Cr Phoenix Ruka

That the apologies be sustained.

Carried

#### 4. Confirmation of Minutes: Whakatau Meneti

4.1 Minutes Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Meeting held on 20 May 2024

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the minutes of the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee meeting held on Monday, 20 May 2024, having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting.

Carried

# 5. Decision reports / Whakatau Rīpoata

5.1 Te Tai Tokerau Regional Accessibility Strategy - Te Kārearea

Moved By Cr Carol Peters Seconded By Simon Mitchell

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee:

- Receives the report Te Tai Tokerau Regional Accessibility Strategy
- 2. Endorses the Te Tai Tokerau Regional Accessibility Strategy, a joint approach to accessibility developed by the Far North, Kaipara, Whangarei, and Northland Regional Councils.

**Carried** 

# 6. Information reports / Ngā Pūrongo Kōrero

# 6.1 Action Log Update June 2024

Moved By Cr Carol Peters Seconded By Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the report.

Carried

## 6.2 General Managers Verbal Update - June 2024

Moved By Hohipere Williams Seconded By Len Bristowe

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the report.

Carried

### 6.3 Staffing Risks and Issues

Moved By Cr Carol Peters Seconded By Cr Phoenix Ruka

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the report.

Carried

Sean Walters declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussions or voting on Item 6.3.

# 6.4 Whangarei District Council Branding 2024

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor **Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee:

- 1. Note this report.
- 2. Note that *Whangarei District Council* is an official name for what is considered in legislation as a national geographical feature.
- 3. Note that if the branding for *Whangarei District Council* was progressed to align with the 2019 gazetted official spelling of

Whangārei, it would be considered a district (geographic feature) name change.

4. Note that a review of the Māori language orthography for the official name, *Whangārei*, is also incorrect.

Carried

# 7. Public excluded / Rāhui Tangata

There was no business in public excluded.

# 8. Closure of Meeting: Te katinga o te Hui

The meeting concluded at 10.46am.

Confirmed this 4th day of July 2024

Cr Deb Harding (Chairperson)



# 5.1 Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026

**Meeting:** Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee

Date of meeting: 04 July 2024

Reporting officer: Mark Scott - Manager, Māori Outcomes

# 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

To provide an update from Te Huinga on the final strategy design for *Aotearoa Reorua* | *Whangārei 2026*.

# 2 Recommendations / Whakataunga

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee

1. Notes this report;

and

2. Endorses the final strategy for Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026 to be progressed through to Council for approval.

# 3 Background / Horopaki

In 2023 Council approved Whangārei to be included in the 2023 cohort of towns/cities to join the national Aotearoa Reorua program. Aotearoa Reorua supports councils and their tangata whenua partners to come together to develop a strategy for their city to create more spaces, places and opportunities where te reo Māori is seen, heard and celebrated alongside the English language.

Aotearoa Reorua is led by the Department of Internal Affairs with support from Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development), Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission) and Te Mātāwai (independent statutory entity that leads the revitalisation of te reo Māori). Aotearoa Reorua prioritises enrolment for centres that meet criteria such as an existing positive tangata whenua and council relationship, and who already have a visible presence of te reo Māori and a sizeable Māori population.

Nationally this was led out by the respective local bodies of Rotorua, Ōtaki and Wairoa in 2017. Other local bodies who joined their towns/cities to this initiative are Whakatāne, Tokoroa and Porirua. Far North District Council supported the tribes of Kerikeri to add Kerikeri township before Whangarei District Council followed at the end of 2023.

The Whangārei Hapū forum, Te Huinga, agreed to support Aotearoa Reorua by acting as the umbrella entity assigning members from across the Whangārei tribes to a Working Group. Council representatives to the working group from Operations is Mark Scott, Manager for Māori Outcomes and for Governance, Councillor Phoenix Ruka.

# 4 Discussion / Whakawhiti korero

The Working Group is contracted to a series of milestones dated through to the close of 2025 which is financially resourced in full by Aotearoa Reorua (administered by the Department of Internal Affairs):

Milestone	Milestone Description(s)	Due Date
1.	Te Huinga Society formally confirming its support of Whangārei Reorua with the Whangārei District Council in writing or committee resolution.	22 January 2024
2.	Funding and Accountability Report 1   Provision of a draft strategy.	29 February 2024
3.	Funding and Accountability Report 2   Provision of final strategy.	30 April 2024
4.	Funding and Accountability Report 3    Progress of activities for the period 01 May 2024 to 31 November 2024 showing:  - key learnings - insights - risks and mitigations (or escalations to the Department) and - funding report that describes income and expenses.	18 December 2024
5.	Funding and Accountability Report 4    Progress of activities for the period 01 December 2024 to 31 August 2025 showing:  - key learnings  - insights  - risks and mitigations (or escalations to the Department) and  - funding report that describes income and expenses	15 September 2025
6.	Final Funding and Accountability Report 5    Provision of a Future Setting Report that:  - outlines how you will continue 'Aotearoa Reorua   Whangārei 2026' beyond the end of the Funding Agreement  - a funding report that describes income and expenses for the whole contract period signed by a Chartered Accountant.	28 November 2025

The initial milestones through to the close of April centre on drafting a Māori language strategy. Te Kārearea received an update at its February meeting on the draft strategy, endorsing it through to Council. Council approved the draft strategy at their March meeting.

#### 4.1 Financial/budget considerations

Initiation and milestone funding is fully provided by Department of Internal Affairs and sits with tangata whenua, in which case Te Huinga agreed to be the fundholder.

There are no immediate commitments expected of Whangārei District Council, and any initiatives proposed in the Māori Language Strategy for Whangārei, are subject to approval by Council.

# 5 Significance and engagement / Te Hira me te Arawhiti

The decisions or matters of this agenda item 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.

# 6 Attachments / Ngā Tāpiritanga

Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026 Strategy FINAL

# Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026

#### Background

Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026 is a community-led initiative to promote bilingual proficiency throughout the Whangārei wider community by 2026. Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026 was formed initially through the relationship between Te Huinga (a collective group of hapū within Whangarei District Council boundaries) and Whangarei District Council.

In 2024, *Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026* developed a strategy to develop initiatives to represent and recognize; a continuum of progression and achievement in the revitalisation of te reo Māori as a living taonga; providing a means to continue supporting local Māori initiatives; and promoting a linguistic portal to the world for future generations.

Te Huinga agreed to support *Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026* by acting as the umbrella entity for any funding applications. This has proven to be an enduring relationship and they remain a valued advocate of aspirations for the revitalisation of the Māori language.

Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026 is now reviewing this strategy and its subsequent principles to ensure that its critical factors – Quality Community Engagement and Quality Learning Opportunities – are being met.

Fundamentally, the objectives of *Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026* remain the same, namely to encourage and support the use of the Māori language alongside the English language and that te reo Māori can; be used naturally in all public places; be a strong language choice in homes; build business capability to provide services and conduct business activities; and enable workplaces to develop te reo Māori competencies and reward achievements.

To reiterate, *Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026* is a community-led initiative. In the true essence of collaboration, no one organisation or entity leads this initiative, nonetheless, the community does seek to pro-actively support any organisation or entity in their individual promotion of te reo Māori within the Whangarei district. *Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026* strongly and pro-actively advocates and supports the use of the Māori language within the Whangarei district. That being said, we have identified key contacts as follows: -

Sandra Hawken | Chairperson, Te Huinga
Taipari Munro | Te Parawhau, Kaumātua
Hepi Haika | Ngāti Wai, Kaumātua
Tame Te Rangi | Ngāti Whātua, Kaumātua
Members of Te Huinga Inc Society
Mark Scott | Manager, Māori Outcomes, Whangarei District Council
Cr Phoenix Ruka | Elected Member, Whangārei Māori Ward, Whangarei District Council.

#### **Strategic Plan**

Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026 seeks to focus its strategic planning and in particular it will strive to:-

- Reinvigorate te reo Māori throughout the Whangarei District;
- Strengthen the unique cultural identity of Whangarei;
- Support communication skills and proficiency;
- Encourage greater social and economic opportunities;
- Have Whangarei acknowledged as 'the gateway to te reo Māori' for language learners and speakers;
- Have te reo Māori in Whangarei becoming a gateway to the language and cultures of the world.

Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026 have identified a number of long-term key focus areas for the revitalisation of the Māori language in the Whangarei District. They are as follows:

**Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026** — to develop a long term Māori language strategy for the Whangarei district; to empower the Whangarei district to be truly an advocate for the revitalisation of the Māori language; to ensure that *Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026* is reflected in research and surveys across all agencies; and to develop verbal and visual indicators at all levels of the community including education, health, business and local government.

**Tikanga** – to ensure that Māori protocols are strong with healthy and vibrant marae; to empower marae to have the confidence to express their respective tikanga; to actively promote the importance of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga within the community; to develop opportunities for the community to practise tikanga Māori within their respective entities; and to encourage the normalisation of the practise of tikanga Māori within the community.

**Mātauranga** – to increase the number of proficient Māori language speakers within the Whangarei district; to provide quality language learning opportunities; to provide quality teaching experiences using mātauranga Māori and tikanga Māori; to increase access to quality language learning resources and teaching aides; and to develop a community-centre wānanga focusing on capacity building, capability, leadership, development and succession to bridge the gap between previous learning and higher knowledge of te reo Māori.

**Ngā Tohu Reorua** – to provide leadership and guidance that will lead to all signage within the Whangarei district to becoming bilingual as our budget allows.

*Ārero Kaumātua* – to capture and record the korero of our kaumātua throughout the district.

**Raraunga Ora** – to create and develop a living database to measure the progress of the *Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026* kaupapa; to determine what has worked and what needs further development; and to identify and nurture current and future Māori language aspirations within the Whangārei community.

**Mātanga Reo** – to identify local Māori language champions who will be acknowledged and developed to promote the *Aotearoa Reorua | Whangārei 2026* strategy.

In line with the ethos of *Aotearoa Reorua* | *Whangārei 2026*, it is important to remember that for the most part, any bi-lingual initiative should be 'hapori//hapū-led' (community), which in the following table could be interpreted as the possibility of collaboration with numerous agencies and entities, both in and outside the Whangārei district.

Key Focus Area 1	Aotearoa Reorua   Whangārei 2026											
Whāinga 1	Aotearoa Reorua   Whangārei 2026 partners develop a long-term Māori language strategy for the Whangārei district.											
Whāinga 2	Aotearoa Reorua   Whangārei 2026 partners are empowered to promote the Whangārei district to be truly an advocate of Te Reo Māori.											
Whāinga 3	Aotearoa Reorua   Whangārei 2026 partners develop verbal and visual indicators at all levels of the community including education, health, busi government.											
	Ngā Mahi Matua	How will we achieve this?	Ngā Hua e Puta ai	Jun 2024	Jun 2025	Jun 2026						
WDC-led	Encourage and support any non-Reo Māori speaking elected members and staff (incl. contractors) to learn Te Reo Māori.	Staff and resource commitment from WDC.	All representatives of Whangarei District Council become Te Reo Māori advocates.									
	Provide opportunities for elected members and council staff to learn and practice Te Reo Māori and tikanga utilising digital apps or what can be available.	Make WDC aware of the various apps available such as Ako Tahi or Māori in a Minute.	A cultural app be developed and available to all staff i.e., Te Kupenga, a cultural app, was developed and launched in 2021.									
	To gradually develop Te Reo Maori in all Council documentation, website, social media outlets.	Māori Outcomes to implement.	All WDC communication will incorporate Te Reo Māori.									
	Te Reo Māori street flags, tear drop flats and pull-ups.	Talk to the various departments regarding signage for parks and reserves.	To review all bilingual flags and other promotional items.									
Mana Whenua-led	To encourage any community entity the opportunity to utilise Te Reo Māori within their respective workplaces		Aotearoa Reorua   Whangārei 2026 partners promote workspaces that are specifically Te Reo Māori zones.									
	Encourage the use of Te Reo Māori within the community		Community entities promote the use of Te Reo Māori e.g., signage, street flags, workplaces.									

Key Focus Area 2	Tikanga											
Whāinga 1	To ensure that Māori protocols are strong with healthy and vibrant marae.											
Whāinga 2	To empower marae to have the confidence to express their respective tikanga.											
Whāinga 3	To actively promote the importance	of Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga within t	he community.									
Whāinga 4	To develop opportunities for the com	nmunity to practice Māori protocols with	nin their respective entities.									
Whāinga 5	To encourage the normalisation of the practice of Māori protocols within the community.											
	Ngā Mahi Matua	How will we achieve this?	Ngā Hua e Puta ai	Jun 2024	Jun 2025	Jun 2026						
Marae-led	Provide opportunities for the community to learn Māori protocols.	Provide resources and information to learn Te Reo Maori at various organisations.	At least two Reorua marae, hapū or iwiled events, activities or initiatives. At least two wānanga promoting how Te Reo Māori can be used within the marae, e.g., signage.									
Mana Whenua- led	Provide professional development opportunities for entities within the community.	Host wānanga (seminar, conference).	At least one wānanga hui is held that considers establishing and implementing a Reo Māori acquisition plan, with a specific focus on taitamariki.									
	Identify quality exemplars, leaders and mentors to guide community entities with knowledge around Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga.	Sharing information and being aware of the exemplars.	That an award system be instigated to recognise Te Reo Māori champions.									

<b>Key Focus</b>	Mātauranga											
Area 3												
Whāinga 1	To increase the number of Te Reo Māori speakers in Whangārei.											
Whāinga 2	To provide quality language learning	opportunities.										
Whāinga 3	To provide quality teaching experience	ces using mātauranga Māori and tikanga	Māori.									
Whāinga 4	To increase access to quality language	ge learning resources and teaching aides.										
Whāinga 5	To develop a community-centered wananga focusing on capacity and capability building, leadership, development and succession to bridge the gap between previous learning and higher knowledge of Te Reo Māori.											
	Ngā Mahi Matua	How will we achieve this?	Ngā Hua e Puta ai	Jun 2024	Jun 2025	Jun 2026						
WDC-led	Establish new teaching and learning opportunities for Te Reo Māori me ona tikanga, whilst simultaneously supporting quality programs that currently exist.	Resources/learning made available.	That all council staff have an opportunity to learn Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga to at least Level 3.									
	To establish a cultural app to provide guidance and opportunities to learn basic Te Reo Māori.		That all Council staff have downloaded and are utilising the cultural app 'Te Kupenga'.									
Mana Whenua-led	To produce and publish quality language learning resources and teaching aides.	Ensuring we have resources available.	To upgrade the Aotearoa Reorua   Whangārei 2026 touch table with learning resources and teaching aides.									

Key Focus Area 4	Ngā Tohu Reorua	Ngā Tohu Reorua												
Whāinga 1	To provide leadership and guidance that will lead to all signage within the Whangārei district to becoming bilingual in five years.													
	Ngā Mahi Matua	How will we achieve this?	Ngā Hua e Puta ai	Jun 2024	Jun 2025	Jun 2026								
WDC-led	Establishing a thriving relationship with the Whangarei District Council.	Working with and thriving together.	That Council seeks guidance and support in ensuring all Council signage is bilingual.											
	That the Whangarei District Council works collaboratively with partners and agencies to promote the use of bilingual signage.	Monitoring and meeting to ensure compliance.	That there is an opportunity that road signs are bilingual to promote road safety.											



# 6.1 General Managers Verbal Update – July 2024

**Meeting:** Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee

Date of meeting: 4 July 2024

Reporting officer: Aaron Taikato – General Manager Strategy and Democracy

# 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

To update Te Kārearea on current projects, actions and recommendations relevant to Te Kārearea.

# 2 Recommendation / Whakataunga

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the report.

# 3 Significance and engagement / Te Hira me te Arawhiti

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.



# 6.2 Action Log Update - July 2024

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee

Date of meeting: 4 July 2024

Reporting officer: Aaron Taikato – General Manager Strategy and Democracy

# 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

To brief the committee of the actions undertaken for queries brought up at previous meetings in the attached Action Log.

# 2 Recommendation / Whakataunga

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the report.

# 3 Background / Horopaki

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

There are 24 items in progress on the Action log and 21 completed items.

# 4 Significance and engagement / Te Hira me te Arawhiti

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.

# 5 Attachments / Ngā Tāpiritanga

Attachment 1 – Action Log – Items in Progress

Attachment 2 – Action Log – Completed Items

						Te Kärearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Action Log Actions in progress	
Item #	Meeting	Date raised	Type of Issue / Action	Action item	Business owner	Actions in progress  Action taken / Comments	Status
1	Te Kârearea Committee	17/2/2021	required Request-feedback required	Administration of the Otangarei Marae - Cir Peters sought progress on the process for the transfer of the Otangarei Marae to hapu	Rebecca Vertongen / Emily Thompson	16/02/2022 Staff will initiate discussions with Te Puawaitanga Marae Trust to formalise arrangements for the management and administration of the land by the Marae Trust until long term discussions with manu whenua around ownership of the land have been completed. 28/03/2022 Clangarel Marae is stuated on land that is owned by Council but classified as a recreational reserve under the reserves Act, and therefore administered by DoC. Currently the management agreement that DoC have in place is with the previous trust for the marae. Staff have identified a process to change the management agreement (arranged by DoC) to Te Puawaitanga Marae Trust, however it was agreed that this will not commence until after an initial Hui with all interested parties is conversed. This approach is to ensure that there is recognition that the management agreement change process is a practical solution, whilst the bigger issue relating to ownership of the land is considered.  00/05/2022 Aprehamma attended a hui with Te Puawaitanga on Saturday April 9. The two main steps for progression are as follows. Step 1 - formalise the current position of the Trust by asking DoC to appoint Te Puawaitanga Marae Trust to administer the reserve in place of the now defunct Te Kotahitanga Marae inc. Step 2 - long term solution. An arrangement for a lease or licence to occupy in favour of the Trust or declassification of the land and subsequent disposal to Halpa with a here to the Trust.  13/06/2022 Cunnich has met with the current Marae Trust around the administration process to formally support their management arrangement atranspensents for the reserve land on which the Marae sits.  12/06/2023 - Staff are awaiting further response from DOC regarding the 'administration' process to remave appropriate and current management atranspensents for the reserve land on which the Marae sits.  12/06/2023 - There has been no response yet from DOC, staff have this on the workplan. Due to resourcing challenges staff aim to provide a practical update and way forw	In progress
2	Te Kârearea Committee	21/4/2021	Resolution	Te Ao Mâori Decision Making Framework / GIS / Matauranga Mâori project	Bernadette Aperahama (Shelley Wharton)	21/4/2021 Te Kârearea to undergo an information gathering exercise that includes mapping of information on Treaty of Watlangl land claims in aide of providing better decision-making on land use within the Whangarei District. Feedback sought from P (kārearea on hāpulvis) GIS mapping initiatives and opportunities for collaboration 19 May 2021. 20/10/2021 Bernadette Aperahama has met with hapu representatives to look at what projects would benefit. It is hoped that this can be tied in with the Te Ao Maori decision making framework. Initial approach formulated and will be brought back to a future menting. 21/20/2021 Expressions of Interest will be put out to hapit technicians to ask whanau what would be required to do this mah. 21/20/2022 Maturanga Maori report of the developed as part of project to develop a decision making framework for local government based on Te Ao Maori. Options around GIS needs are still being worked through. 21/20/2022 Maturanga Maori report will be delivered as part of the package of reports and resources to develop a decision making framework for local government based on Te Ao Maori. The report is underway and staff are aiming to present the package in June – July 2022. 21/20/20/20/20/20/20/20/20/20/20/20/20/20/	In progress
3	Te Kärearea hui	19/5/2021	Agenda Item for future meeting	Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) / NPS IB	Yvonne Masefield	25(01/2022 Staff are still awaiting direction on the NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity. Council Staff have sought updated information from MFE since September 2021, however there is no estimated time of release of information. 28(03/2022 to 28/09/2023 updates in separate Tab below 28(11/2023 - The approach to deliverying a "Matters of Importance to Maori plan review" which would include work to protect significant natural areas and give effect to the NPS: IB was presented to TK at the 15 November 2023 hui. Staff are now in the process of preparing a "Expression of Interest" document to be presented all law! Hapu. This document is intended to help staff to scope! gauge interest, level of involvement, resourcing and co-design opportunities in forming a law! hapu - council partnership in delivering the Matters of Importance to Maori Plan plan review." Advanced that this expression of interest process will inform project planning and enable mahi to commence by mid 2024. 7(02/2024 - Further to the above, we note the District Plan team is on track to circulate "expression of interest" document to law! hapu for their consideration in March. 28(02/2024 - Further to the above, we note the District Plan team is on track to circulate "expression" of interest" document to law! hapu for their consideration in March. 28(02/2024 - Scoping request circulated to Hapia and his contacts through our Makori outcomes team' of plan plan plan plan plan plan plan plan	ques
4	Te Kårearea hui	17/11/2021	Request - feedback required	Sites of Significance in Whangaruru.  1.Co-design a better process for protection of our sites of significance, narrative, landscape and korero.  2.Must not use our own whakapapa and oral history against whanau and hapoi.  3. The roles of NRC and WDC in relation to sites of significance is confusing and needs to be clarified to make for a more robust process.	Yvonne Masefield	23/11/2021 Response from District Plan Team: As part of the District Plan rolling review process, it is intended to review the Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori rules and mapping in the near future.  06/12/2021 Council staff met with NRC, KDC, and FNDC to discuss engagement strategies however all other Councils have already carried out their engagement with hapt or twi for their respective plan changes. Council staff are now looking to align pagin engagement with hapt or twi for their respective plan changes. Council staff are now looking to align pagin engagement with hapt or twi for their similar Council projects and will altend Te Huinga and Te Karearea with a more robust drafting engagement with hapt or twi for consideration in March.  28/02/2024 - Further to the above, we note the District Plan team is on track to circulate very responsion of interest document to liw! hapu for their consideration in March.  28/02/2024 - Further to the above, we note the District Plan team is on track to circulate very responsion of interest document to liw! hapu for their consideration in March.  28/08/2024 - Scoping request circulated to Hapú and liw icontacts through our Māori outcomes team on 15 April. An update was provided to Te Karearea on 17 April. Council staff to prepare a presentation to heliver to hapú to help with informed responses to the Scoping Request.  4/15/24 - Maori Outcomes circulated via email an invitation to all hapuliwi within the district to attend a hui a kanchi at Te Iwiatahi on the 20/05/24 to discuss this project in more detail with team leaders.  24/15/24 - Hapú hui was held on Monday 20 May at Te Mitahi. There were approximately 30 hapú members in attendance. Council staff presented on the scoping request and plan review topics and discussion on this occurred.  24/15/24 - Hapú hui was held on Monday 20 May at Te Mitahi. There were approximately 30 hapú members in attendance. Council staff presented on fines to respond (Te Waiarinki Mgăti Kororă Ngăti Takapari Hapû Wi Trust, Nga Mahinga	In progress

# Meeting Date	sed Type of Issue / Action required	Action item	Business owner	Action taken / Comments	Status
Te Kärearea hui 20/4/2		Papakainga Housing		20/4/2022 WDC to consider its policy on and process for papakainga housing on whenua land which is currently prohibitive to hapû. Housing Strategy Council Co-governance Subcommittee to make contact with whanau who have been through the papakainga process to learn from their experiences with this process.  OSIG/S/2022 Staff have started a database of varying enquiries about papakaings that staff are receiving and where there is uncertainty or challenging areas to navigate. Understanding the difficulties while navigating Council Processes will add value to the local context of the Strategy and will inform where further action needs to be prioritised by Council CO20/20/20/20 context to inform this action is covered in the Housing papakaings at that staff are receiving and where there is uncertainty or challenging areas to navigate. Understanding the difficulties while navigating Council CO20/20/20/20 context to inform this action is covered in the Housing Strategy will be presented to the Housing Strategy will be presented to the Housing Strategy Subcommittee on the 26th August. The draft will set out Council is intentions to improve interagency process to support papakainga and will continue Council is to act to remove identified barriers for papakainga and will continue Council is to act to remove identified barriers for papakainga and will continue Council is to act to remove identified barriers for papakainga and will continue the draft strategy was presented to the Housing Strategy Co-governance Subcommittee on the 7th September and was positively received. The Final Housing Strategy will be presented to the Housing Strategy Co-governance Subcommittee on the 27th September and was positively received. The Final Housing Strategy will be presented to the Housing Strategy Co-governance Subcommittee on the 27th September and implemented. Initial implementation steps include increasing public awareness of the strategy, pensioner housing portfolic review, commenting the disability community outcome recommendations	in progress

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6	Te Kârearea hui	20/4/2022	Feedback required	Airport Options Location Study	Sarah Irwin	20/4/2022 An engagement framework to inform staff must be designed to engage with whanau, hapû and iwi at consultancy stage. Affected hapû must be consulted at their marae. Impacted hapû to be consulted for the Airport tocation study included To Parawhava and Ngali Kabu O Torongare or Fe Parawhau. 20/505/2022 Staff are in the middle of engagement. I NYSE evenings in the communities local to proposed sites. A Hui was held at Ngararaturus Marae on May 4, and another is being planned later in the month for Terenga Parama Marae for wider hapu. Meeting held with Patharharake/R Trust Board Representatives reformed of consultation sould of consultation sould of consultation sould be presented by the parama Marae of the wider have dose alignment to WDC's Te Ao Máori Decision Making Framework and the Cultural Capability Strategy - Kia Matau, Kia Môhio (both currently in progress). This action is most appropriately addressed via these two pieces of work. 20/2022 Tits will have close alignment to WDC's Te Ao Máori Decision Making Framework and the Cultural Capability Strategy - Kia Matau, Kia Môhio (both currently in progress). This action is most appropriately addressed via these two pieces of work. 20/20223 Silve visit with hapu has been undertaken as part of the current project which is focused on confirming the preferred site. A CIA is being commissioned for the two options and this will inform the decision making. 20/20223 Silve visit with hapu has been undertaken as part of the current project which is focused on confirming the preferred site. A CIA is being commissioned for the two options and this will inform the decision making. 20/2023 Work is progressing to establish a Hapu partnership in conjunction with a wider Mana Whenua Advisory option. 20/2023 Work is continuing with Hapu. Next hui planned for the 20/2023 to progress the terms of reference and CIVA scope to take to the wider Mana Whenua Advisory option. 20/2023 Work is continuing with Hapu. Next hui planned for the 20/2023 to progress the terms of referen	In progress
7	Te Kårearea hui	17/8/2022	Request - feedback required	Coastal erosion and water monitoring	Bernadette Aperahama	17/8/2022 Issue raised at Te Kărearea hui at Mokau. Resourcing was requested for Te Uri o Hikhiki to monitor there own waterways and to include Te Uri o Hikhiki - Ngatiwai ki Whangaruru in WDC's climate change strategy. 14/09/2022 The items raised have been noted by staff working on climate change projects. The items are being included for consideration in the climate change is adaptation programme. Applications are also being made to secure funding for community adaptation particularly adaptation particularly adaptation particularly adaptation particularly adaptation programme. Applications are also being made to secure funding for community adaptation programme. Applications are also being made to secure funding for community adaptation programme and pitol locations. 06/06/2023 Staff are considering the most equitable approach to distribute this resourcing to tangata whenua. 28/2023 and 19/10/2023 Staff are considering the most equitable approach to distribute funding to the secure and the programme and pitol locations. 06/06/2023 Staff are eager to distribute funding on the secure and the programme and pitol locations. 06/06/2023 Staff are eager to distribute funding to tangata whenua. 07/09/2023 Staff are eager to distribute funding to tangata whenua. 07/09/2023 Staff are eager to distribute funding to tangata whenua. 07/09/2023 Staff are eager to distribute funding to tangata whenua to this work though are mindful of the need for an equitable distribution. This will be discussed at the hui with hapu on either 4 or 11 September 2023. 8111/2023 Staff have hed evening marae based hui in this kaupapa. Feedback on the matter from attendess was for staff to bring back criteria / approaches that are used for other funds. Staff have reviewed the NRC criteria for IHEMPs and consider the criteria and process to be strongly aligned to the intent of this fund. Accordingly staff will provide this information to hapu for consideration.  2705/2024 - Website and application form are in testing phase.	In progress
8	Te Kärearea hui		Request - feedback required	Noted that outcome of the hui held at Whangarei Terenga Parlãoa over the last three weeks considered a request to change the terms of reference for the FDS working group which has been provided to Maori outcomes and FDS staff. Requesting staff response to Te Kårearea on this request from the Hunga hapot.	Bernadette/Hamish Sykes	25/09/2023 - Issue raised at hui held at Whangarei Terenga Paráora Marae. 8/11/2023 - Issue discussed at further hui at Whangarei Terenga Paráora Marae and discussed within the first Governance Working Group. Within the attendance on the day, there was not a clear preference from the Macri caucus. Staff consider it appropriate to revisit this discussion with the full Macri caucus in attendance. Other potential opportunities to address the approach raised whitin the hapu hui include including specific content in the Consultation Draft, Final FDS and technical reports. 8/30/5/2024 - The TOR have not come through the Working Group as a matter to adjust. The draft collective Hapu Aspiration Statement that has recently being developed contains the Disclaimer that was initially proposed for inclusion in the FDS Working Group TOR. Does this sufficiently address the matter?	In progress
9	Te Kårearea hui	13/12/2023	Request - feedback required	Dog Park - Matakohe Island	Louis Rattray/Jim Sephton	13/12/2023 Issue raised at Te Kárearea Hui at Terenga Paraoa. Request for pohulakawa trees to be replaced with oraised the issue initially) or that seating be built around the base of the trees so that the shade of the tree can be used with the seating and that this may reduce the animals doing their business on the trees.  30/4/24 - The team will seek advice on how cultural mitigation can be incorporated without chopping down the trees.  90/90/52/024 - We are happy to install seating around the ree. We will have to wait until the new financial year as we have exhausted this years budget.  18/06/2024 - Email sents to Te Huinga Secretariat to advise of 09/05/24 update. Te Huinga Secretariat to discuss on the trees.  19/06/2024 - Email response from Te Huinga Secretariat - 1 spoke to Matura Taipari.  19/06/2024 - Email response from Te Huinga Secretariat - 1 spoke to Matura Taipari and he understands in terms of the tree not being able to be removed. He understands and is happy with the consideration of the seating. He want s to be kept in touch especially around the "design" of the seating as the whole purpose is the sacretness of the tree. The seating must cover the area so that the kuri does not defecated variance on the roots of the tree.	In progress
10	Te Kärearea Committee	`17/04/2024	Request - feedback required	Request to remove Julian Batchelor signs within the Whangarei District.	Rebecca Vertongen / Reiner Mussle	17/03/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kärearea Meeting in Chambers through the Kokiri report.  90/05/2024 - Can Te Huinga or Other Te Kärearea Committee members provide details of specific sites or locations of any offending Julian Batchelor signs. This would greatly assist us in checking our records on whether an assessment has already been undertaken or where we need to visit and assess those sign locations.  24/05/2024 - Advised by Te Huinga that the Weighs usign has been removed. Sign near to Total Span before the Portland Turnoff has been given to the Health and Bytwes team who will investigate and provide an update 30/05/2024 - I can confirm that my team visited the site, provide me with photos of the sign, which I've assessed as not breaching our relevant bylaw rules and not being offensive or discriminatory. As a result, we won't be able to ask the sign owner to remove commend that sign. Having said that, like you, I do note the amount of graffiti on this. However, graffiti is not an assessment criteria, but it may in due time cause this to be replaced or amended.	In progress
11	Te Kärearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Recreational use of Te Paihere o Kaharau wahi tapu where there are Koiwi.	Jim Sephton / Louis Rattray	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Käerarea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae. Neighbouring properties making own gates to be able to cross Te Paihere o Kaharau wähi tapu to access the beach. Are there other options for signage etc to keep people from using or settling on Te Paihere o Kaharau wähi tapu?  28/5/2024 - Parks and Recreation looking into the issue and will report back.	In progress
12	Te Kärearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback	Bland Bay Recreational Reserve Beach Access.	Jim Sephton / Louis	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Käerarea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae. People will park boats on the Wähi Tapu etc in busy periods. Can a discussion take place on options for beach access/parking etc	In progress
13	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	required Request - feedback required	Waitai Landing and Reserve and Kirikiri Pawhaoa	Rattray  Jim Sephton / Louis  Rattray/Mark  Scott/Turi Hippolite	288/2024 - Parks and Recreation looking into the issue and will report back.  15(05/2024 - Its besue raised at the Texarean Meeting at Tigarehulm Marae. Can the WDC land/esplanade that was commandeered from the Thompson whanau be returned to the whanau as not able to be used. No public accessibility through the esplanade etc.  288/2024 - Parks and Recreation looking into the issue and will report back.	In progress
14	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Hazardous roads - Bland Bay - Slip at Kirikiri Pawhaoa	Bernard Peterson	LooSu242+ Farks also recreasion looking into the issue and will report back.  15(05/2024- It is use raised at the Te Keararea Meeting at Túparehuia Marae. There is a dangerous slip at Kirikiri Pawhaoa (between 950 and 975 Whangaruru North Road). Can this be fixed and is the Community Centre able to use the soil moved from the slip area.  11/06/2024 - We are aware of the under slip, which is being worked through the process under emergency event funding. We cannot confirm a date for repairs as yet. It is likely the soil to be excavated will be highly contaminated mix of subbase, seal, clay and rotten rock, so may be of little use for the community centre.	In progress
15	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback	Hazardous roads - Bland Bay - Slow Vehicle Bay	Nick Marshall	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kärearea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae. Can Slow Vehicle Bay areas be considered.	In progress
16	Te Kārearea Hui		required  Request - feedback required	request  Hazardous roads - Bland Bay - Signage request to remind people to drive on the correct side of the road.	Nick Marshall	1006/2024 - No current funding for slow vehicle bays  1505/2024 - Issue raised at the TeXerarea Meeting at Tiparehuia Marae. Can Bland Bay have signs advising which side of the road people should drive on.  1006/2024 - Pat with support from NCC (consultant) is developing a list of sites on our key tourist corridors to install 'Arrows for Tourist'. These are likely to be installed with the next remarking cycle later this year (spring to early summer).	In progress
17	Te Kārearea Hui		Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Wild Cattle and Council Land Maintenance	Louis Rattray (fencing issues)	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kärearea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae by a Local Residents and Ratepayers Committee Member. Would like to work with Council on Council Land Maintenance. 18/06/2024 - This is a widespread issue with wild cattle in the area. Council has no mandate to address cattle where Council land not impacted. Parks and Rec has no budget nor resources at present to take	In progress
18	Te Kärearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Land outside of the First Building needs leveling	Louis Rattray	further action.  15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kärearea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae. A previous Councilor agreed to level the land outside of the Bland Bay First AID Building. Can this be revisited.  18/06/2024 - Being progressed	In progress
19	Te Kärearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay Community Centre. Poplar trees in the drain on Council Property. Can these be removed.	Bernard Peterson	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kärearea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae.  18/06/2024 - This will be an inter council/DOC action. To be discussed in joint councils/DOC meeting to be arranged.	In progress
20	Te Kärearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Tabacco Weed. Can this be sprayed by Council.	Louis Rattray/NRC	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kärearea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae.  18/06/2024 - Parks will spray the Tabaco weed next time contractors are in the area	In progress

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21	Te Kärearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Community Centre flooding	Andrew Carvell	15/05/2024 - Is sue raised at the Te K&rearea Meeting at Túparehuia Marae. 29 Punipuni Road has been suffering from floods. Potentially from another property with no Culvert and the flooding spreads all the way to the Community Centre. Is there any help available to deal with this issue?  14/06/2024 - AC caught up with Joe Camusa of NRC to see if there was overlap with the flood management work NRC is doing. There possibly is but we need some specific details of the flooding to confirm. Please advise the best local person to catch up with to get these details.	In progress
22	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Boat Launch Access	Andrew Carvell/ Dean Hawkins		In progress
23	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024		Bland Bay - Rubbish on the Corner of Whangaruru North Road at the turn off.	Louis Rattray	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kärearea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae. Can the rubbish be cleaned up. 18/06/2024 - Solid waste team are investigating	In progress
24	Te Kārearea Hui		Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Pest Control	NRC matter	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kärearea Meeting at Tüparehuia Marae. Is there funding available for haukainga to be able to complete their own pest control.	In progress

Te Kārearea hui		Seal Henare Road/ fix road	Te Orewai hapū have requested that Henare Road be tar sealed, due to amount of traffic that uses this road as its he road to a wahi tapu. Council continue to do minor gravel fixes which gets washed out after every large rainfall.	Jeff Divine	16/08/23 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Tau Henare marae.  09/09/23 - Unlikely to be tar sealed in the near future. However further work will be done on the road to make sure that the drainage works and that the road is graded properly.	Recurring. Still a priority for Hapū
Te Kārearea hui	16/08/2023	Kids playground at marae	Te Orewai Hapū discussed the need for a playground at the marae	David Lindsay	16/08/23 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Tau Henare 29/08/2023 - requests for new playgrounds will be considered as part of the Long Term Plan process which will be open for sumbissions early in 2024. There is no playground planned or funded for this area. New playgrounds get funded through the Long Term Plan and there is currently funding for approx. 5 playgrounds in the next 10 years. Of these 3 have locations and communities that have been identified as needing a new playground, who are currently waiting for the funding. Unless circumstances change, the soonest funding might be available is probably 7 or 8 years away. For your community to be considered for a new playground, the community will need to demonstrate the need and support for a playground.	Complete - Part of LTP process - has been shared with LTP team (6 Oct 2023)
Te Kārearea Committee	21/4/2021	Resolution	Hikurangi Swamp / Repo	Simon Charles	21/4/2021 Chairpersons of the Te Kārearea to write a letter to the MPI highlighting the plight of hapū and ask for a response. 3/8/2021 \$40,000 annually has been allocated through the LTP to support hapu monitoring responses. There is the opporutunity for this monitoring work to be supported and aligned with draft actions identified in the Draft Climate Action Plan. The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment has indicated interest in looking at the Northern Wairoa catchment including Hikurangi repo as a potential case study for considering integrated landscape management. Staff have asked the PCE for the opportunity to participate in this case study if it progresses. The PCE have proactively engaged with hapu and win Te Taitokerau. 20/10/2021 Letter suggesting a new direction for repo sent to MPI. Awaiting response. 05/05/2022 The letter sent to MPI has received no response, or acknowledgement of receipt. It is suggested by staff that the Committee send a follow-up email to support 18/5/2022 Letter to be sent to MPI have now reached out to staff and commincations will be started. 13/6/2022 MPI have now reached out to staff and commincations will be started. 13/6/2022 Attended a meeting with an MPI representative. An email was sent the same day containing the contact details of hapū members involved in Tuna protection (catch and release) at the flood scheme. 18/7/22: Final claim received for this mahi. 26/8/22: Otonga Pocket — Council approval given to include this project in the Better off Funding application. 07/03/2033 A project plan is being developed for this exercise which includes the development of a programme business case for the whole Repo as well as supports the potenital retirement of the Otonga Pocket. 06/06/2023 - Project plan has been developed and Project Steering Group established. The Better Off Funding Programme be reported through the Infrastructure Committee and TK. The first deliverable is a Strategic Case. 28/07/23 – project team have run a number of hui including with Ngāti Kahu	

Te Kārearea Committee	21/4/2021	Agenda Item for future meeting	Te Tiriti Audit	Mark Scott	2/2/2022 At the December 2021 Te Huinga meeting, Tame Te Rangi, Delaraine Armstrong and Janelle Beazley were confirmed as the hapu members on the working group. This work is considered an internal audit. Hapu participation and consultant engagement will be resourced from the Democracy and Assurance budget. Bernadette Aperahama and Emily Thompson are preparing the contracts to enable hapu participation.  08/04/2022 Draft contracts circulated to the Hapu representatives. For comment and finalisation  04/05/2022 The contracts for hapu members of the working group require amendments based on the reviews undertaken by hapu. These amendments are underway.  18/5/2022 WDC is considering independently commissioning the Te Tiriti Audit  02/06/2022 Contracts are currently sitting with hapu members for approval/review  07/07/2022 Two of three contracts have been received from hapū members.  10/08/2022 All three contracts have been received and now staff will work with hapu members to set date for the initial meeting.  13/09/2022 The audit has transferred to Māori Outcomes and will be supported by strategy, democracy and assurance.  06/06/23 Through investigation to ascertain the current position of this initiative, it has become evident there was no funding allocated to this when the motion to adopt the progression of a Tiriti Audit was approved.	Completed
Kokiri	15/06/2022	Feedback required	Financial assistance for technical experts	Aaron Taikato	15/6/2022 Financial assistance is being sought from WDC to support a group of technical experts to workshop advice for the incoming Council. Workshop outputs are to assist the incoming councillors as they determine:  1. How relationships with Māori will be valued and what systems will be in place to ensure continuity of service delivery (or improved service delivery  2. How councillors will work wih Māori to advance matters that are important or provide opportunities for Māori  3. Determine the 2022 -2025 triennium governance structure.  It is anticipated that outputs from the workshop/s will be:  1. Refined and approved by Te Huinga  2. Submitted to Te Kārearea for consideration and endorsement  3. Presented to the incoming Council by approved technical experts who participated in the workshops.  03/03/2023 Te Huinga have been approached by staff to provide a list of technicians that may be used to establish a preferred suppliers list for council.  06/06/23 WDC continue to wait for confirmation of a technical experts list so Council staff can register them as preferred suppliers. The intent is Council will have a list of Te Huinga mandated technicians as a selection pool for future technical work.  05/09/23 Nothing yet received from Te Huinga	Completed
Te Kārearea hui	17/11/2021	Request - feedback required	Punaruku / Mokau Flooding and Drainage - Council to assist by providing the services of a Planner and Engineer for a period of time to assist hapū in finding a solution to floods and drainage	Kylie Pedersen	25/11/2021 Staff will discuss issues, particularly relating to the drainage issues being experiences and the location directly with resident. WDC only deals with stormwater that forms part of our public network or is included in existing Catchment management Plans. We also manage some tidal outlets along the coast.Contact details of local contact provided to Council staff to progress further.  03/03/22 The items raised are river catchment flooding issues. WDC have contacted NRC for updates as they work on river catchment in rural area. Hayden Edmonds has been contacted and staff are awaiting a response 17/08/22 Issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Mokau. Item 39 reinstated as the following matters were once again raised:  - Drainage matters — culvert going nowhere  - Culvert discharging onto private land and not to the stream — may be the same issue as above can be made  Council should provide a planner and engineer to look at these issues. Mylie George to share contact details with Jim Sephton and Bernadette Aperahama to set up a meeting with WDC.  14/09/2022 Contact details were received from Mylie George. At the August meeting of WDC, council approved the Better Off funding tranche 1 proposal, including 150k to develop Punaruku, Russell Road Flood Mitigation & Access Options Business Case.  07/03/2023 There have been two hui since the last update - one at the school and another on Marae. Officers are working with hapu and community to develop the project plan.  06/06/2023 Project has been established with an external PM appointed to support delivery. This is part of the Better Off Funding Programme and will be reported to TK as part of the programme.19/17/2023 The Project Manager has meet with the hapū led working group, flood modellers and NRC to begin developing a business case to identify and assess options.  01/09/2023 Hapū are hosting a hui on Marae in September to set collectively outline project values, objectives, timelines, and next steps with staff from WDC and Northland Regional Council.  06/10/2023	Completed

Te Kārea	area hui 19/04/2023	Request - feedback required	Hapū would like structural report on the slip along Ngunguru Road and any other major fault detected in the roading.	Jeff Devine/Hila ry Gerrad	2/8/2023 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Ngunguru on 19 April 2023. Referred to NTA.NTA Response  19/04/23 - 1.Pull over areas along Ngunguru Road  Requests for slow vehicle bays and pull off areas along the coastal arterials including Ngunguru Rd have been received from the Community over a number of years. Unfortunately funding for such projects has not been available from Waka Kotahi NZTA's funded program for safety improvements and are not eligible from the current Road to Zero program. WK NZTA provide Council with a 53% subsidy for the approved Roading improvement program and Council does not have budget to complete unsubsidized projects. The request for pull over bays remains on Council's longer term program of works and will be prioritised against other requests if and when funding for such projects becomes available.  2.Slip on Ngunguru Rd  The slip on Ngunguru Rd is currently being investigated by Council staff and geotechnical Engineers. The underslip is significant as it continues below the waterline and into the bed of the river, which makes it difficult to repair. There is no structural report on this particular slip available at this time.  This is one of about 120 slips Council is investigating following the recent storms across the District. It is likely to take a couple of years to repair all of these slips. The total cost to repair is estimated to be \$20 million resulting form the storms this year.  04/09/2023 It is highly unlikely that there will be funding for pull over areas. There is limited Council and Government funding and the priority will be resiliance and safety. In terms of slips, the operations report includes an update on Phase 2 recovery work (relatively straight forward repairs) as well as an illustration of the 26 sites included in Phase 3 (more complex). This includes the Nunguru slip. A programme of work is being developed.  06/10/2023 - No further update 07/11/23 - No further update	Completed
Te Kāreare	ea hui 19/4/2023	Request - feedback required	Haukainga recognise that there is considerable community support for cycle lane from Ngunguru to Tutukaka. Mention of a seperate footpath from the road would be more appropriate. Ngati Taka request early engagement as mana whenua prior to any options being developed and decisions mde.	Jeff Devine/Hila ry Gerrad	2/8/2023 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Ngunguru on 19 April 2023. Referred to NTA. 04/09/2023 This is not considered the highest priority. Roads remain unsuitable for a footpath at this time from ngunguru to Tutukaka. No Funding is currently available for this project. 06/10/2023 - No further update Request placed on future program list - Complete	Completed
Te Kāreare	ea hui 19/4/2023	Request - feedback required	Future stormwater upgrades incorporate wetlands allowing it to flow out to the river instead of straight into the estuary.	Simon Charles	2/8/2023 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Ngunguru on 19 April 2023. referred to Stormwater Department.2/08/2023 This would considered as part of nature based solutions.  9/9/23 - Pacific Bay scheme being designed. Funding is available this year subject to the design being approved.  06/10/2023 - No further update	Completed
Te Kāreare	ea hui 19/4/2023	Request - feedback required	Green infrastructure to be considered at Pacific Bay.	Simon Charles	2/8/2023 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Ngunguru on 19 April 2023. referred to Stormwater Department. 2/8/2023 This is already being considered and we are aiming to significantly improve the existing situation using nature based solutions. Significant consultation and inclusion of local hapu in decision making has been done in establishing preferred solutions for this drain. 9/9/23 - Pacific Bay scheme being designed. Funding is available this year subject to the design being approved. 06/10/2023 - No further update	Completed
Te Kāreare	ea hui 19/4/2023	Request - feedback required	Love it here publication - Ngunguru Sandspit - no mention of Hapū. Can this be fixed?	Tania Robson	2/8/2023 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Ngunguru on 19 April 2023. referred to planning and Development. 5/9/23 We would like to include Hapū in our narrative and will liaise with Maori Outcomes team around this Kaupapa. 28/09/23 Absolutely. Council staff will meet in the next few weeks to progress. 6/10/2023 Mark Scott now reviewing all content in the Whangarei Visitor Guide.	Completed
Te Kāreare	ea hui 19/4/2023	Request - feedback required	Te Waiariki Ngati Takapari Ngati Korora Hapu Iwi Trust made a request to Council that all Resource Consents has a 30 day response time.	Roger Quinton	2/8/2023 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Ngunguru on 19 April 2023. referred to Planning and Development. 1/9/2023 Council is required to process resource consent applications within the timeframes set by the relevant legisaltion. Non-notified applications must be determined within 20 working days which does not give scope to extend lwi response times to 30 days. However, staff have met with hapu to work through how we can better work together. Update provided at August 2023 Te Karearea hui advising on the outcome of this request.	Completed

Te Kārearea hui	16/08/2023	Public toilet near marae	Te Orewai hapū have requested the need for a public toilet in the valley to be next to the chapel and school	David Lindsay	16/08/23 - issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Tau Henare marae 29/08/2023 - requests for new public toilets will be considered as part of the Long Term Plan process which will be open for sumbissions early in 2024. 8/11/23 - No further update	Recurring. Still a priority for Hapū
Te Kārearea hui	13/12/2023	Request - feedback required	Spraying on vegetation (including Rongoa Maori)	Louis Rattray/Jim Sephton	13/12/2023 Issue raised at Te Kārearea Hui at Terenga Paraoa. Request to stop spraying harmful chemicals on vegetation and rongoa and to adopt a more natural way to cut/manage roadside greenery. What immediate alternatives are available to chemicals being used now 5/2/2024 The LTP includes budget to investigate alternative weed control options	Completed
Te Kārearea hui	13/12/2023	Request - feedback required	Whangarei Homelessness	Dominic Kula	13/12/2023 Issue raised at Te Kārearea Hui at Terenga Paraoa. Request from the Community for support for a Night shelter in Whangarei. How is WDC currently working with other Govt Agencies is this space and what more can be done.  12/02/24 Council acknowledges the complexity of the issues surrounding homelessness, along with the impacts that they are having on our communities. We are committed to working alongside government agencies that have the legislative powers and funding relating to homelessness, in order to find sustainable solutions to the challenges facing our community. This includes working through a multi agency forum of the Government agencies and providers (including MHUD, Kainga Ora, Police, MSD, Open Arms, Arataki Ministries, Te Whatu Ora), and meeting directly with Kainga Ora regarding land and housing stock it holds that could be used to provide pathways for the homeless. While the responsibility for these matters, including the provision of emergency/transitional housing or shelter solutions, sits with national agencies Council is actively engaging those agencies at a senior level and will continue to provide any support and advice (and potentially land) that could facilitate central government in its provision of these much needed services.	Completed
Te Kārearea hui	13/12/2023	Request - feedback required	Koiwi - Ancestral bones, Bland Bay	Louis Rattray/Jim Sephton	13/12/2023 Issue raised at Te Kārearea Hui at Terenga Paraoa. People are continuing to travel over or picnic on ancestral burial grounds (where bones are sometimes exposed). Signage requested to inform people of the places of significance in the Whangaruru Area.  21/02/2024 - Te Kārearea Meeting in chambers. Simon Mitchell provided update that signs have now been errected and the local hapū have been working with DOC around signage etc. Signage includes contact details for local kaumatua if any koiwi are found in the area. Further discussion with Simon that this action can be moved to completed following the next TK meeting.	Completed
Te Kārearea hui	13/12/2023	Request - feedback required	Ruakaka Village - Security	Jim Sephton	13/12/2023 Issue raised at Te Kārearea Hui at Terenga Paraoa. Request for support with speed bumps, lighting, CCTV as the village has had a hard time with crime over the past year. Kainga Ora is looking to build extra housing in the area and the locals would like support as mentioned previous. Kainga Ora has referred locals to WDC for support.  21/02/2024 - Update and discussion at Te Kārearea meeting in chambers.  14/03/2024 - Suggest this action be closed. There are no speed reviews planned for this area, however additional lining has been put in which should reduce speeds. Lighting will be reviewed as part of our general network operations.	Completed
Te Kārearea hui	21/02/2024	Request - feedback required	Ocean Flyer updates	Tony Collins	22/02/2024 - Te Kärearea meeting in Chambers. Can the TK Strategic Committee receive an update on the Ocean Flyer and potentially discuss cultural supervision opportunities regarding this emerging technology.  Ocean Flyer have had some intitial conversations with Patuhareke and representatives of that hapu were present at this signing of the MoU between Northland Inc, Northport and Oceant Flyer late 2023. Ocean Flyer representatives have expressed an interest to engage more deeply with hapu and have requested Councils assistance to facilate this engagement.  17/04/2024 - Presentation by the Ocean flyer team at the TK Meeting in Chambers	completed
Te Kārearea hui	21/02/2024	Request - feedback required	Spraying on vegetation (including Rongoa Maori)	Mike Batcheldor	21/02/2024 - Suggestion raised at Te Kārearea Meeting in chambers. Can information or communication go out to whanau on how to communicate with WDC that they don't want spraying beside their road. How can they activate a 'no spray zone' to their whenua. Is there a cultural engagement/assessment of maintenance regimes of spraying/earthworks on side of roads. 28/03/2024 - Ideally they should be referred to the Contact Centre. They will supply the info of how the No-spray policy is implimented. Regarding earthworks and roadside spraying, we adhere to the requirements as expected by the Northland Regional Council . There is no general cultural engagements regarding these activities. Only in the case where it is subject to consent conditions.	Completed

Te Kārearea hui	18/10/2023	Request - feedback required	Hazardous road Signage -Whangaruru	Mike Batcheldor & Tim Ward	18/10/2023 Issue raised at Te Karearea hui at Mokau. Signage requested to inform people coming into Whangaruru that the roads are hazardous and prone to flooding 23/03/2024 - This will be picked up as part of the climate adaptation work looking at the whole catchment. The Punuruku Programme Business Case is to be reported back to to TK and this will include some recommendations for the roading. Seperately we will look at any gaps in the network for warning signs March 2024 - First time brought to my attention. The only flooding that I am aware of is on Russel Rd in the vicinity of Punuruku. If this is not the location they are referring it would assist if they can be more specific. Appropriate signage can then be erected. 17/05/2024 - Meeting with some Hapū members from Tuparehuia. Some progress has been made on the roading out at	Completed
Te Kārearea hui	13/12/2023	Request - feedback required	Vehicles on beaches.	Will McNab	Whangaruru which they are happy with the progress. With the exception of the slip at Kirikiri Pawhaoa which will be added as a separate Action Log item and this one completed.  13/12/2023 Issue raised at Te Kārearea Hui at Terenga Paraoa. Vehicles on beaches in Ruakaka, Waipu, Ngunguru, Whangaumu Bay are affecting dunes, affecting cockle beds, affecting wildlife including birds nesting on the Spit. What is NRC's responsibility and what is WDC's. What can be done to to protect people and wildlife on the Whangarei District Beaches. 18/12/2023 Will McNab (Strategy) preparing a memo on this matter for Te Karearea, Te Huinga, presenters. 12/02/2024 This item is being addressed through information report to February meeting of Te Kārearea. 07/05/2024 An update, including an overview of the various agencies' respective jurisdictions, rules and enforcement mechanisms, was presented to the Te Kārearea meeting in Chambers on 21 February 2024. No further action is currently planned until Council starts reviewing the Bylaw in late 2025/early 2026.	Completed



#### 6.3 Papakāinga July 2024

**Meeting:** Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Committee

Date of meeting: 4 July 2024

Reporting officer: Rai Rakich, Engagement Advisor, Māori Outcomes

#### 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

Provide an update on the Council's current papakāinga responses including an update on the papakāinga fund.

#### 2 Recommendation / Whakataunga

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee receives the report.

#### 2 Background / Horopaki

Recent years have seen increasing interest from whānau in developing papakāinga on Māori land. In the Whangārei District, approximately 4.25% of land is Māori freehold land, mostly located in rural and coastal areas. Housing issues for Māori are unique and complex.

The advocacy of hapū and the commitment of Council to papakāinga is acknowledged in the Terms of Reference for Te Kārearea Partnership Standing Committee. Papakāinga is a key priority area in the Te Kārearea work programme.

#### 2.1 Common barriers to developing papakāinga

There are many stages to work through:

- Developing a shared vision between whānau.
- Preliminary Māori Land Court research.
- Design and feasibility on sites which are often landlocked and / or have hazard or conservation matters to address.
- Securing finance.
- Construction.
- Ongoing maintenance and operations.

While these may appear simple steps, each of these stages is fraught with challenges in ways that are different to developing land in general title. There is a multitude of research on the complexity of the process to develop papakāinga including the 2011 report from the Office of the Auditor General, 'Government planning and support for housing on Māori land entitled 'Ngā whakatakotoranga kaupapa me te tautoko a te Kāwanatanga ki te hanga whare i runga i te whenua Māori'.

If Members are interested in reading the report, it can be accessed here: <u>Auditor-General's</u> overview — Office of the Auditor-General New Zealand (oag.parliament.nz)

Some of the common barriers to developing papakāinga are identified below and summarised in **Attachment 1**:

- History of legislative restriction / regulatory barriers
- Absence of infrastructure power, water, roads, internet
- Communal ownership and governance structures
- Limited access to finance options
- Involvement of many government agencies and institutions

#### 2.2 Council's responsibilities & the relationship to papakāinga

Acknowledging the challenges in the wider context, Council can be most efficient and effective by focussing on addressing the barriers associated with the responsibilities it has and services it provides including:

- Infrastructure provision.
- Regulating land use.
- Regulatory processes such as resource consent and building consent and the associated costs.
- Policy settings for financial policies such as rates and development contributions.

#### 3 Discussion / Whakawhiti korero

#### 3.1 Whangarei District Council responses to papakāinga

Council has recognised that papakāinga is a priority for whānau, hapū and iwi and has a range of papakāinga responses from a strategic level to specific actions.

At a strategic level, in 2022 Council adopted the Whangārei District Housing Strategy / Te Rautaki Whare o Whangārei. The Strategy includes Papakāinga and Māori housing as a focus area and highlights the many barriers associated with developing papakāinga.

Recommendations across focus areas are outlined in the Strategy – some of which require partnership between hapū and Council to deliver. A status update on the recommendations relevant to papakāinga is provided below:

Housing Strategy Actions	Detail	Status Update
Papakāinga Contestable fund	Establish a contestable fund to financially support and progress papakāinga applications in Whangārei District.	Near complete. Fund established. Open for applications.  Launched in June 2024, the \$300,000 fund is to offset or reduce costs of Council regulatory fees and development contributions incurred when developing papakāinga on whenua Māori.  The fund will be focussed on papakāinga applications that have been successful in

Housing Strategy Actions	Detail	Status Update
		obtaining relevant regulatory approvals.
		The resourcing for this fund was provided through the Better Off Fund.
		Longer term funding may be needed for a permanent fund.
Papakāinga and Māori Housing Development Process	Work alongside hapū and relevant government agencies to develop a co-ordinated process to support papakāinga and housing outcomes for Māori.	Ongoing across departments.
Development Contributions	Establish a Working Group with	Near complete.
Contributions	hapū, to provide recommendations to inform the review of the Development Contributions Policy in 2023 for the official 2024 review.	Development contributions policy has been amended and taken through formal public consultation. It is awaiting adoption by Council in July 2024.
		The draft policy removes the requirement for development contributions on Māori Freehold Land. This would result in a removal of a major barrier to papakāinga in Whangārei.
Housing Navigator	Support the services of a housing navigator who will work alongside/ liaise with hapū /	Currently delivered by other agencies.
	whānau, government agencies and the community sector to deliver papakāinga aspirations.	Not started.
Cadetships	Build working relationships with local Māori businesses to support education / employment opportunities through investigating cadetships/internship or work placement programmes.	Not started - cadetships currently focus on in-house roles.
Universal design	Work alongside hapū / whānau at the planning stages to integrate universal design outcomes to support intergenerational living on their whenua.	Not started.  Can be included as a matter for consideration in pre-application meetings and identified in online communication.

If Members are interested in reading the Strategy, it can be accessed here: Whangarei District Housing Strategy (wdc.govt.nz)

Various departments within Council have been working on actioning the above recommendations and have made great progress considering it has been absorbed into their existing workload. Staff acknowledge the lack of progress around the Housing Navigator, Cadetships and Universal Design actions. Organisational resourcing limitations have meant other actions in Strategy were prioritised at this point in time.

The actions above build on an existing package of responses by Council to support papakāinga. These are outlined below:

Existing response	Detail	Status Update
District Plan provisions.	The District Plan includes specific provisions that facilitate the establishment of papakāinga. These provisions often provide flexibility in terms of land use, allowing for a mix of residential, cultural, and agricultural activities. The plan aims to balance the need for development with the protection of cultural and environmental values.	Operative  Accessed here: <u>ePlan - Whangarei District</u> <u>Council (wdc.govt.nz)</u>
Providing the Te Tai Tokerau Papakāinga Toolkit.	Led by Council, this toolkit is designed to help owners of whenua Māori understand and navigate the process for undertaking papakāinga including the processes of Council and the MLC.	Operative Accessed here:  Papakaainga Toolkit (wdc.govt.nz)
Supporting preapplication meetings with owners of Māori land.	Council provides free assistance with applying the rules and pre-application services. Staff can also facilitate bringing other agencies into conversations regarding papakāinga.	Ongoing
Financial policy settings	Changes were made to the rating of whenua Māori following the amendments to the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act of 2021.	Ongoing
	The amendments added to the purpose of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA): "to facilitate the administration of rates in a manner that supports the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993".	

#### 3.2 Financial/budget considerations

Papakāinga responses have to date, been largely absorbed by staff into their existing work. Acknowledging the organisational resourcing limitations, staff have prioritised actions that are likely to make the bigger impact.

With the exception of the externally resourced papakāinga fund, no additional resourcing has been provided to support the implementation of papakāinga responses hence, the lack of progress around the Housing Navigator, Cadetships and Universal Design actions. At this time, the papakāinga fund will end when it is exhausted. Staff will provide Council and the Committee with data on the fund as it progresses which can inform future resourcing decisions.

#### 3.3 Policy and planning implications

Providing for papakāinga meets the purpose of the Resource Management Act 1991 (section 5) in that it will enable Māori to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety. It also recognises and provides for the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taonga; a matter of national importance in the Resource Management Act (section 6(e)).

Council recognises papakāinga as a strategic issue and the actions outlined in the report deliver on strategic commitments.

#### 3.4 Risks

Resourcing: There is limited staff capacity to provide support as papakāinga responses have been absorbed into BAU.

Papakāinga Fund: This is a limited fund with a risk of becoming oversubscribed.

#### 4 Significance and engagement / Te Hira me te Arawhiti

While papakāinga is a significant issue for Māori, 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 the Agenda publication on the website.

#### 5 Attachments / Ngā Tāpiritanga

Attachment 1 - Common barriers to developing papakāinga.

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#### History of restriction through legislation / regulatory barriers

There is a long history of legislation restricting development on whenua Māori compared to more enabling provisions on land in general title. This is an issue made prominent again by the Government's review of the Public Works Act 1981.

Local authorities zone land areas in district plans for particular purposes. The rules that go with those zones can affect the number of houses allowed on any given piece of land. The different levels of restriction will affect the complexity of a development and therefore the costs for a regulatory process that owners of Māori land will have to pay for building consent and resource consent. Due to its location and historical uses, Māori land is more likely to be zoned for purposes other than housing such as rural production which can make it difficult to gain consent. Restrictions for hazards or conservation matters compound the zone restrictions. Associated with this matter is the cost of development contributions.

Also, often the zone requirements conflict with land areas granted through the Māori Land Court (MLC) which is one of the reasons why Council and the Court need to have a strong relationship.

#### Absence of infrastructure – power, water, roads, internet

Infrastructure was often provided through whenua Māori but not necessarily to service whenua Māori. The absence of that infrastructure would have increased the feasibility of development on those blocks.

#### Communal ownership and governance structures

It is common for whenua Māori to be in multiple ownership and often without a formal management structure. This creates difficulties communicating with owners, building consensus, pooling resources and bringing together a project team with the mandate to act collectively.

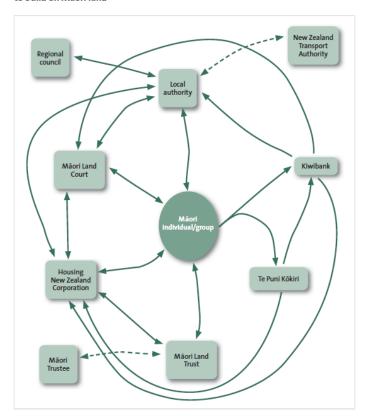
#### **Finance**

Owners of whenua Māori have limited access to finance options for papakāinga. Few banks have suitable lending packages compared to lending packages for general title. A common requirement for lending packages is that the dwelling must be able to be removed from the site.

#### **Government agencies**

There are multiple overlapping agencies involved for whānau to navigate between to develop a successful papakāinga. Often the staff within these agencies do not have the skillset needed to properly support customers and are unaware of the processes of other agencies. Customers describe feeling like they are on a 'merry-go-round' between institutions and agencies. The figure below illustrates the number of agencies involved in a papakāinga project:

Government agencies that owners of Māori land interact with when they decide to build on Māori land





#### 6.4 Māori Wellbeing Fund Progress Report - July 2024

Meeting: Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee

Date of meeting: 4 July 2024

Reporting officer: Shelley Wharton (Manager Infrastructure Programmes)

#### 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

The purpose of this report is to provide the 2-monthly status update on the Māori Wellbeing Fund to Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership as required by the Council resolution dated 26 October 2023.

#### 2 Recommendation / Whakataunga

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the report.

#### 3 Background / Horopaki

A 'Three Waters Better Off Support Package' for local authorities was announced by the Prime Minister and Minister of Local Government in July 2021.

On 25 August 2022, following a series of workshops with elected members and hapū representatives from Te Kārearea and Te Huinga, Whangarei District Council (WDC) approved the draft Funding Proposal and to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) who administer the fund. Included in the Funding Proposal is a \$4.0 million allocation to the Māori Wellbeing Fund / Kaupapa Māori Programme.

The DIA subsequently approved WDC's Funding Proposal and the funding agreement was signed by all parties. Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP) then took on the role of monitoring, performance reporting, and financial administration for DIA in relation to Better Off Funding. CIP have provided a system and framework for WDC to report into on a 6-monthly basis.

On 26 October 2023, WDC approved (among other things):

- Governance and management mechanisms for the Māori Wellbeing Fund / Kaupapa Māori Programme contestable grants fund to enable the project to move into the implementation phase; and
- Bi-monthly reporting on delivery of the Māori Wellbeing Fund to Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee, and 6-monthly reporting to Council on the portfolio to align with government reporting timeframes.

#### 4 Discussion / Whakawhiti korero

Reporting to DIA is structured into three programmes aligned with the funding criteria, which provides for efficient reporting. Each of the programmes contains a number of projects and back-up projects that were agreed during the initial workshops held in 2022. The three programmes of work are:

- Transitioning to a Sustainable Economy including Climate Change & Natural Hazards Resilience ("Resilience Programme")
- Delivering Infrastructure and/or Services Enabling Housing Development & Growth ("Housing Programme")
- Delivering Infrastructure and/or Services to Improve Community Wellbeing & Support Placemaking ("Wellbeing Programme")

There has been no need to initiate any backup projects because all priority projects have been progressing, if not are completed.

Supporting Portfolio delivery has been the three-tier assurance and management approach, which includes representatives from Te Huinga Incorporated Society and Council staff. This continues to be effective in ensuring administrative efficiency, that deliver occurs as planned, and that DIA requirements are met.

CIP advised in a June 2024 update report to Councils that as at 30 April 2024:

- \$240 million of BOF funds had been released by DIA, being 48% of the \$500 million Crown fund
- There are 455 projects or programmes either not started (277), underway (122), or paid in full (56)
- Four Councils have completed their Better Off Package fund including Auckland, Thames-Coromandel, Manawatu, and Hastings
- 25 Councils (37%) have yet to be paid claims for costs in excess of their initial 10% advance payment

#### **Changes in Reporting Requirements to DIA**

DIA communicated in an update Councils that Councils are no longer required to complete the formal six-monthly reporting round as set out in the Funding Agreement which included:

- Three programme-level progress reports, and
- One portfolio-level report

Instead, Councils are to continue reporting through claims and project change requests, as well as the project close-out report process. As Council completes the entire portfolio of work, a final Summary Report will satisfy the contract reporting conditions. This means that local focus can be given on project delivery rather than effort in working through the biannual formal programme reporting and portfolio approval process.

Staff will continue reporting to Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee and Council as per the requirements agreed in the Council resolution on 26 October 2023.

#### **Better Off Funding Portfolio**

Significant progress has been made since an update on projects was provided at the 17 April 2024 Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee.

In relation to DIA's update, one of WDC's programmes is now paid in full (Housing Programme) and the other two are underway. Of the \$9.48 million allocated to WDC, the total value of claims approved by DIA is \$8,033,695. The remaining balance has been committed to underway projects and will be claimed in due course.

At a project level, eight of ten projects have fully claimed their funding allocations from DIA as work has been completed or commitments have been made. Table 1 below provides a high-level indication of the status of each project as at 30 June 2024.

Note that projects marked as 'Complete' have fulfilled DIA requirements and no longer need to be reported against. WDC will continue to collect ongoing reporting from projects where appropriate as indicated.

**Table 1: Summary of Better Off Funding Project Progress** 

Project	Status	Explanation
Ruakākā Recreation Centre Stage 1	Complete	Funds drawn down in full from DIA. Grant paid in full and new facility constructed. Ongoing reporting being collected by WDC on opened facility.
Whangārei Heads Volunteer Fire Service	Complete	Funds drawn down in full from DIA. Grant paid in full and construction process underway, led by Fire & Emergency NZ. Ongoing reporting being collected by WDC until completion.
New Land Search and Rescue (LandSAR) Base	Complete	Funds drawn down in full from DIA. Grant paid in full and design and build underway. Ongoing reporting being collected by WDC until completion.
Māori Wellbeing/Kaupapa Māori Programme	Complete	Funds drawn down in full from DIA. Grant award decisions have been made and funding to Te Huinga is pending payment. Ongoing reporting being collected by WDC until completion.
CitySafe Additional Resourcing	Complete	Funds drawn down in full from DIA. Contract fully executed and funding spent by end of June 2024. No further reporting being collected by WDC.
Papakāinga Support Contestable Fund	Complete	Funds drawn down in full from DIA. Fund launched and applications are open. Ongoing reporting being collected by WDC until completion.

Punaruku Russell Road Flood Mitigation & Access Business Case	Complete	Funds drawn down in full from DIA. Business Case complete and now seeking funding for implementation. Ongoing reporting on funding status being collected by WDC.
Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Priority Actions	Complete	Funds drawn down in full from DIA. Case study commenced and Tangata Whenua Led Climate Fund to be launched in July 2024. Ongoing reporting being collected by WDC until completion.
Ōakura Sports Park Development & Wetland Restoration	Underway	Approximately 15% of funds have been drawn down from DIA. Technical investigation and planning underway. On track. Reporting to DIA continues.
Hikurangi Repo Environmental Options Business Case	Underway	Approximately 50% of funds have been drawn down from DIA. On track for expected completion in December 2024. Reporting to DIA continues.

#### Māori Wellbeing Fund

The 'Māori Wellbeing/Kaupapa Māori' project sits within the 'Infrastructure and/or Services to Improve Wellbeing and Placemaking' programme. This programme was allocated \$4 million of the total \$9.48 million Tranche 1 Better Off Funding Fund. The approved scope of the Māori Wellbeing Fund project is:

Implementing a trial of a rangatiratanga-based model for hapū. Involves allocating and earmarking funding for areas in alignment with hapū and haukāinga aspirations and needs for investment for community wellbeing, including hapū taiao environmental projects, hapū infrastructure development fund such as place-based infrastructure at marae and Papakāinga, and hapū wellbeing linking to hāpori and community wellbeing projects or initiatives. Includes support and resource from council to prepare proposals.

To formalise the approach taken to establish the Māori Wellbeing Fund and meet due diligence requirements outlined in the 11 October 2023 Council briefing, a Funding Agreement between WDC and Te Huinga was fully executed on 16 April 2024.

Te Huinga established a sub-committee specifically for the Māori Wellbeing Fund work. The total \$4 million fund was split into three categories with notional funding allocations as follows:

- Māori Wellbeing Scholarship Fund \$50,000
- Māori Wellbeing Events Fund \$150,000
- General Māori Wellbeing Fund \$3,800,000

Applications closed for the first funding round on 1 March 2024, with 174 total applications received as summarised below:

- Māori Wellbeing Scholarship Fund
  - o Applications valued at \$34,825.97
- Māori Wellbeing Events Fund

- Applications valued at \$1,561,930.38
- General Māori Wellbeing Fund
  - o Applications valued at \$6,206,753.26

The total value of applications was \$7,803,509.61. This meant that the fund was oversubscribed by \$3,803,509.61. Initiatives that were applied for ranged from urupa komiti support to marae builds to maara kai, and more.

All applications were checked and verified for eligibility and having provided the required documentation. The Independent Panel then assessed all applications and conveyed their decisions to the sub-committee. Due to the high number of applications, not all initiatives could be funded. A decision was also made by the Independent Panel to redirect funding from the Scholarships Fund to the Events Fund as not all of the 48 applications were deemed to have met the eligibility and prioritisation criteria. In total, 48 applications were funded as summarised below:

- Māori Wellbeing Scholarship Fund
  - 12 applications valued at \$12,000
- Māori Wellbeing Events Fund
  - o 9 applications valued at \$255,699.17
- General Māori Wellbeing Fund
  - o 27 applications valued at \$3,732,300.83

Applicants received feedback on their applications in early June 2024. Te Huinga will now work with successful applicants to establish appropriate funding agreements, payment milestones and reporting requirements.

Noting that reporting requirements have eased between WDC and DIA/CIP, WDC is passing on those eased reporting requirements to Te Huinga.

#### 5 Significance and engagement / Te Hira me te Arawhiti

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.

#### 6 Attachments / Ngā Tāpiritanga

Better Off Fund Successful Applicants



## **Better Off Fund**

Te Huinga Māori Wellbeing Fund Successful Applicants

### Scholarships

12 x applicants were awarded scholarship grants of \$1,000 each from the Māori Wellbeing Fund



## **Better Off Fund**

Te Huinga Māori Wellbeing Fund Successful Applicants - Events

Deaf Action NZ Incorporated
HĀ (History of Aotearoa) Charitable Trust
Karangamaha Whānau (CCS Disability Action)
Maramataka Productions
Onerahi Rugby Football Club
Para Kore Marae Incorporated
Raumanga Community Roopu
Te Whanau a Rangiwhakaahu Hapū Trust
Tūrama Ora



## Better Off Fund

# Te Huinga Māori Wellbeing Fund Successful Applicants - General

- Ako Tahi
- Hihiaua Cultural Centre Trust
- Ngātiwai Trust Board
- Parangahau Development Komiti
- Parihaka Waka Ama Club
- Ohawini Bay Community
- Te Huinga
- Te Kauika o Patuharakeke Waka Awa
- Te Kura o Otangarei | I Have A Dream
- Te Orewai Te Horo Trust | Tupua Native Nursery
- Te Puna Kohungahunga o Matapouri
- Tuhi Kapua Heeni Kaa & Ripeka Tuhi Kerepeti Trust
- Whakaora Kai Food Rescue Northland

- Maungārongo Marae
- Ngāraraitunua Marae
- Ngunguru Marae
- Oakura Marae
- Pehiāweri Marae
- Taiharuru Marae
- Takahiwai Marae
- Te Tārai o Rāhiri Marae
- Te Whānau a Rangiwhakaahu Marae
- Whananaki Marae
- Ngā Uri o Pita Tunua | Ki A Ora Ngātiwai
- Taranga Tangata Wahitapu
- Te Roimata Mutunga Urupa | Otetao B2B1C2

#### RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

That the public be excluded from the following parts of proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

The making available of information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the 1. commercial position of persons who are the subject of the information. {Section 7(2)(c)} To enable the council (the committee) to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage 2, commercial negotiations. {(Section 7(2)(i)}. 3. To protect the privacy of natural persons. {Section 7(2)(a)}. 4. Publicity prior to successful prosecution of the individuals named would be contrary to the laws of natural justice and may constitute contempt of court. {Section 48(1)(b)}. To protect information which is the subject to an obligation of confidence, the publication of 5. such information would be likely to prejudice the supply of information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. {Section7(2)(c)(i)}. In order to maintain legal professional privilege. {Section 2(g)}. 6. 7. To enable the council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations {Section

#### Resolution to allow members of the public to remain

7(2)(i).

If the council/committee wishes members of the public to remain during discussion of confidential items the following additional recommendation will need to be passed:
Move/Second
"Thatbe permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his/her/their knowledge of <a href="Item">Item</a> .
This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matter to be discussed, is relevant to that matter because

#### Note:

Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public.