



# Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui Agenda

**Date:** Wednesday, 20 August, 2025  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** Whakapaumahara Marae Whananak  
1836 Whananaki North Road,  
Whananaki 0181  
**Attendees:** 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 Simon Reid  
Cr Phoenix Ruka  
Delaraine Armstrong  
Len Bristowe  
Simon Mitchell  
Tame Te Rangi  
Nicki Wakefield  
Sean Walters  
Hohipere Williams  
Aperahama Edwards

No decisions are made at the Hui.

1. Karakia / Mihi
2. Apologies / Kore Tae Mai
3. Introductions / Whakawhanaungatanga
4. Community Forum / Hui a Hapori
  - 4.1 Marae hui agenda - Whakapaumahara Marae - August 2025 7
5. Kokiri
6. Reports / Ngā Rīpoata
7. Closure of Meeting: Te katinga o te Hui

## 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, Aperahama Edwards, 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, lwi, mana whenua groups

- Ensure equitable participation, by adequately resourcing hapu to engage, e.g., paid hapu reps for all Council related mahi, hui, etc
- Ensure that Marae hui are open to the public
- Direction
  - 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.



## 4.1 Marae Hui Agenda

**Meeting:** Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui  
**Date of meeting:** 20 August 2025  
**Reporting officer:** Aaron Taikato – General Manager Strategy and Democracy

### 1 Purpose / Te Kaupapa

The Te Kārearea Strategic Partnership Hui will be held at Tau Henare Marae where hapū have proposed the discussion topics below.

### 2 Discussion / Whakawhiti kōrero

#### 2.1 Whananaki North:

- Lighting around the marae
- Footpaths in the area
- Marae Signage
- Roading issues/delays to fix
- Koiwi and erosion around the estuary
- Speed limit around marae and wāhi tapu

#### 2.2 Whananaki South:

- Rubbish
- Toilets
- Roading

#### 2.3 Whananaki Primary School:

- School Representative – Shaun Tepania

#### 2.4 Taiao, Erosion and Nursery

#### 2.5 Coastal Mahi, Mimiwhangata, Erosion

#### 2.6 Emergency Services, Tsunami Sirens

#### 2.7 Rising crime and lack of security in the area