

# Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Agenda

**Date:** Thursday, 3 April, 2025

**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

Recommendations contained in the agenda are not decisions of the meeting. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.

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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 Māori<sup>1</sup> and the community in the Whangārei District. (Participation)
- Ensuring Council complies with statutory provisions that refer to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi).
- To agree mutual strategic priorities as and when required (Direction)

### **Key responsibilities – advice and recommendations**

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

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

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

### **Key Responsibilities**

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

### **Delegations**

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

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

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

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





## Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, 4 March, 2025  
**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 (Teams)  
 Cr Phoenix Ruka  
 Delaraine Armstrong  
 Len Bristowe  
 Hohipere Williams  
 Nicki Wakefield  
 Tame Te Rangi

### Not in Attendance

Cr Patrick Holmes  
 Cr Simon Reid  
 Sean Walters  
 Simon Mitchell  
 Sandra Hawken

### Also in Attendance

Cr Ken Couper

### Scribe

N.Pestana (Team Leader, Democracy)

### 1. Karakia/Mihi

Tame Te Rangi, Cr Phoenix Ruka, Aaron Taikato.

### 2. Declaration of Interests / Take Whaipānga

Delaraine Armstong – Chair of Te Orewai Te Horo Trust and *Ngā Kaitiaki o Ngā Wai Māori*.

## Item 4.1

**3. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai**

Cr Patrick Holmes, Simon Mitchell, Cr Simon Reid, Sean Walters (absent), Cr Connop, His Worship the Mayor and Delaraine Armstrong (early departure).

**Moved By** Cr Nicholas Connop

**Seconded By** His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo

That the apologies be sustained.

**Carried**

*Secretarial Note: Sandra Hawken has resigned as a member of Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee.*

**4. Confirmation of Minutes: Whakatau Meneti****4.1 Minutes Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025**

**Moved By** Cr Phoenix Ruka

**Seconded By** Nicki Wakefield

That the minutes of the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Meeting held on Monday, 10 February 2025, 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. Information reports / Ngā Pūrongo Kōrero****5.1 General Managers Verbal Update - March 2025**

**Moved By** Nicki Wakefield

**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the verbal update.

**Carried**

*Cr Peters joined the meeting at 9.12am during discussion on Item 5.1.*

**5.2 Action Log Update March 2025**

**Moved By** Cr Phoenix Ruka

**Seconded By** Nicki Wakefield



## Item 4.1

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

**Carried**

*Len Bristowe joined the meeting at 9.26am during discussion on Item 5.2.*

### **5.3 Annual Plan 2025-2026 - Update**

**Moved By** Cr Carol Peters

**Seconded By** His Worship the Mayor

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

**Carried**

### **5.4 Knowledge Precinct Plan Update March 2025**

**Moved By** Cr Carol Peters

**Seconded By** Hohipere Williams

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

**Carried**

### **5.5 Placemaking Programme Update - March 2025**

**Moved By** His Worship the Mayor

**Seconded By** Cr Nicholas Connop

That the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee:

1. Notes the report and Attachment 1 Raumanga and Otaika Placemaking Plan – 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Engagement Feedback Report.

**Carried**

*His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 11.11am during discussion on Item 5.5.*

*Cr Connop left the meeting at 11.23am during discussion on Item 5.5.*

*A short break was taken from 11.29am to 11.48am.*

## Item 4.1

**5.6 Local Government Elections 2025 Update****Moved By** Cr Phoenix Ruka**Seconded By** Cr Carol Peters

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

**Carried****6. Public excluded / Rāhui Tangata****Moved By** Cr Phoenix Ruka**Seconded By** Cr Phil Halse

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution</b>
1.1 Verbal Update – Fluoridation	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
1.2 Regional Deals Update		
1.3 Poroti Springs Update		

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Section</b>
1.1	To maintain legal professional privilege.	Section 7(2)(g)
1.2	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.	Section 7(2)(i) Section 7(2)(j)

## Item 4.1

1.3	To enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.	Section 7(2)(i)  Section 7(2)(j)
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**Carried**

*Delaraine Armstrong left the meeting at 12.10pm at the end of the open meeting.*

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

The meeting concluded at 1.19pm.

Confirmed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025

Cr Deb Harding (Chairperson)





## Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, 19 March, 2025  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Civic Centre, Te Iwitahi, 9 Rust Avenue

### In Attendance

Hapū mandated Chairperson  
 Cr Deborah Harding  
 Cr Phil Halse  
 His Worship the Mayor Vince Cocurullo  
 Cr Nicholas Connop  
 Cr Patrick Holmes  
 Cr Carol Peters  
 Cr Phoenix Ruka  
 Delaraine Armstrong  
 Len Bristowe  
 Tame Te Rangi  
 Nicki Wakefield  
 Hohipere Williams

### Not in Attendance

Cr Simon Reid  
 Sandra Hawken  
 Simon Mitchell  
 Sean Walters

### 1. Karakia / Mihi

Haukainga.

### 2. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai

Cr Simon Reid, Sean Walters, Sandra Hawken and Simon Mitchell.

## Item 4.2

**3. Community Forum / Hui a Hapori****Marae hui agenda****3.1 Marae hui agenda - Terenga Paraoa March 2025****Social Values Based Procurement – Lead by Nicki Wakefield.**

Chantez Connor-Kingi from Northland Regional Council presented on the topic of hapū kaitiaki procurement.

- The presentation emphasized the importance of engaging hapū or local contractors in tender processes.
- It was encouraged that hapū or local small businesses be able to compete fairly on the open market to apply for tenders at Whangarei District Council.

Outcomes sought:

- Social Procurement framework and strategy is prepared by Whangarei District Council in partnership with hapū

**Whenua Māori. A history of treatment by Whangarei District Council – Lead by Nicki Wakefield.**

Discussions on Whenua Māori that has been taken under the Public Works Act.

- Hinemoa Apetera spoke of Rewarewa Land Loss.
- Aperahama Edwards spoke of Matapouri Land Loss.
- Tame Te Rangi spoke of Nukutawhiti, Mangakahia Land Loss.
- Huhana Lyndon spoke of Waiotu and Land Loss experienced by Ngāti Hau.
- Chantez Connor-Kingi of Ngararatunua spoke of landlocked land and access issues.

Outcomes sought:

- Road names at Rewarewa and Kioreroa are reviewed to align with the name of the whenua that was taken for the road to be built.
- Discussion is held between Whangarei District Council and the uri of the PARAHAKI 1E3B3 (whenua māori land taken) currently in County Council ownership.
- District Plan is reviewed to include provisions for future use to landlocked whenua such as Parakiore wāhi tapu.

## Item 4.2

- Whangarei District Council makes a formal apology for the historical treatment of Whenua Māori in the Whangarei District and makes a plan to repair the damage and prejudice to Whangarei Māori caused by these actions.

*Secretarial Note: Some agenda items and additional correspondence could not be presented. These items will be presented at the 1 April 2025 Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee meeting in Council Chambers.*

**4. Closure of Meeting: Te katinga o te Hui**

The hui concluded at 1pm.

Confirmed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2025

Cr Deb Harding (Chairperson)





## 5.1 Te Huinga Kōkiri Report – April 2025

**Meeting:** Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 3 April 2025  
**Reporting officer:** Hapū Members

### 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

To progress topics for “Kōkiri”: Progressive Partnership Action.

### 2 Recommendation / Whakataunga

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the report.

### 3 Background / Horopaki

Following hui between Te Kārearea and Te Huinga, hapū proposed the establishment of a standing agenda item on the Te Kārearea Agenda.

The intent of the item is to bring forward strategic topics or initiatives Te Huinga and Te Kārearea hapū members want to elevate with Council.

Titled “Kōkiri” to denote progressive (strategic) action, the item provides an opportunity for collective discussion on initiatives aligned to the Committee’s Terms of Reference.

### 4 Discussion / Whakawhiti kōrero

Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Terms of Reference outlines key responsibilities under the ‘Participation’ section as:

- a) Develop pathways (and processes) that will achieve lasting and meaningful relationships between Māori and Council.
- b) Ensure the views of Māori and the community are equally considered.
- c) Ensure equitable participation, by adequately resourcing hapū to engage, e.g., remunerated hapū reps for all Council related mahi, hui, etc.
- d) Ensure that Marae hui are open to the public.

In addition, the Committee has “Governance oversight of initiatives, Te Kārearea budget and resourcing to build capacity (both Council and Māori) and deliver on the Terms of Reference” and is tasked with developing a workplan to track progress on strategic initiatives.

Kōkiri provides a mechanism for hapū initiatives to be brought to the Committee for debate and the establishment of a collective view. It also provides for Committee oversight of, and direction on, these initiatives.

#### 4.1 Kokiri Actions identified by Te Huinga

These items have been identified by Te Huinga for inclusion on this month's Kokiri report.

Kokiri Topic	Hapū Korero
Public Works and Harbour Board	Public Works and Harbour Board land in the Central Business District.
Onoke Update	Update on Onoke Pā
Wai Māori of the City	Stormwater Habitat Mahi

## 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.

## 6.1 General Managers Verbal Update – April 2025

**Meeting:** Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 3 April 2025  
**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 Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee notes the verbal report.

### 3 Discussion

- Forestry Roding Target Rate Update
- Update on fluoridation decisions
- Annual Plan update
- Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee Terms of Reference Update
- Te Tiriti Audit update

### 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.



## 6.2 Action Log Update – April 2025

**Meeting:** Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee  
**Date of meeting:** 3 April 2025  
**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 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 14 items in progress on the Action log and 35 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 – Completed Items

Attachment 2 – Action Log – Items in Progress



## Completed Items

1	Te Kārearea hui	16/08/2023	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. <b>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.</b>	Recurring. Still a priority for Hapū
2	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 <b>29/08/2023 - requests for new playgrounds will be considered as part of the Long Term Plan process which will be open for submissions 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.</b>	Complete - Part of LTP process - has been shared with LTP team (6 Oct 2023)
3	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 opportunity 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 iwi in 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 01/06/2022 MPI have now reached out to staff and communications 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. 07/03/2023 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 potential 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 o Torongare and Landowners. Strategic Case to be drafted first week of August. Technical services to be procured to assess remedial options, such as retirement of Otonga pocket (hydrology, ecology, engineering etc). 13/09/23 - Strategic case draft report completed. Options for improving outcomes in the repo now being investigated and prioritised. 29/9/23 - Ecological site inspection scheduled for repo early October. Long list options being developed with farmer meetings early Oct and hapu meetings being scheduled. Discussion underway with waikato regional council to gain learnings from their flood scheme work. 03/11/23: Better off Funding is being used to develop a detailed Business Case which includes consideration of long term options for the scheme.	Completed

4	Te Kārearea Committee	21/4/2021	Agenda Item for future meeting	Te Tiriti Audit	Mark Scott	<p>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.</p> <p>08/04/2022 Draft contracts circulated to the Hapu representatives. For comment and finalisation</p> <p>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.</p> <p>18/5/2022 WDC is considering independently commissioning the Te Tiriti Audit</p> <p>02/06/2022 Contracts are currently sitting with hapu members for approval/review</p> <p>07/07/2022 Two of three contracts have been received from hapū members.</p> <p>10/08/2022 All three contracts have been received and now staff will work with hapu members to set date for the initial meeting.</p> <p>13/09/2022 The audit has transferred to Māori Outcomes and will be supported by strategy, democracy and assurance.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	Completed
5	Kokiri	15/6/2022	Feedback required	Financial assistance for technical experts	Aaron Taikato	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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)</li> <li>2. How councillors will work with Māori to advance matters that are important or provide opportunities for Māori</li> <li>3. Determine the 2022 -2025 triennium governance structure.</li> </ol> <p>It is anticipated that outputs from the workshop/s will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Refined and approved by Te Huinga</li> <li>2. Submitted to Te Kārearea for consideration and endorsement</li> <li>3. Presented to the incoming Council by approved technical experts who participated in the workshops.</li> </ol> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>05/09/23 Nothing yet received from Te Huinga</b></p>	Completed
6	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	<p>25/11/2021 Staff will discuss issues, particularly relating to the drainage issues being experienced 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>17/08/22 Issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Mokau. Item 39 reinstated as the following matters were once again raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drainage matters – culvert going nowhere</li> <li>- Culvert discharging onto private land and not to the stream – may be the same issue as above can be made</li> </ul> <p>Council should provide a planner and engineer to look at these issues. Mylie George to share contact details with Jim Septon and Bernadette Aperahama to set up a meeting with WDC.</p> <p>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 &amp; Access Options Business Case.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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. 19/11/2023 The Project Manager has met with the hapū led working group, flood modellers and NRC to begin developing a business case to identify and assess options.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>06/10/2023 - No further update</p> <p>8/11/2023 - A marae-based hui was held on the 12th September 2023. Three subsequent workshops with the hapū led working group alongside WDC, NRC and Water Technology flood modelling consultancy, have led to a short list of options to address flooding. These options will be workshopped with wider hapū date TBC.</p> <p><b>27/05/2024 - Business case is complete, seeking funding from NRC and WDC through the Long Term Plan process. Some stream clearing works have been completed by NRC earlier in the year.</b></p>	Completed



7	Te Kārearea 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/Hilary 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 from 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 resilience 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. <b>06/10/2023 - No further update 07/11/23 - No further update</b>	Completed
8	Te Kārearea 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 separate footpath from the road would be more appropriate. Ngati Taka request early engagement as mana whenua prior to any options being developed and decisions made.	Jeff Devine/Hilary 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. <b>06/10/2023 - No further update Request placed on future program list - Complete</b>	Completed
9	Te Kārearea 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. <b>9/9/23 - Pacific Bay scheme being designed. Funding is available this year subject to the design being approved.</b> <b>06/10/2023 - No further update</b>	Completed
10	Te Kārearea 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. <b>9/9/23 - Pacific Bay scheme being designed. Funding is available this year subject to the design being approved.</b> <b>06/10/2023 - No further update</b>	Completed
11	Te Kārearea 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. <b>5/9/23 We would like to include Hapū in our narrative and will liaise with Maori Outcomes team around this Kaupapa.</b> <b>28/09/23 Absolutely. Council staff will meet in the next few weeks to progress.</b> <b>6/10/2023 Mark Scott now reviewing all content in the Whangarei Visitor Guide.</b>	Completed
12	Te Kārearea 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. <b>1/9/2023 Council is required to process resource consent applications within the timeframes set by the relevant legislation. Non-notified applications must be determined within 20 working days which does not give scope to extend Iwi 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.</b>	Completed
13	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 <b>29/08/2023 - requests for new public toilets will be considered as part of the Long Term Plan process which will be open for submissions early in 2024.</b> 8/11/23 - No further update	Recurring. Still a priority for Hapū

14	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 <b>5/2/2024 The LTP includes budget to investigate alternative weed control options</b>	Completed
15	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 in this space and what more can be done. <b>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.</b>	Completed
16	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. <b>21/02/2024 - Te Kārearea Meeting in chambers. Simon Mitchell provided update that signs have now been erected 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.</b>	Completed
17	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. <b>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.</b>	Completed
18	Te Kārearea hui	21/02/2024	Request - feedback required	Ocean Flyer updates	Tony Collins	<b>22/02/2024</b> - Te Kārearea 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. <b>Ocean Flyer have had some initial conversations with Patuhareke and representatives of that hapu were present at the signing of the MoU between Northland Inc, Northport and Ocean Flyer late 2023. Ocean Flyer representatives have expressed an interest to engage more deeply with hapu and have requested Councils assistance to facilitate this engagement.</b> <b>17/04/2024 - Presentation by the Ocean flyer team at the TK Meeting in Chambers</b>	completed
19	Te Kārearea hui	21/02/2024	Request - feedback required	Spraying on vegetation (including Rongoa Maori)	Mike Batcheldor	<b>21/02/2024</b> - 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. <b>28/03/2024 - Ideally they should be referred to the Contact Centre. They will supply the info of how the No-spray policy is implemented. 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.</b>	Completed
20	Te Kārearea hui	18/10/2023	Request - feedback required	Hazardous road Signage -Whangaruru	Mike Batcheldor & Tim Ward	<b>18/10/2023</b> Issue raised at Te Kārearea 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 TK and this will include some recommendations for the roading. Separately 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. <b>07/05/2024 - Meeting with some Hapū members from Tuparehuia. Some progress has been made on the roading out at 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.</b>	Completed

21	Te Kārearea hui	13/12/2023	Request - feedback required	Vehicles on beaches.	Will McNab	<p>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 protect people and wildlife on the Whangarei District Beaches.</p> <p>18/12/2023 Will McNab (Strategy) preparing a memo on this matter for Te Karearea, Te Huinga, presenters.</p> <p>12/02/2024 This item is being addressed through information report to February meeting of Te Kārearea.</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>	Completed
22	Te Kārearea Committee	17/04/2024	Request - feedback required	Request to remove Julian Batchelor signs within the Whangarei District.	Rebecca Vertongen / Reiner Mussle	<p>17/03/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting in Chambers through the Kokiri report.</p> <p>09/05/2024 - Can Te Huinga or other Te Kārearea 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.</p> <p>24/05/2024 - Advised by Te Huinga that the Waipu sign has been removed. Sign next to Total Span before the Portland Turnoff has been given to the Health and Bylaws team who will investigate and provide an update</p> <p><b>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 or amend 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.</b></p>	Completed
23	Te Kārearea hui	13/12/2023	Request - feedback required	Dog Park - Matakohe Island	Louis Rattray/Jim Sephton	<p>13/12/2023 Issue raised at Te Kārearea Hui at Terenga Paraoa. Request for pohutakawa trees to be replaced with other exotic tree.</p> <p>5/2/2024 The trees are too mature to be moved without killing them so will not be moved.</p> <p><b>21/02/2024 - Te Kārearea Meeting in chambers . Suggestions to discuss non removal with Taipari Munro (who raised 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</b></p> <p>30/4/24 - The team will seek advice on how cultural mitigation can be incorporated without chopping down the trees</p> <p>09/05/2024 - We are happy to install seating around the tree. We will have to wait until the new financial year as we have exhausted this years budget.</p> <p>18/06/2024 - Email sent to Te Huinga Secretariat to advise of 09/05/24 update. Te Huinga Secretariat to discuss this option with Matua Taipari.</p> <p>19/06/2024 - Email response from Te Huinga Secretariat - <i>I spoke to Matua 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 wants to be kept in touch especially around the "design" of the seating as the whole purpose is the sacredness of the tree. The seating must cover the area so that the kuri does not defecate/urinate on the roots of the tree. Have asked if Matua Taipari's email address be given to Louis to follow up with once funding available.</i></p> <p><b>10/07/2024 - Email Addresses for Matua Taipari and Janelle Beazley (Te Huinga Secretariat) have been provided to Spencer Jellyman (WDC) who will make contact to progress seating.</b></p>	Completed
24	Te Kārearea hui	20/4/2022	Feedback required	Papakainga Housing	Bernadette Aperahama	<p>20/4/2022 WDC to consider its policy on and process for papakainga housing on whenua land which is currently prohibitive to hapū. 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.</p> <p>05/05/2022 Staff have started a database of varying enquiries about papakainga that staff are receiving and where there is uncertainty or challenging areas to navigate. Understanding the difficulties while navigating Council Processes and non-Council processes will add value to the local context of the Strategy and will inform where further action needs to be prioritised by Council</p> <p>02/06/2022 content to inform this action is covered in the Housing section of the Strategic Work Program of the operations report.</p> <p>10/08/2022 The Draft Housing Strategy will be presented to the Housing Strategy Subcommittee on the 26th August. The draft will set out Council's intentions to improve interagency process to support papakāinga and will outline Council is to act to remove identified barriers for papakainga</p> <p>14/09/2022 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 for adoption on 27th September.</p> <p>03/03/2023 The Housing Strategy was adopted by the Housing Strategy Co-governance Subcommittee on the 27th September and implemented. Initial implementation steps include increasing public awareness of the strategy, pensioner housing portfolio review, commencing the disability community outcome recommendations regarding universal design.</p> <p>06/06/2023 Staff are developing the process and criteria to enable customers to apply for the Better Off Funding available to cover regulatory costs and development contributions.</p> <p>01/09/2023 Staff have nearly finished the work to set this process up and are almost ready to announce the availability of the funding.</p> <p>8/11/2023: Due to staff capacity challenges, insufficient progress has been made on this mahi considering its priority. Accordingly, staff changes have been made enabling staff with more capacity to lead this.</p> <p>03/05/2024 - Information on the BOF Papakainga fund is being loaded onto the Council website and should be live shortly.</p> <p>27/05/2024 - BOF Papakainga Fund is live on the Council website for applications to be submitted any time. Panui is being prepared.</p> <p><a href="https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Community/Community-funding/Papakainga-Fund">https://www.wdc.govt.nz/Community/Community-funding/Papakainga-Fund</a></p> <p>13/06/2024 - Rai Rakich will present to the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee on 4 July 2024</p> <p><b>04/07/2024 - Presentation made to the Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee as the Papakainga Fund is now live.</b></p>	Completed

25	Te Kārearea 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 Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehuia Marae. 18/06/2024 - Parks will spray the Tabaco weed next time contractors are in the area <b>17/07/2024 - email sent to Bella Thompson to update and advise hapū and community</b>	Completed
26	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Hazardous roads - Bland Bay - Slow Vehicle Bay request	Nick Marshall	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehuia Marae. Can Slow Vehicle Bay areas be considered. 10/06/2024 - No current funding for slow vehicle bays <b>17/07/2024 - email sent to Bella Thompson to update and advise hapū and community</b>	Completed
27	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Wild Cattle and Council Land Maintenance	Louis Rattray (fencing issues)	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehuia 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 further action. <b>17/07/2024 - email sent to Bella Thompson to update and advise hapū and community</b>	Completed
28	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Pest Control	NRC matter	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehuia Marae. Is there funding available for haukainga to be able to complete their own pest control. <b>17/07/2024 - email sent to Bella Thompson to update and advise hapū and community</b>	Completed
29	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Hazardous roads - Bland Bay - Signage request to remind people to drive on the correct side of the road.	Nick Marshall	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehuia Marae. Can Bland Bay have signs advising which side of the road people should drive on. 10/06/2024 - 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). <b>17/07/2024 - email sent to Bella Thompson to update and advise hapū and community</b>	Completed
30	Te Kārearea hui	25/09/2023	Request - feedback required	Noted that outcome of the hui held at Whangārei Terenga Parāoa over the last three weeks considered a request to change the terms of reference for the FDS working group which has been provided to Māori outcomes and FDS staff. Requesting staff response to Te Kārearea on this request from the Huinga hapū.	Bernadette/H amish Sykes	25/09/2023 - Issue raised at hui held at Whangārei Terenga Parāora Marae. 8/11/2023 - Issue discussed at further hui at Whangārei Terenga Parāora Marae and discussed within the first Governance Working Group. Within the attendance on the day, there was not a clear preference from the Maori caucus.. Staff consider it appropriate to revisit this discussion with the full Maori caucus in attendance. Other potential opportunities to address the approach raised within the hapu hui include including specific content in the Consultation Draft, Final FDS and technical reports. <b>03/05/2024 - 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?</b>	Completed
31	Te Kārearea 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 Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehuia Marae. 18/06/2024 - This will be an inter council/DOC action. To be discussed in joint councils/DOC meeting to be arranged. 27/06/2024 - Meeting key WDC, DOC, NRC held online/in person. A follow up meeting will be organised to further discuss solutions with the intention of finding time for a site visit. 16/08/2024 – There is still some confusion around this issue, with the roading team unable to identify any poplars growing within the roading corridor. The team have been in contact with customer, Noeline Phillips seeking further details. 20/08/2024 – Our team have made contact with Noeline Phillips to determine where the community centre is, and where the trees of concern are located. The trees of concern are mature poplars, and are growing along the boundary line between road corridor and parks (reserve land). These trees are not obstructing storm water flow, or causing an issue for the road or roadside assets, and are healthy. We've discussed with Paul Leyland who's acknowledged works completed by Treescape at this location following cyclone gabrielle, and have provided the following additional commentary: "There appears to be nothing wrong with the remaining trees from the Treescape notes and I cannot find any issues from street view, As a parks team we will not be doing anything at this point in time." As the trees are not presenting any issues, and are in good health, we do not intend on completing any removal. <b>03/09/2024 - The team have confirmed that they've been in contact, with the secretary of the community centre and confirmed the position with regards to the trees.</b>	Completed
32	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Boat Launch Access	Andrew Carvell/ Dean Hawkins	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehuia Marae. 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. 18/06/2024 - Email to Tūparehuia contacts to request contact details for parties interested in discussing this issue. Contact details will be provided to Andrew and Dean once received. 19/06/2024 - Loren Phillips identified as the Bland Bay contact person. Phone number given to Andrew and Dean to make contact. 23/08/2024 - No updates received <b>19/9/24 - Parks and Rec Staff met with DOC and local hapu. It appears the issue is not an alternative boat rampo but better controlled parking at the existing boat ramp. This is on DOC land and as such an issue for Hapu and DOC to resolve.</b>	Completed

33	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Rubbish on the Corner of Whangaruru North Road at the turn off.	Louis Rattray	<p>15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehuia Marae. Can the rubbish be cleaned up.</p> <p>18/06/2024 - Solid waste team are investigating</p> <p>23/08/2024 - No updates received</p> <p><b>19/9/2024 - Rubbish has been cleaned and once a new Solid Waste Engineer position filled we can look at longer term solutions</b></p>	Completed
34	Te Kārearea hui	19/5/2021	Agenda Item for future meeting	Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) / NPS IB	Yvonne Masefield	<p>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.</p> <p>28/03/2022 to 14/05/2024 updates in separate Tab below (Action Log current - more info)</p> <p>24/5/24 - Hapū hui was held on Monday 20 May at Te Iwitihi. There were approximately 30 hapū members in attendance. Council staff presented on the scoping request and plan review topics and discussion on this occurred.</p> <p>07/06/24 - Scoping response soft due date; 2 formal responses received (Te Parawhau and Ngāti Whakamaunga) and 6 informal responses/advice of intent to respond (Te Waiariki Ngāti Kororā Ngāti Takapari Hapū Iwi Trust, Nga Mahinga o Ngāti Kahu o Torongare, Patuharakeke, Te Whanau a Rangiwahakaahu, Ngāti Takapari, and Ngati Horahia - Hapū O Mangakahia). Hapū have been advised to reach out if they need more time to respond.</p> <p>17/07/24 - District Plan team planning to present on current work programme (including Matters of Importance to Hapū plan review mahi) at Te Kārearea on 6 August.</p> <p>15/08/24 - The District Plan team are still working towards the Matters of Importance to Hapū plan review project, which incorporates the identification of taonga species for our Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Chapter. In response to an amendment bill proposed by the coalition government, Council staff are currently preparing and Issues and Options paper on the topic of Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity.</p> <p>16/09/24 - Council officers are drafting a discussion document canvassing the scope of the review of the biodiversity topic, which does not propose to include mapping of Significant Natural Areas as central government have indicated that the review of the NPS:IB will involve criteria for identifying SNAs, assessment and identification processes, and the management of land subject to SNAs. The District Plan team intends to provide a more fulsome update at the November Te Karearea meeting.</p> <p>14/10/24 - no new updates</p> <p>16/01/25 - In November, discussion documents on topics forming part of the 2025 district plan review (which includes Ecosystems and Biodiversity) were sent to the iwi hapu contact list. The communication sought feedback on the topics and offered to arrange in-person meetings if requested. Public feedback on the plan review topics (including Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity) is open via an online survey until 31 January 2025. The district plan department remains open to arranging meetings or receiving feedback from hapū even after this public survey closes by contacting districtplan@wdc.govt.nz.</p> <p><b>20/02/2025 - this item is under resolution now that we have started a plan review process. Updates to Te Kārearea will continue to be provided through Agenda items at future meetings when significant progress has been made</b></p>	*Ongoing. Updates will be provided at Te Kārearea meetings when significant progress has been made
35	Te Kārearea hui	17/11/2021	Request - feedback required	<p>Sites of Significance in Whangaruru.</p> <p>1.Co-design a better process for protection of our sites of significance, narrative, landscape and korero.</p> <p>2.Must not use our own whakapapa and oral history against whanau and hapū.</p> <p>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.</p>	Yvonne Masefield	<p>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.</p> <p>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 hapū or iwi for their respective plan changes. Council staff are now looking to align hapū engagement with other similar Council projects and will attend Te Huinga and Te Kārearea with a more robust drafting engagement plan in the coming months.</p> <p>2022 and 2023 updates can be seen in the separate tab below (Action Log current - more info)</p> <p>7/02/2024 - Same update as last one. Aiming to circulate "expression of interest" document to iwi/ hapu for their consideration in March.</p> <p>28/02/2024 - Further to the above, we note the District Plan team is on track to circulate "expression of interest" document to iwi/ hapu for their consideration in March.</p> <p>08/04/2024 – Scoping request document will be circulated to Hapū and Iwi contacts through our Māori Outcomes team early April.</p> <p>24/04/2024 - Scoping request circulated to Hapū and Iwi contacts as provided by Māori Outcomes team on 15 April. An update was provided to Te Karearea on 17 April. Council staff to prepare a presentation to deliver to Hapū to help with informed responses to the Scoping Request.</p> <p>14/5/24 – Maori Outcomes circulated via email an invitation to all hapu/iwi within the district to attend a hui a kanohi at Te Iwiatahi on the 20/05/24 to discuss this project in more detail with team leaders.</p> <p>24/5/24 - Hapū hui was held on Monday 20 May at Te Iwitihi. There were approximately 30 hapū members in attendance. Council staff presented on the scoping request and plan review topics and discussion on this occurred.</p> <p>07/06/24 - Scoping response soft due date; 2 formal responses received (Te Parawhau and Ngāti Whakamaunga) and 6 informal responses/advice of intent to respond (Te Waiariki Ngāti Kororā Ngāti Takapari Hapū Iwi Trust, Nga Mahinga o Ngāti Kahu o Torongare, Patuharakeke, Te Whanau a Rangiwahakaahu, Ngāti Takapari, and Ngati Horahia - Hapū O Mangakahia). Hapū have been advised to reach out if they need more time to respond.</p> <p>17/07/24 - District Plan team planning to present on current work programme (including Matters of Importance to Hapū plan review mahi) at Te Kārearea on 6 August.</p> <p>15/08/24 - A total of 6 formal response forms have been received as a part of the District Plan team's scoping request, with the latest one received on 12 August. Council staff are working through contract negotiation discussions and preparation of draft agreement documents to assist hapū.</p> <p>19/09/24 - Council staff are finalising draft agreement documents and hope to circulate these to scoping request respondents early next week.</p> <p>10/10/24 - Council staff circulated a project plan and draft agreement documents to Te Parawhau, Patuharakeke, Ngati Takapari, Te Tawera o Ngati Pukenga ki Pakikaikutu, and Te Iwitihi Manihera Whanau on 27 Sept, requesting any feedback on these be provided by 18 Oct.</p> <p>16/01/25 - Council staff to provide update at Te Kārearea on 10 Feb 2025.</p> <p><b>20/02/2025 - this item is under resolution now that we have started a plan review process. Updates to Te Kārearea will continue to be provided through Agenda items at future meetings when significant progress has been made</b></p>	*Ongoing. Updates will be provided at Te Kārearea meetings when significant progress has been made



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1	Te Kārearea Committee	17/2/2021	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	<p>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.</p> <p>28/03/2022 Otangarei Marae is situated 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 convened. 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.</p> <p>06/05/2022 Aperahama 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 Hapu with a here to the Trust.</p> <p>13/06/2022 Council has met with the current Marae Trust around the administrative process to formally support their management of the site. Council are now progressing discussions with the Department of Conservation around the declaration for the land on which Otangarei Marae sits. This is the first part of the administration process to ensure appropriate and current management arrangements for the reserve land on which the Marae sits.</p> <p>02/06/2023 - Staff are awaiting further response from DOC regarding the 'administration' status (in terms of Reserves Act 1977) of the local purpose reserve land on which the marae is located. Staff continue to work to find a solution.</p> <p>28/09/2023 - 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 forward in the first half of 2024.</p> <p>03/04/2024 - We have been short staffed and this has not been a priority for the legal team.</p> <p>01/05/2024 - legal team now has additional resource, this piece of work is one of the request that will be reviewed by the team to determine a way forward</p> <p>27/05/2024 - No updates on progress however will be discussed in a team meeting.</p> <p>23/7/24 - Aaron provided a new contact at DOC who has suggested a team within DOC who may be able to assist with working out the process. Legal team have made contact this week so will wait to hear back.</p> <p>19/08/2024 Legal team have been passed to another contact at DOC, awaiting response.</p> <p>15/10/24 Aaron spoke to DOC who have confirmed that WDC does not need permission from DOC. Legal is clarifying whether there is any impediment registered on the title (e.g. long term lease) which may need to be wound up before further steps can be taken.</p> <p>24/01/2025 - Legal team have been short staffed but will look to provide an Action Log update for the March Te Kārearea meeting.</p> <p><b>24/02/2025 - Due to resourcing constraints, there has not been capacity to progress this matter. The committee should anticipate an update by mid 2025.</b></p>	In progress
2	Te Kārearea Committee	21/4/2021	Resolution	Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework / GIS / Matauranga Māori project	Bernadette Aperahama	<p>21/4/2021 Te Kārearea to undergo an information gathering exercise that includes mapping of information on Treaty of Waitangi land claims in aid of providing better decision-making on land use within the Whangarei District. Feedback sought from Te Kārearea on hapū/wi GIS mapping initiatives and opportunities for collaboration 19 May 2021.</p> <p>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 meeting.</p> <p>17/11/2021 Expressions of Interest will be put out to hapū technicians to ask whanau what would be required to do this mahi.</p> <p>2/2/2022 Matauranga Maori report to be developed as part of project to develop a decision making framework for local government based Te Ao Maori. Options around GIS needs are still being worked through.</p> <p>11/04/2022 Further information to be provided in the Agenda Item for Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework</p> <p>06/05/2022 A matauranga 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.</p> <p>07/07/2022 Framework and report are in a substantial review process. Refer to July 2022 operations report for further detail.</p> <p>10/08/2022 Project team are making final amendments to the report package and have begun presenting on the proposed framework in August. A third phase of engagement with tangata whenua is intended.</p> <p>14/09/2022 Following guidance received from Tohunga, the framework is currently being revised to better reflect it's intention, including roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>03/03/2023 Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework has a status of final draft, and we are at the stage of taking it back to the various councils' mana whenua forums or committees for their final comments. After that we expect an official regional launch of some sort. At the same time we are finalising a detailed report on the background, process, need for change, and recommendations for local government that would be part of bringing the framework into councils for adoption as a way of working.</p> <p>06/06/2023 Staff remain committed to this important kaupapa though are under significant resourcing challenges to be able to progress this at the moment.</p> <p>04/08/2023 The Te Huinga Better Off Funding sub-committee have expressed interest in applying the framework to the funds administration, application and decision making process for the contestable Maori Wellbeing Fund of \$4million.</p> <p>14/09/2023 The Project Team has met to discuss recent amendments to the framework and documentation. These are being reviewed by the Project team. Staff aim to meet with the Maori caucus members of Te Kārearea to share the Framework and to seek guidance on the next steps ahead of meeting with Te Kārearea Committee. The Project team will aim to meet with the Maori caucus members of Te Kārearea between mid October - mid November.</p> <p>8/11/2023 - The project team will seek a date for this workshop at Whangarei Terenga Paraoa marae.</p> <p>16/02/2024 - No updates received to date</p> <p>03/05/2024 - No updates</p> <p>27/05/2024 - Re-starting work to get the framework finalised and published. Timeframe to be confirmed.</p> <p>01/08/2024 - Work has re-started to get the framework finalised and published. Estimated November/December 2024 for Te Kārearea briefing.</p> <p><b>05/02/2025 - Staff capacity continues to be a significant challenge in progressing this important kaupapa. A revised draft is awaiting staff review.</b></p>	In progress

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3	Te Kārearea hui	20/4/2022	Feedback required	Airport Options Location Study	Sarah Irwin / Helen Ronaldson	<p>20/4/2022 An engagement framework to inform staff must be designed to engage with whanau, hapū and iwi at consultancy stage. Affected hapū must be consulted at their marae. Impacted hapū to be consulted for the Airport location site include Te Parāoa and Ngati Kahū o Torongare o Te Parāoa.</p> <p>05/05/2022 Staff are in the middle of engagement / HYSE evenings in the communities local to proposed sites. A Hui was held at Ngararatunua Marae on May 4, and another is being planned later in the month for Terenga Paraoa Marae for wider hapū. Meeting held with Patuharakeke Trust Board Representatives re format of consultation sought.</p> <p>07/07/2022 This will have close alignment to WDC's Te Ao Māori Decision Making Framework and the Cultural Capability Strategy - Kia Matau, Kia Mōhio (both currently in progress). This action is most appropriately addressed via these two pieces of work.</p> <p>07/03/2023 Site visit with hapū 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.</p> <p>06/06/2023 There is work going on at a hapū level to determine the most appropriate representation. There is a risk that this will delay the programme.</p> <p>4/07/2023 Work is progressing to establish a Hapu partnership in conjunction with a wider Mana Whenua Advisory Group (MAG). Until this is established there are delays on commissioning the Cultural Values Assessment needed to finalise the site and alignment decision.</p> <p>29/8/2023 Work is continuing with Hapu. Next hui planned for the 20/9/2023 to progress the terms of reference and CVA scope to take to the wider Mana Whenua Advisory group.</p> <p>3/10/2023 Hui with Nga Kahū o Torongare tabled the CVA scope and a way forward to appoint a CVA facilitator to be signed off by the Mana Whenua Advisory group. Marae based whananga hui to be established to facilitate the CVA. The following CIA to be completed by Nga Kahū o Torongare</p> <p>12/2/2024 Approach sent to Mana Whenua Advisory group. Offer of Service request sent to independent facilitator. Staff working through the appointment process. Look to have first Wananga with hapū in March to provide context and establish the programme of hui.</p> <p>24/4/2024 Response back from 2 out of 5 Hapu approached. Initial offer of service to establish the CVA process signed. Meetings requested with all hapū representatives to introduce Carolyn Smith. No progress on arranging meeting dates. Wananga to be arranged on the results of these meetings, Ngati Kahū o Torongare have offer to host this Wananga and details are still to be worked through.</p> <p>18/06/2024 - Hui scheduled for 20 June.</p> <p>23/07/2024 Positive hui held in council offices on 20th June. Follow up Open Hui scheduled at Ngararatunua Marae for 31 July, and date to be confirmed within the following week for Constraints and Cultural Value Assessment with Maori Advisory Group.</p> <p>18/09/2024 - Project team, Mayor and some elected members attended Open Hui at Ngararatunua Marae with 70+ people in attendance to provide an update on the project activities and status, and its current focus on Cultural Values Assessment. Encouraged through attendees to set up an Open Community Hui at Ruatangata hall to share same information wider - this has been scheduled for 17 October. Project team had further hui with Maori Advisory Group to discuss Site 9 constraints reports in more detail with constraints specialists in attendance to answer MAG questions. September and October are focused on commencing five CVA's - project team to attend marae presentations/workshops to understand the cultural values for each hapū related to Site 9 and commence the CVA development process for each.</p> <p>24/11/2025 - Project team presentation to Te Kārearea on the project progress on the 5 November 2024. Cultural Values Assessments received from four hapū to inform the Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA) and initial concept layout and designs. Meeting scheduled with the Mana Whenua Advisory Group in February to review the draft reports prior to a Council decision relating to the next steps in April.</p> <p>17/03/2025 - Mana Whenua Advisory Group met 12th and 24th Feb to consider draft concept design and initial MCA assessment and provide input. Reports now being finalised for Council workshop in April</p>	In progress
4	Te Kārearea hui	17/8/2022	Request - feedback required	Coastal erosion and water monitoring	Bernadette Aperahama	<p>17/8/2022 Issue raised at Te Kārearea hui at Mōkua. Resourcing was requested for Te Uri o Hikihiki to monitor their own waterways and to include Te Uri o Hikihiki - Ngatwai ki Whangaruru in WDC's climate change strategy.</p> <p>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 risk and adaptation programme. Applications are also being made to secure funding for community adaptation planning. At the August meeting of WDC, council approved the Better Off funding tranche 1 proposal, including including \$1M for climate change adaptation.</p> <p>03/03/2023 The prioritisation criteria has been workshoped with Te Huinga (Dec-22) and Elected Members (Mar-23) for the purpose of informing community adaptation programme and pilot locations.</p> <p>06/06/2023 to 23/08/2024 updates can be seen in a separate tab below: (Action Log current - more info)</p> <p>03/09/2024 - Staff have prepared communication materials for the Tangata Whenua-led Climate Planning Fund to support effective outreach and engagement. This includes a panui that will be emailed to tangata whenua in September, informing them that the fund is now open for applications.</p> <p>Relevant documentation have been developed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- application forms,</li> <li>- expressions of interest</li> <li>- deed of grant / funding agreements.</li> </ul> <p>19/09/2024 - The following has taken place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introductory panui announcing the opening of the fund and circulating all documentation has been sent to the hapū database;</li> <li>- Reminder panui and invites for 2 x briefing sessions have been sent to hapū. The briefing sessions are on 23rd and 24th September.</li> </ul> <p>Staff have received strong interest in the fund.</p> <p>14/10/2024 - At the time of writing, the Expressions of Interest period has been extended to 25 October 2024. During the briefing sessions, staff understood that tangata whenua may need more time to gather information, bring whanau together for hui, and make collective decisions on projects. Considering this, we are extending the EOI deadline by three weeks.</p> <p>05/02/2025 - Staff propose that the title of this action needs to be changed to climate change adaptation as it is no longer about the original issue. The EOI period closed. Applicants who successfully progressed to the second stage were informed in late December 2024. A briefing session was held on 28 January 2025. The deadline for full proposals is 7 March 2025. The review panel period is 7 March - 28 April 2025. Successful applicants will be informed by 5 May 2025. Funding agreements will be finalized by 23 May 2025. Project implementation estimated start date is 2 June 2025. Projects are due for completion by 30 November 2026.</p> <p><b>20/02/2025 - this item will be covered under the Climate Change Adaption and updates to Te Kārearea will continue to be provided through Agenda items at future meetings when significant progress has been made</b></p>	In progress
5	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Recreational use of Te Pahihere o Kaharau wahi tapu where there are Kōiwi.	Jim Septon / Louis Rattray	<p>15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehua Marae. Neighbouring properties making own gates to be able to cross Te Pahihere o Kaharau wahi tapu to access the beach. Are there other options for signage etc to keep people from using or settling on Te Pahihere o Kaharau wahi tapu?</p> <p>28/5/2024 - Parks and Recreation looking into the issue and will report back.</p> <p>23/08/2024 - No updates received</p> <p>19/09/2024 - Progress has been stalled due to under resourcing in the Parks team. A vacant position has now been filled and we now have capacity to progress this. Meetings with manu whenua to discuss signage and installation of post and wire fencing to prevent access will take place in September/October with intention to install agreed signs and fencing before Christmas.</p> <p><b>28/01/2025 - A Parks Technical Officer has been assigned to work with local hapū on signage. Signage design being reviewed by Maori outcomes. At this stage the intention is to install signs and story boards telling of the history and why it is Wahi Tapu and if the signs don't have the desired effect then Parks will work with Hapu on fencing.</b></p>	In progress
6	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay Recreational Reserve Beach Access.	Jim Septon / Louis Rattray	<p>15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehua Marae. People will park boats on the Wahi Tapu etc in busy periods. Can a discussion take place on options for beach access/parking etc</p> <p>28/5/2024 - Parks and Recreation looking into the issue and will report back.</p> <p>23/08/2024 - No updates received</p> <p>19/09/2024 - Parks to meet with Manu Whenua to design signs for install this side of Xmas. Parks to also discuss fencing in front of private properties to prevent access through the Wahi Tapu land</p> <p>28/01/2025 - A Parks Technical Officer has been assigned to work with local hapū on signage. Signage design being reviewed by Maori outcomes. At this stage the intention is to install signs and story boards telling of the history and why it is Wahi Tapu and if the signs don't have the desired effect then Parks will work with Hapu on fencing.</p> <p><b>12/3/25 - Sign designs with Maori outcomes to approve</b></p>	In progress
7	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Waitai Landing and Reserve and Kirikiri Pawhaoa	Sarah Irwin	<p>15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehua 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.</p> <p>28/5/2024 - Parks and Recreation looking into the issue and will report back.</p> <p>23/08/2024 - No updates received</p> <p>19/09/2024 - This issue can not be considered in isolation and needs to be considered as part of a wider manu whenua land issues.</p> <p>04/10/2024 - TK Secretariat email to Dom Kula to discuss options.</p> <p><b>28/01/2025 - Infrastructure Planning will need to complete a status/planning check to look at the reserve status alongside the newly formed property department for inhouse support. Any changes to reserve status and ownership may be a lengthy process due to the requirements of the Reserves Act.</b></p>	In progress
8	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Hazardous roads - Bland Bay - Slip at Kirikiri Pawhaoa	Bernard Peterson	<p>15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehua 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>16/08/2024 - Initial pricing received through the engaged contractors identified complexities and a value warranting further review. Council has now engaged Haigh Workman to provide repair recommendations, before agreeing work scope to be completed. Works are expected to proceed and be completed in September.</p> <p><b>20/03/2025 - Repairs to the road have been completed</b></p>	In progress



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9	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Land outside of the First Building needs leveling	Louis Rattray	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehūia 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 23/08/2024 - No updates received 19/9/2024 - Parks and Recreation supportive of leveling the ground <b>28/01/2025 - No update. Parks remain supportive.</b>	In progress
10	Te Kārearea Hui	15/05/2024	Request - feedback required	Bland Bay - Community Centre flooding	Andrew Carvell	15/05/2024 - Issue raised at the Te Kārearea Meeting at Tūparehūia 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. 17/07/2024 - Loren Phillips identified as the Bland Bay contact person. Phone number given to Andrew. <b>23/08/2024 - No updates received</b>	In progress
11	Te Kārearea Hui	18/09/2024	Request - feedback required	Matapouri - Request for Road Name change from Waetford Road to either Te Rapa Road or Te Rangitu Ki Waho Road.	Jarred Martin / Ricardo Zucchetto	18/09/2024 - Issue was raised at the Te Kārearea Hui at Oakura Sports Complex. Aperahama Edwards presented on the whanau request to change the name from Waetford Road to either Te Rapa Road or Te Rangitu Ki Waho Road. Aperahama advised that WDC had agreed to the name change in 2006 as long as the majority of the landowners along the land agree. Aperahama advised that the landowners are whanau and want the name change. 15/10/24 - This request is currently being reviewed alongside other proposals. The team will report back to Te Kārearea once that review is complete. <b>25/03/2025 - We will bring back an item on road naming covering both the process and resources</b>	In progress
12	Te Kārearea Hui	20/11/2024	Request - feedback required	Patuharakeke have requested the return of Pukekauri Dam back to Patuharakeke	Andrew Venmore	20/11/2024 - Request was made at the Te Kārearea Hui at Takahiwai Marae. Return of Pukekauri Dam back to Patuharakeke (C/ Phil Halse was strongly in support of the return and would like a paper drawn for the Feb TK meeting so that it can be passed and taken through to a full council meeting) 10/02/2025 - Presentation to Te Kārearea at meeting in Chambers <b>21/03/2025 - A Paper is being presented to Council on 27 March 2025</b>	In progress
13	Te Kārearea Hui	20/11/2024	Request - feedback required	Te Kauika o Patuharakeke Waka Ama	Louis Rattray	20/11/2024 - Request was made at the Te Kārearea Hui at Takahiwai Marae. Te Kauika o Patuharakeke Waka Ama. They have identified 2 places (WDC land) where they would like to set up their club. They have identified land by the Marsden Yacht Club (may look at shared facilities with the Yacht Club) and also land by the refinery. <b>20/03/2025 - Council are working with Patuharakeke on a possible solution</b>	In progress
14	Te Kārearea Hui	10/02/2025	Request - feedback required	Parakao Rest Area - Invasive Weeds	Jim Sephton	<b>10/02/2025</b> - Since the transfer of SH 15 Mangakahia road to Waka Kotahi, apparently the road reserves still remain in Council ownership. Apparently the status of the road reserves needs to be determined to see who is responsible for maintenance. The road reserve at the Parakao rest area are containing invasive weeds. Acknowledging the vegetation work that has been done – the whanau would now like to take action on the vegetation control and invasive weed eradication further upstream from the rest area.	In progress



## 6.3 Māori Wellbeing Fund Progress Report – April 2025

<b>Meeting:</b>	Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	3 April 2025
<b>Reporting officer:</b>	Bernadette Aperahama (Manager Strategic Planning) Hayley Mulder (Programme Manager)

### 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

The purpose of this report is to provide the 2-monthly status update on the Māori Wellbeing Fund to the Committee 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 was a \$4 million allocation to the Māori Wellbeing Fund (MWF) for contestable grants, and \$0.24 million for management and administration costs.

The DIA subsequently approved WDC's Funding Proposal for \$9,480,000 and the funding agreement was signed by all parties. Crown Infrastructure Partners (CIP), now the National Infrastructure Financing and Funding (NIFF), then took on the role of monitoring, performance reporting, and financial administration for DIA in relation to Better Off Funding. CIP/NIFF provided a system and framework for WDC to report into on a six-monthly basis. Reporting requirements were met by WDC over the period to June 2024 when DIA rescinded this formal six-monthly reporting requirement. End-of-Programme and end-of-Portfolio reporting is still required as milestones are progressively achieved.

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.

In June 2024, the DIA and CIP received direction from the new Cabinet to work with Councils to identify opportunities to redirect unspent Better Off Funding to Local Water Done Well, and increase investment in water infrastructure, or to help establish new water services delivery organisations. WDC subsequently offered two voluntary redirections of its Better Off Fund allocations as outlined in the update to the Committee on 5 November 2024<sup>1</sup> which DIA formally approved on 27 September 2024. The approved redirections were:

- Redirection of \$0.1M from the 'Resilience Programme' to a new Local Water Done Well project, to develop the plan for transition to a new water services model. The \$0.1 million is funded from anticipated under-budget delivery of the Hikurangi Repo project, with the balance of funding for Hikurangi to be retained in the 'Resilience Program' as it is a water related project; and
- Bringing the recreation component of Better Off Funding of the Ōakura Sports Park Development and Wetland Restoration project ('Wellbeing Programme') to an end and redirecting remaining project funds (\$0.663 million) to a new project, 'Ōakura Wetland and Flood Mitigation', focusing on water related components. Note that the recreation component scope is continuing with WDC LTP funding, it is only the reporting on Better Off Funding that is changed here.

Reporting to DIA/NIFF now occurs via five programmes/projects. This includes the three programmes that were agreed during the initial workshops held in 2022 and the two new projects:

- Delivering Infrastructure and/or Services Enabling Housing Development & Growth ("Housing Programme"), comprising one project related to Papakāinga development
- Delivering Infrastructure and/or Services to Improve Community Wellbeing & Support Placemaking ("Wellbeing Programme"), comprising 5 projects
- Transitioning to a Sustainable Economy including Climate Change & Natural Hazards Resilience ("Resilience Programme"), comprising 3 projects
- Local Water Done Well ("LWDW"), comprising \$0.1M of funds from the Resilience Programme
- Ōakura Wetland and Flood Mitigation, comprising \$0.663M of funds from the Wellbeing Programme

## 4 Discussion / Whakawhiti kōrero

Overall delivery progress across the Portfolio is on track and risks are well managed. At the time of writing, a detailed update on the performance of the Portfolio will be provided to the 27 March 2025 Council meeting. The focus of the update is on the reporting and assurance approach being used by Te Huinga and WDC in relation to the Māori Wellbeing Fund (MWF). Further detail on the successful delivery of funded projects will be provided in due course.

The MWF sits within the 'Infrastructure and/or Services to Improve Community Wellbeing and Placemaking' (Wellbeing Programme). The MWF programme was allocated \$4.0 million

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<sup>1</sup> <https://pub-wdc.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=4312>

of the total \$9.48 million Tranche 1 Better Off Funding Fund for contestable grants, and \$0.24 million for management and administration costs.

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.*

As reported previously, the fund was significantly oversubscribed with 174 applications made totalling over \$7.8 million. Forty-eight of these applications were successfully funded, including 12 scholarships, 9 events and 27 general applications. Funded initiatives ranged from urupa komiti support, to marae builds, to maara kai, and more. With the fund fully allocated, no subsequent funding rounds are planned. To-date, approximately \$1.6 million of the fund has been paid out to recipients. Full payout is on track to be achieved by early 2026. A celebration event for the Fund is planned for late April. This is an opportunity for funding recipients to whanaungatanga, and share their successes and learnings.

Several effective measures are in place to ensure the successful delivery of the MWF. As reported previously, Te Huinga established a sub-committee specifically for the MWF and a Funding Agreement between WDC and Te Huinga was fully executed on 16 April 2024. This Agreement was revised to reflect updated DIA/NIFF KPI reporting requirements on 17 July 2024. The Funding Agreement includes clauses that ensure good financial management and accounting practices are used and robust reporting is collected and provided to WDC.

Separate Funding Agreements with all 48 of the MWF funding recipients have been set up. Forty-four of these have been signed and the remaining four are expected to be finalised prior to 30 June 2025. The Funding Agreements are modified from Funding Agreements that WDC has with other BOF grant recipients. Each Funding Agreement is tailored to funding recipients based on the value and nature of the project being funded. For instance, a scholarship paid out in one lump sum has lesser requirements than a large multi-year infrastructure project. All Agreements outline payment milestones, reporting requirements, and other terms and conditions, such as the requirement to seek approval for any changes in scope, and return unspent money, among others.

The contract between WDC and Te Huinga allows for Te Huinga to determine the appropriate redistribution of unspent funds in accordance with the definition of the Permitted Funding Activities. Some projects have already returned unspent funds and minor redistributions have taken place. A review of cashflow will be undertaken in June 2025 to understand the needs of existing funding recipients for successful project completion and unspent or returned funds will be redistributed as appropriate. A second cashflow review will take place in June 2026. Note that scholarships are beyond the scope of redistribution as it is too far into the academic year to review scholarship offerings.

Supporting these measures to manage the MWF is a strong reporting and assurance relationship between Te Huinga and WDC. A Project Manager was appointed for MWF implementation. The Project Manager is responsible for the quality of deliverables in accordance with approved project scopes and budgets, and to report on these alongside risk and engagement. The Project Manager reports to both Te Huinga MWF Sub-Committee, which meets fortnightly and reports to the Te Huinga Committee of the Whole on a monthly basis, and to the WDC BOF Portfolio Manager. The BOF Portfolio Manager undertakes internal control checks at Te Huinga's recommendation to support and enhance the MWF management process.

Additional assurance is provided by an Operational Portfolio Steering Group and an Operational Portfolio Control Group. See **Attachment 1** for the assurance model approved in the 26 October 2023 Council resolution. The Groups include appointed hapū representatives from Te Huinga and both Department and General Managers from WDC. Bi-monthly meetings continue. A review of meeting frequency is intended to determine the amount of assurance required at this stage of delivery. An efficient approach could include quarterly joint meetings alongside monthly updates provided by the Portfolio Manager. The joint Group performs a centralised risk-based compliance function, ensuring that the funding is being spent in accordance with what has been approved by DIA, and seeks to optimise value for money and risk management across all BOF projects.

It is noted that this operational assurance is in addition to the governance and assurance provided by Council and the reporting provided through to full Council as well as this Committee. Upstream reporting from the Boards is to the Senior Leadership Team and to NIFF through 6-monthly reporting.

#### **4.1 Financial/budget considerations**

The Better Off Funding portfolio is fully funded externally through the funding agreement with Department of Internal Affairs. All aspects of the agreement remain compliant and there are no anticipated financial or budget implications.

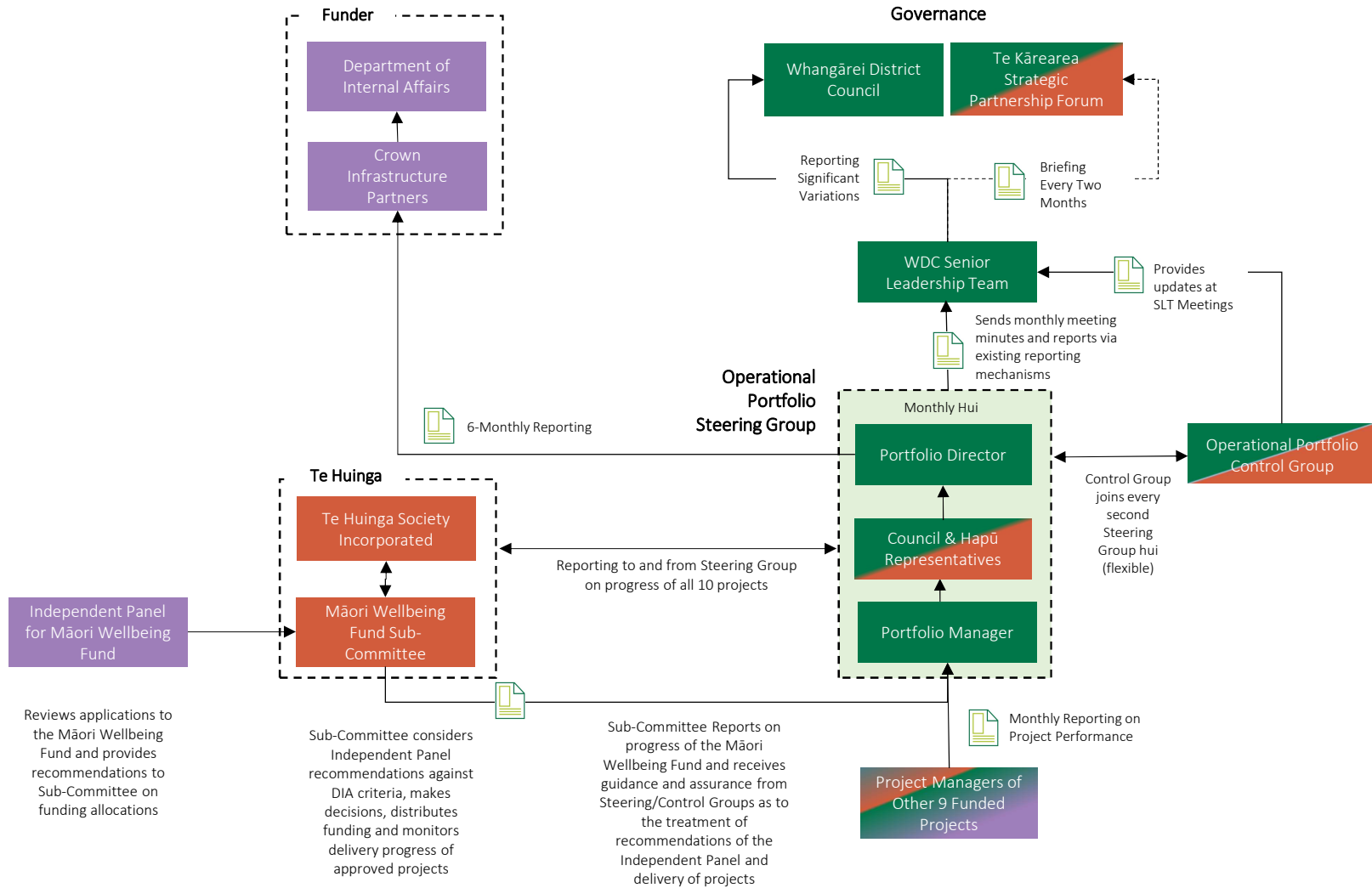
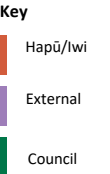
### **5 Significance and engagement / Te Hira me te Arawhiti**

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**

Attachment 1 – Approved Better Off Funding Governance and Management Structure

Better Off Funding Governance and Management Structure — Whangārei District Council



**TIER 3 - Control Group (bi monthly)** provides a consultative assist to the Steering Group in relation to upholding obligations under the Funding Agreement with DIA and aligning portfolio activities with organisational strategic objectives. This group controls significant deviations from approved scope or budget.

**TIER 2 - Steering Group (monthly)** allows for the coordination and monitoring of all 10 approved projects to improve an understanding of scope, status, budget, schedule and any shared risks or opportunities across related activities. This group controls changes to approved scope or budget, other than significant ones which are escalated to the Control Group.

**TIER 1 - Project Managers** are responsible for the quality of deliverables in accordance with approved project scope, cost and schedule, and to report on the above plus risk and engagement. Seeks approval for changes to scope or budget from Steering Group.





## 6.4 An update on the Whangārei Future Development Strategy to Te Kārearea

<b>Meeting:</b>	Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	3 April 2025
<b>Reporting officer:</b>	Bernadette Aperahama (Manager – Strategic Planning) David Mitchell (Team Leader – Strategic Planning) Hamish Sykes (Senior Strategic Planner) Hannah Shingler (Strategic Planner)

### 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

To update Te Kārearea on the final changes to the Whangārei Future Development Strategy (FDS) after public consultation and to seek early feedback on engagement preferences for the subsequent Implementation Plan.

### 2 Recommendation / Whakataunga

That Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee:

1. Notes the report.

### 3 Background / Horopaki

This report has been prepared following the Council's public consultation on the [Draft Whangārei Future Development Strategy](#), undertaken from August to September 2024. The [Summary of Submissions report](#), previously circulated to Whangarei District Council (WDC) and Northland Regional Council (NRC), has informed the recommendations and decisions made by the FDS Working Group. Below is a timeline of key milestones in preparing the FDS.

Milestone	Timeframe
Establishment of the FDS Working Group	3 August 2023
Constraints mapping, spatial scenarios, and early engagement:	September 2023 – May 2024
Approval of the Draft Hapū Aspiration Statement	May 2024
Council briefing – final feedback from WDC Elected Members:	12 June 2024
NRC and WDC approval of the Draft FDS and supporting documents	23 & 25 July 2024
Formal consultation via Special Consultative Procedure	3 August – 2 September 2024

FDS hearings	27 September 2024
Issues and options	29 November– 2 December 2024.

*Table 1: Key milestones in preparing the Future Development Strategy*

A project webpage containing key documentation for the FDS can be accessed on the Whangārei District Council website [here](#). The project page contains the following:

- Draft FDS provided for public consultation;
- Hearings report;
- Public submissions; and,
- Issues and Options paper.

### 3.1 Purpose of a Future Development Strategy

Whangārei's FDS, as required through the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) 2020 – Updated May 2022, intends to guide and set out:

- How sufficient housing and business capacity will be provided to meet existing and future demand over the next 30 years,
- What our well-functioning urban environments will look like now and into the future, and how to achieve this, and
- Integration and alignment of planning and funding decisions across local government and key partners to deliver our collective vision, objectives, and development principles.

The FDS forms the basis for integrated, strategic, and long-term planning. An FDS helps Councils set the high-level vision for accommodating urban growth and identifies strategic priorities to inform other development-related decisions, including:

- Priorities and decisions in regional land transport plans;
- Infrastructure Strategy;
- Priority outcomes in Councils' Long Term Plans and Infrastructure Strategies, including decisions on funding and financing; and,
- District plan zoning and related plan changes;
- Advocacy, applications and bids to central government for investment and prioritisation.

Every FDS must also include a clear statement of hapū and iwi values and aspirations for urban development. For the Whangārei FDS, the scope has been extended to a well-functioning kāinga in recognition of the long-term aspirations for coastal and rural whenua Māori.

### 3.2 Summary of the Whangārei Future Development Strategy

The FDS consolidates development around existing urban centres and expanded local employment centres. This includes development in the city centre and along a newly formed Primary Growth Corridor, prioritising the provision of newly enabled housing choices.

The city centre will transform into a vibrant, mixed-use area, offering new employment and residential opportunities close to existing amenities. Urban centres will accommodate majority of future growth through brownfield development, enhancing walkable and active neighbourhoods. Minor development in existing coastal settlements will promote self-sufficiency and improve long-term resilience for the Whangārei District. The key outcomes the FDS aims to achieve include:

- Medium and high-density housing that enhances the quality of urban living.
- New business land available through new mixed-use areas, contributing to more localised employment.
- Frequent and high-quality public transport services along the Primary Growth Corridor between Te Kamo and the City Centre. Bus services for Marsden Point and Ruakākā will be responsive to passenger demand.
- High quality active modes support community access to different transport modes.
- More efficient use of infrastructure, with concentrated investment in transport, three waters and social infrastructure along the Primary Growth Corridor and neighbouring urban centres.
- The development of papakāinga, including housing and other activities on whenua Māori will continue to be enabled through the District Plan and other regulatory and non-regulatory responses.
- Reduced exposure to natural hazards, and impact on the natural environment, through reducing unplanned urban sprawl into rural and coastal areas.
- Rural and coastal settlements only grow to the levels anticipated in our District's plans. Services are maintained or upgraded over time, focusing on achieving more equitable outcomes for these locations.

**Attachment 1** 'Plan on a Page' summarises the key elements of the strategic spatial framework for the FDS.

### 3.3 Early engagement with hapū

The preparation of the Strategy involved a comprehensive early engagement process with hapū, offering numerous opportunities to shape the key deliverables of the FDS. This engagement took place from September 2023 to May 2024 (which also includes the preparation of the Hapū Aspiration Statement). The process included a soft launch, workshopping, and other meetings.

Stages of the process where hapū had an opportunity to input into the Strategy included:

- Strategic objectives (referred to as strategic outcomes earlier in the process)
- Long-list growth scenarios
- Shortlisted growth scenarios
- Assessment measures – which will inform future stages in the Implementation Plan.

There was also a suite of feedback directly tied to the implementation of the Strategy. This feedback has been recorded and will be revisited once Councils begin preparing the Implementation Plan. The table below summarises how key issues raised from hapū was addressed through the Strategy.

Summary of issue	How the Strategy resolved the issue
<b>Disregard of outcomes for whenua Māori</b>	<p>The development of papakāinga, including housing and other activities on whenua Māori will continue to be enabled through the District Plan and other regulatory and non-regulatory responses.</p> <p>The Hapū Aspiration Statement and the Strategy acknowledge the longlist of actions that need to be addressed by Councils and other delivery partners to support whenua Māori aspiration.</p>
<b>Urban vs rural</b>	<p>The purpose of the FDS is to promote long-term strategic planning by setting out how a local authority intends to achieve well-functioning urban environments in its existing and future urban areas.</p>

The Strategy sets a long-term roadmap for how our District will change and grow over the next 30 years. It is intentional majority of the residential and business growth will occur in urban Whangārei.

However, the Strategy acknowledges the presence of existing communities in rural and coastal settlements and recognises that the aspirations of hapū are closely tied to their whenua, often located in more isolated areas. The Strategy sets clear strategic outcomes for these rural and coastal settlements, including:

- Enabling a diverse transportation network that serves remote communities.
- Improving access to public and open spaces.
- Addressing and overcoming systematic barriers to developing on whenua Māori.
- Enhancing regional access to tertiary education through the establishment of the Knowledge Precinct.

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<b>Protection of cultural heritage / Limiting greenfield development</b>	The Strategy outlines a new vision for growth that sets clear priorities to develop in existing urban areas rather than favouring new greenfield expansion. This helps us to prioritise our highly productive land for primary production, reduces reverse sensitivity issue with industrial land use, avoids sites of significance and minimises impacts on the natural environment.
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*Table 2: Summary of how key issues raised from hapū were addressed through the Strategy.*

Although opportunities were made available to meaningfully contribute to the Strategy, it was evident not all hapū were represented or involved in the process. Furthermore, protections were sought from those hapū who were participating in process, ensuring the Strategy does not undermine or negate the rangatiratanga or mana motuhake of any hapū of Whangārei in future policy and decision-making.

#### **Preparation of the Hapū Aspiration Statement**

WDC and NRC sought an 'Expression of Interest' from Whangārei hapū members to sit on a Hapū Technical Roopu in January 2024. This process followed on from the early engagement sessions with wider hapū. Those hapū members selected led the preparation of the Hapū Aspiration Statement. Further information on the process of establishing the Hapū Technical roopu and the process can be found on page 16 – 18 on the [Draft Future Development Strategy Technical Report](#).

### **3.4 Future Development Strategy formal consultation process**

WDC and NRC undertook formal consultation via the Special Consultative Procedure<sup>1</sup> from 3 August – 2 September 2024. During this period, the project team held events with partners, community and stakeholders. These events included:

- Three community drop-in sessions,
- Two Hapū hui, and
- Four workshops with community groups and organisations.

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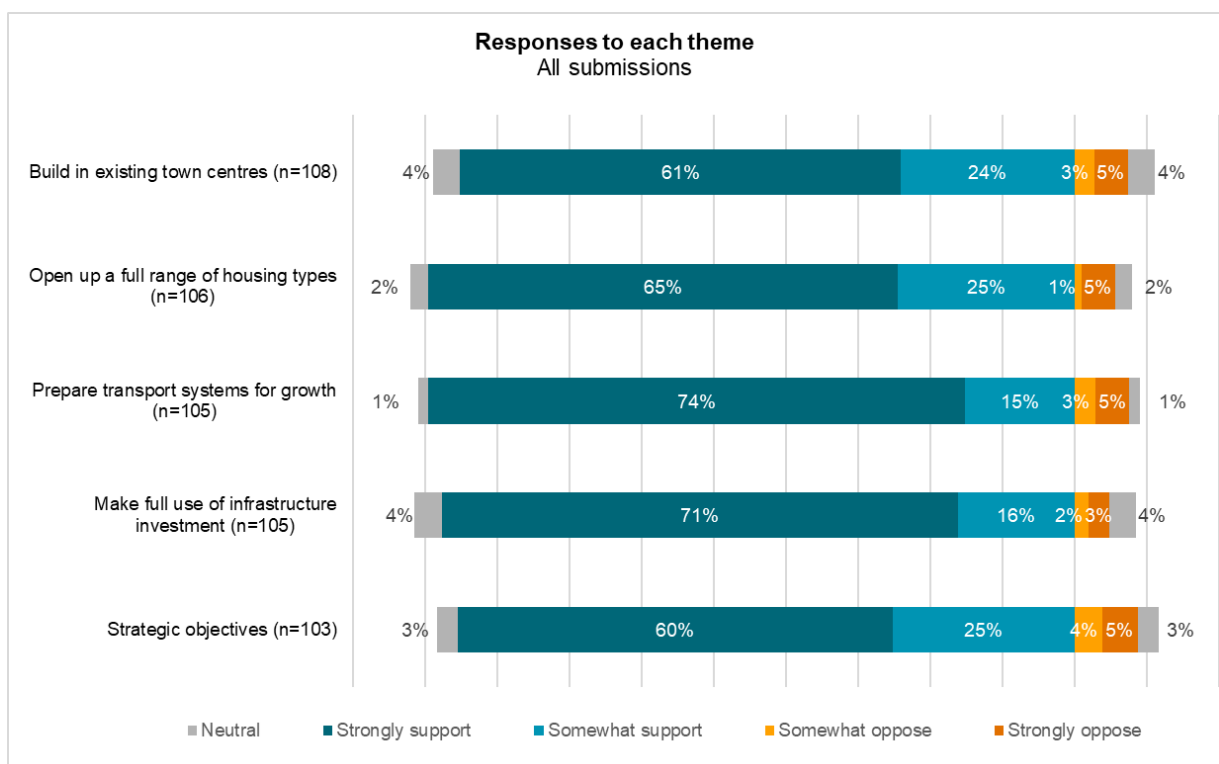
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0084/latest/DLM172328.html>

At the close of public consultation, the Councils had received 134 submissions, including:

- 99 submissions by individuals, and
- 35 submissions by organisations.

The graph below represents individual and organisation responses to each theme, where an answer was provided within the submission form<sup>2</sup>. The themes represent the general approach to growth and development to guide the FDS. Overall, there was significantly more support than opposition for each theme, on average 87% of responses indicated strong support or somewhat support for the proposed approaches for each theme.

More detailed analysis from individual and organisation submissions is available in the [Summary of Submissions report](#).



### 3.5 Involvement from hapū, iwi trusts and marae in the formal consultation process

The following hapū delegations formally submitted on the FDS:

- Te Hapū o Ngāti Whakamaunga, Pakotai, Mangakāhia.
- Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust.
- Takahiwai Maori Committee.
- Nga Mahinga O Ngati Kahu O Torongare.
- Pehiaweri Marae.

<sup>2</sup> The graph only represents those responses provided by a submitter through the submission form; not all submitters used the form provided, particularly those submissions from organisations who instead chose to provide an attached document.

Consultation questions were designed to enable hapū delegations across the Whangārei District to discuss:

- The draft Future Development Strategy
- Hapū specific content including the Hapū Aspiration Statement

A process was also enabled through the formal consultation process to support the preparation of hapū specific aspiration statements. No hapū specific aspiration statements were presented through the formal consultation process.

Once Councils have approved the final Strategy, a review of the engagement approach (and outcomes) with hapū will be required. This will help to determine where improvements in Councils engagement approach with hapū can improve in future iterations of the Strategy as well as other applicable processes.

## 4 Discussion / Whakawhiti kōrero

### 4.1 Key changes agreed to by the Working Group

Through the terms of reference, Council delegated key responsibilities for the FDS to the FDS Working Group<sup>3</sup>. Accordingly, the FDS Working Group:

- heard and considered submissions received and
- considered issues and options in response to matters raised in submissions.

This process was necessary due to the FDS being jointly developed with NRC and the challenges around Council calendar management. WDC Elected Members received monthly project updates within the department operational report provided to the Strategy, Planning & Development Committee of Council.

Deliberations were held with the FDS Working Group with sessions structured by the seven themes that were set during formal consultation. These themes (and links to the associated Issues and Options Report) included:

- [Part A: Building in existing town-centres](#)
- [Part B: Open up a full range of housing types](#)
- [Part C: Prepare transport systems for growth](#)
- [Part D: Make full use of infrastructure investment](#)
- [Part E: Cultural identity and values](#)
- [Part F: Strategic objectives](#)
- [Part G: Other matters](#)

A separate report was prepared in response to the Working Group's request for additional information and staff analysis on outstanding items raised through submissions.

The majority support for the proposed strategic direction for growth and development in the Draft FDS has resulted in no significant shifts away from the preferred development scenario. The submissions received have led to minor amendments or improvements in the existing strategic direction of the FDS, rather than making significant changes to the preferred development scenario.

Final changes have been agreed to by the Working Group and are being actioned by staff. Below is a summary of the key changes and justifications.

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<sup>3</sup> FDS Working Group Terms of Reference: The Working Group has the responsibilities to: Hear and consider submissions on the draft FDS and make appropriate recommendations to the partner Councils.

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**Important decisions agreed by the Working Group**

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<b>Amendment to the Strategy</b>	<b>Justifications for the decision</b>
<b>Inclusion of a new social infrastructure strategic objective</b>	<p>Submitters expressed that the Draft FDS was silent on social infrastructure outcomes and was not adequately covered through proposed strategic objectives.</p>
<b>Strengthening the Development Principles</b>	<p>Strengthening of the existing Development Principles to clarify the focus on existing urban centres, instead of areas requiring new infrastructure or severely impacted by other constraints.</p> <p>Submitters also stated that Māori freehold land aspirations were not adequately addressed within the development principles. Changes were made to the associated Development Principle to ensure that the FDS was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent with the District Plan,</li> <li>• In accordance with Te Ture Whenua Māori Act,</li> <li>• Aligning with the Draft Hapū Aspiration Statement, and</li> <li>• Responsive to concerns raised through the submission process.</li> </ul>
<b>New Transformational Move on frequent and reliable buses</b>	<p>Submitters were concerned that the Draft FDS appeared to prioritise rail over quality and frequent public transport which could set unrealistic expectations in the short and medium term. These concerns were justified by the differences between rail and buses regarding readiness, cost, and ease of implementation.</p> <p>In response, a new Transformational Move was introduced to focus on improved public transport delivery. This amendment is consistent with the outcomes sought in the FDS.</p>
<b>Amendment to the structure and description of urban centres</b>	<p>The proposed description of urban centres primarily focused on existing urban environments, overlooking other significant development sites that are likely to accommodate substantial residential and business capacity over the next 30 years. This oversight was identified by submitters, who sought improved visibility of these key development areas.</p> <p>To improve upon the nuance of urban centres, these areas are sub-categorised into two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Established Urban Centres:</b> Areas of interest include Marsden Point, Ruakākā, Raumanga, Onerahi, and Tikipunga.</li> </ul>

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- **Emerging Urban Centres:** Areas of interest include Marsden City, Port Nikau, and Otangarei.

This change aims to ensure that all significant development sites are appropriately acknowledged in a manner that considers their defining characteristics that are most pertinent to the FDS as a whole. It also better aligns with potential amendments to the National Policy Statement – Urban Development (NPS-UD ) indicated by central government.

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**Amendments to the rural and coastal settlement description**

Submitters sought greater acknowledgment of the aspirations and economic contributions of coastal and rural communities, as well as the unique and specific needs for social infrastructure and accessibility compared to their urban counterparts.

The rural and coastal settlement description was amended to reflect these requests while also remaining cognisant of the major support from submitters for consolidating and focussing growth within urban areas. For clarity, while this approach may seem to place over-emphasis on urban areas, it actually serves to support and protect the unique characteristics of rural and coastal areas from inappropriate growth and development.

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*Table 3: Summary of key decisions made by the Working Group following formal consultation.*

#### 4.2 Responding to changes to the Hapū Aspiration Statement

Submitters who provided feedback on the Hapū Aspiration Statement (HAS) generally supported the statements intentions. Submitters advocated for full alignment of the FDS to the HAS, seeing it as a positive vision for the future of all people and communities.

Any changes linked to the HAS were directly reported back to the Hapū Technical roopu. A summary of amendments to the HAS are below, noting a final decision was not confirmed at the time of preparing:

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**Amendment to the resilient and sustainable infrastructure desired goal**

The following wording was included within the desired goal.

(e) Onsite infrastructure: Infrastructure is provided or upgraded over time, through various funding pathways, to support better housing and papakāinga outcomes on whenua Māori. These solutions include, but are not limited to, drinking and wastewater, energy generation, and telecommunications.

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**Amendment to the hapū capacity and capability desired goal**

The following wording was included within the desired goal.

(e) Overcoming Barriers on Whenua Māori: Systematic barriers to developing on whenua Māori are addressed, empowering whānau to self-determine

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	solutions that are best for them and generations to come.
<b>Inclusion of a new whenua Māori and marae map</b>	The map highlights marae and remaining whenua Māori in the District. Presenting opportunities to support and enable the housing and development aspirations of owners of whenua Māori, hapū and iwi on remaining whenua and land across the District.

*Table 4: Final changes to the Hapū Aspiration Statement – pending final confirmations.*

The primary responsibility of the Hapū Technical Roopu was to prepare the Hapū Aspiration Statement.

### 4.3 Next steps

Pending adoption of the Strategy by NRC and WDC (scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April), the project team intend to:

- Communicate the final FDS with hapu and key stakeholders.
- Regroup and review engagement processes during the FDS (hapū and key stakeholders).

Staff will also seek further feedback from the Committee on the most appropriate engagement approaches to involve hapū in the development of the FDS Implementation Plan. It may be appropriate to establish a focussed group similar to the Hapū Technical Roopu.

### 4.4 Financial/budget considerations

The development of the FDS and the Implementation Plan is funded through the existing budget of the Strategic Planning department of WDC, and the project is staying within budget.

The Strategy's implementation will be achieved through future iterations of the Long-Term Plan (LTP), which the FDS must inform. The 2024-34 LTP was developed with guidance from the draft FDS. Specifically:

- The Ruakākā new wastewater disposal, treatment upgrade, and consenting are included in the LTP, with an estimated project delivery timeline from 2024 to 2030.
- Phase 1 of the Whangārei Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade is included in the LTP, with an estimated project delivery timeline from 2024 to 2030.

The level of funding and resourcing to deliver on Te Tiriti obligations continues to be a challenge and is regularly underestimated through Long Term Plan processes. As part of the Implementation Plan, the workstreams will:

- Develop a process to monitor and review the progress of the Hapū Aspiration Statement.
- Establish the appropriate mechanism to facilitate the realisation of hapū aspirations through a hapū-specific approach.

## 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. However, the project itself is significant and has been supported

by a strong engagement and communications approach. Pending decisions by both WDC and NRC, the project team will work with the Communications staff across both Councils to appropriately close out the project.

## **6 Attachments / Ngā Tāpiritanga**

Attachment 1 – Future Development Strategy - Plan on a Page

# Future Development Strategy

# Plan on a page



## Vision

Whangārei's growth is planned for the betterment of our environment and future generations

## Strategic Objectives

**Quality social infrastructure:** Public spaces and buildings are designed for people to create safe, active neighbourhoods and communities.

**Safe, affordable and equitable access:** People can safely access various places through multiple transport modes, enabling them to participate fully in community life.

**Housing choices:** Whangārei supports pathways for people to secure a home that meets their needs in terms of type, size, quality, location, and affordability.

**Lifting the lifeforce / mauri of our environment:** A thriving environment where ecosystems and our relationships to them are maintained and enhanced over time.

**Employment pathways:** Economic, employment and education opportunities are available throughout Whangārei to ensure business and community needs are met.

**Cultural recognition:** Cultural heritage, identity and diversity is protected and celebrated.

**Emissions reduction:** Climate change mitigation is reflected in our planning and development decisions as we move towards net zero by 2050.

**Resilient development:** Our communities are resilient in a changing climate through limiting exposure and adaptation to effects of natural hazards.

## Hapū Aspiration Statement – Tauākī nā Ngā Hapū o Whangārei

### Te Pae Tawhiti – FDS Vision

All change must be sustainable to revive and enhance Te Taiao / the natural world by achieving:

*He whenua haumako* – Land that is bountiful

*He wai mā* – Fresh and coastal waters that are pure and healthy

*He Iwi whai ora* – People that are flourishing

## Development Principles



The city centre is the focus



The Primary Growth Corridor accommodates significant growth



Urban centres serve as local community hubs



Townships provide essential services for isolated settlements



Rural and coastal settlements only grow to the levels anticipated in our District's plans



Papakāinga, including housing and other activities, are enabled on whenua Māori



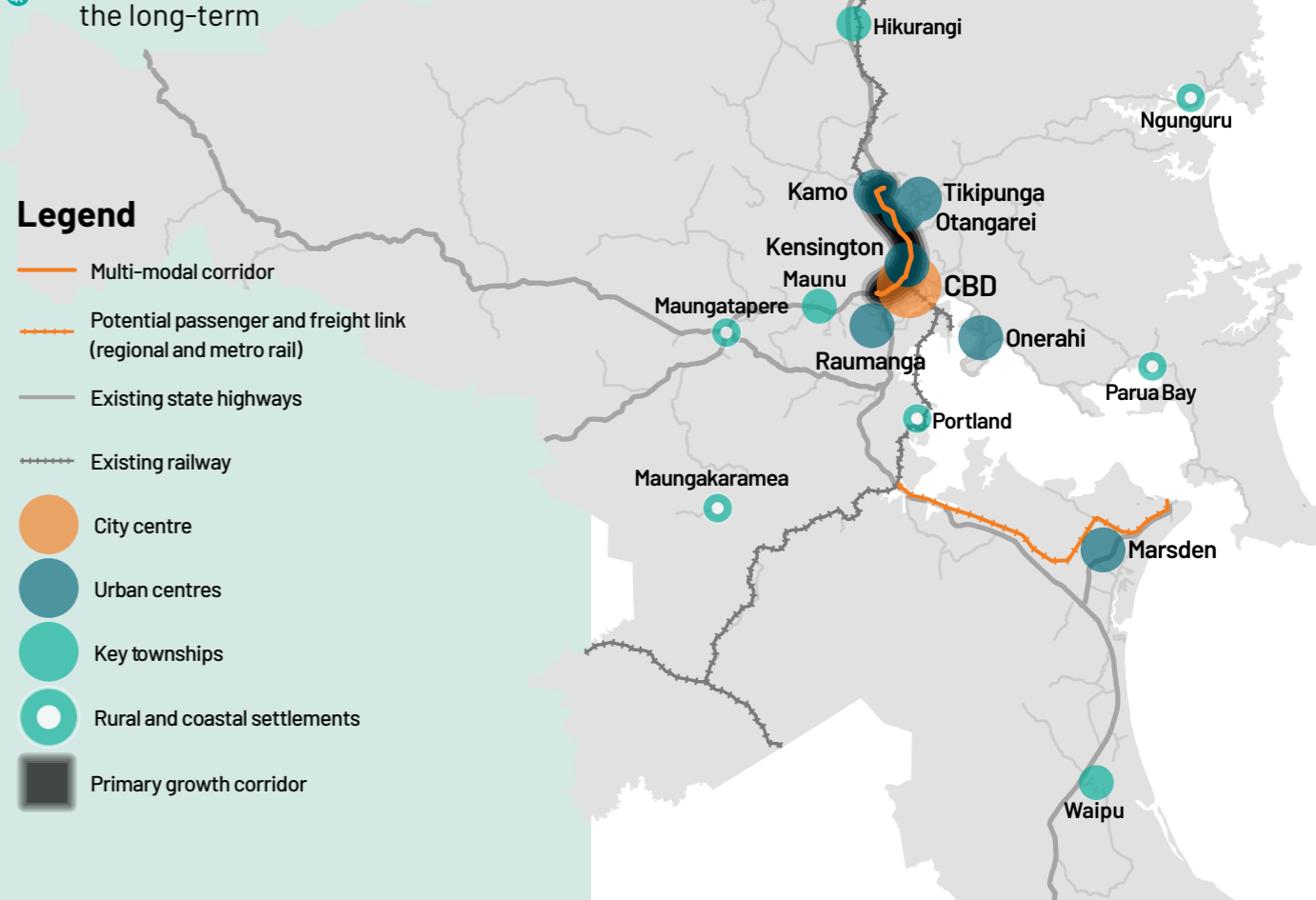
Development in Future Urban Zones are phased beyond the long-term

## Transformational Moves

- Primary Growth Corridor
- Connection to Nature
- A vibrant and lively city centre, enhanced by a Knowledge Precinct
- Revitalising and restoring community pride in local centres
- Marsden strategic growth area
- Innovative and resilient transport connections
- Frequent and reliable buses
- Freight and passenger rail services

### Legend

- Multi-modal corridor
- Potential passenger and freight link (regional and metro rail)
- Existing state highways
- Existing railway
- City centre
- Urban centres
- Key townships
- Rural and coastal settlements
- Primary growth corridor



**RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****Move/Second**

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution</b>
1.1 Confidential Minutes Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Standing Committee 4 March 2025	Good reason to withhold information exists under Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, are as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Grounds</b>	<b>Section</b>
1.1	For the reasons stated in the minutes	

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

If the committee wishes members of the public to remain during discussion of confidential items the following additional recommendation will need to be passed:

**Move/Second**

“That \_\_\_\_\_ be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of his/her/their knowledge of Item \_\_\_\_\_.

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.*