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TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 11 February 2025

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Ms Piki Te Ora Hiroa, (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)

Nga mema: Mr Chris Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti), Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake), Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Ms Leanne Hiroti, (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangī), Ms Grace Taiaroa (Rātana Pā), Mr Jordan Winiata-Haines (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Cr Coral Raukawa, Cr Gill Duncan, HWTM Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at 11.00am.

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AGENDA

1 Karakia / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The minutes from **Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 10 December 2024** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting - 10 December 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 10 December 2024 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED: TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 10 December 2024

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki Tuarua: Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)

Nga mema: Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti) (Zoom)
Ms Marj Heeney Ngāi Te Ohuake
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri)
Ms Leanne Hiroti (Ngā Ariki Turakina) (Zoom)
Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangi) (Zoom)
Mr Jordan Winiata-Haines (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki)
Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa)
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Gill Duncan
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
Mrs Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Ms Clare Wooding, Senior Strategic Advisor
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Karakia

Due to the absence of Ms Hiroa, Ms Savage Chaired and opened the meeting at 9.30am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/051

That the apologies be received from Ms Hiroa.

Ms K Savage/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Komiti noted that there was a second Marae Development Fund application received.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/052

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 8 October 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Mrs Gordon updated the Komiti that the decision on the macron for Rangitīkei has not been made and that there have been objections received regarding the change.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/053

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui December 2024

Ms Savage read the Chair's report.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/054

That the 'Chair's Report –December 2024' be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Mr T Curtis. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Marae Development Fund

Mr Winiata-Haines arrived at the hui during this item at 11.24am.

The Komiti noted that there had been some korero on this item during the pre-hui. There was concern that Opaea Marae had received funding previously and whether they had submitted a report. Staff answered that the new eligibility was required for subsequent funding applications and that the expectation for a report form will be provided as criteria for this and future funding rounds.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/055

That the report Marae Development Funding be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/056

That the Komiti does allocate \$15,000 funding to Opaea Marae and requests the Chief Executive submit a formal recommendation for Council's consideration of this request.

Ms K Savage/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/057

That the Komiti does allocate \$15,000 funding to Kauangaroa Marae and requests the Chief Executive submit a formal recommendation for Council's consideration of this request.

Ms K Savage/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Update on Proposed Plan Change 3 - Urban Growth

Ms Gower provided a PowerPoint presentation at the hui.

Ms Gower responded to questions that there is land available in Taihape, however, there has not been the urban growth as seen in Bulls and Marton and therefore would recommend focus to be south of the district.

The Komiti discussed consultation and what this looks with mana whenua, staff undertook that there will be special consultation with mana whenua and that Ms Pere will support this. The Komiti noted that not every iwi has settled across the district which can cause issues for consultation.

Cr Raukawa left at 12.02pm at the end of this item.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/058

That the report 'Update on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth' be received.

Ms K Savage/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.2 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

The Mayor highlighted that councillors are working through the Chief Executive appointment, the positive announcement from government on the ten million for Rātana and the work on moving logging trucks off the road and on to rail.

The Komiti thanked the Mayor for his continued work.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/059

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

Ms K Savage/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

10.3 External Current and Upcoming Consultations

Ms Hiroti left at 12.10pm at the beginning of this item.

Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation at the hui.

The Komiti spoke during the pre-hui regarding the submission, which Ms Henny undertook to write on behalf of the Komiti.

The Komiti will write a submission and requested that this be endorsed by Council and requested that the Council oppose the Treaty Principles Bill. Staff noted that the timeframes for endorsement of the Komiti submission would be before 18 December as this is the last Council meeting before the close of submissions.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/060

That the report 'External Current and Upcoming Consultations' be received.

Ms K Savage/Mr J Winiata-Haines. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/061

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa recommends that Rangitikei District Council opposes the Treaty Principles Bill.

Ms M Raukawa/Mr T Curtis. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/062

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa makes a submission opposing the Treaty Principles Bill.

Ms M Raukawa/Mr T Curtis. Carried

10.4 Mana Whenua Verbal Report- December

Ms Pere introduced herself to the Komiti and provided a verbal update on the current work taking place. Ms Pere spoke of the positive work at Rata marae and the benefit of engagement in her role at Council.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/063

That the 'Mana Whenua Verbal Report- December' be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

10.5 Economic Strategy update

Ms Gray noted that the purpose of this item is to provide an update on the economic strategy.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/064

That the report "Economic Strategy update" is received.

Ms K Savage/Mr J Winiata-Haines. Carried

10.6 Project Updates Report - November 2024

Cr Duncan left at the beginning of the item at 12.44pm.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie explained that there are positive outcomes for this project, and potentially looking at water from the Tutaenui year-round with better quality water for the township.

Taihape Wastewater

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the consent process is only just beginning, and this is why there are no updates.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

The Taihape Town Hall is a single contract as this allows the contractor to communicate with all those involved, this is the same as the Marton Offices and Library project.

Resolved minute number 24/IWI/065

That the report 'Project Updates Report - November 2024' be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Heeney. Carried

The meeting closed at 1.14pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 11 February 2025.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Te Rōpū Ahi Kā meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	13-Aug-24	What MoUs or contracts have we got with iwi across the district - collate these into a table initially. Are there gaps? Opportunities to look at where monetary payments should occur for provision of information or involvement by iwi in meetings etc	Jo / Carol / Fran	Now that Fran Pere is on board there is a focus on understanding current MOUs and finding a consistent approach to these for now and in future. A further discussion on this will take place at a TRAK meeting.	In progress
2	11-Jun-24	Workshop on maps and archeological information for future workshop	Carol / Kevin / Katrina	Daniel and Richard be asked to attend a future workshop. This will be scheduled for 2025.	
3	20-Jun-23	TRAK representation letters for this triennium, follow up on the missing ones.	Kezia	8 October 2024 - Komiti agreed this action stays on the list.	In progress
4	11-Apr-23	Continue to approach Ngāti Waewae to progress a relationship between them and Council.	HWTM / Carol / Karen	The next stage is to progress a meeting with HWTM and Ngāti Waewae to consider a river accord approach. Still progressing.	In progress

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui February 2025

Author: Piki Te Ora Hiroa, Chair

The Chair will provide a tabled or verbal report.

Recommendation

That the 'Chair's Report – February 2025' be received.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Report

Author: Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor

Authoriser: Jo Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report provides an update on key activities, structured around three performance criteria: cultural, policies and frameworks, and project and engagement.

2. Cultural Performance

- 2.1 Ongoing cultural advisory support is being provided to council staff. I have been actively encouraging and leading council-wide training on Te Reo Māori, te ao Māori, and tikanga Māori.
- 2.2 Citizenship Ceremony
 - 2.2.1 On Tuesday, December 17th, I attended the Citizenship Ceremony, where nine new citizens from Samoa, India, Tonga, Spain, and Romania received their citizenship certificates. It was an honour to participate and celebrate the diverse backgrounds of those who have joined our community.
- 2.3 Rātana Celebrations - Rangatahi Village
 - 2.3.1 On Wednesday, January 22nd, Council were welcomed onto Te Pā o Ngā Ariki for the Rātana 25th Anniversary Celebrations. The event was open to wider council staff, many of whom attended for the first time. Feedback was extremely positive, with participants expressing their appreciation for the opportunity to engage in this significant cultural event.
 - 2.3.2 On Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th, I had the privilege of assisting in the Rangatahi Village during the Rātana celebrations. Alongside our Rangatahi Youth Engagement Officer and Rangatahi representatives, we provided a BBQ with sausages and patties donated by ANZCO. This initiative allowed our Rangatahi to participate and showcase their BBQ skills. A big mihi to Justine and the Rangatahi for their contributions.
- 2.4 Whanaungatanga Welcome – New Staff
 - 2.4.1 On Friday, January 31st, we hosted a formal welcome for new council staff at Te Matapihi. This event allowed the new staff to meet our executive leadership team. The event was well-received, with positive feedback from attendees.
- 2.5 Marae Visit
 - 2.5.1 A marae visit has been scheduled for February 25th for the Community Hubs team leaders. The visit will involve participating in a formal pōwhiri, providing an opportunity to deepen their understanding of tikanga and kawa. This visit will also serve as a platform for developing a team strategic plan, reinforcing our commitment and contributions to our community outcomes.

2.6 Long Term Plan

- 2.6.1 A long-term plan for Te Reo Māori lessons has been developed, and workshops will commence in early March through 'Māhere Ako.' These lessons will cater to beginner-level staff, with a focus on Te Reo Māori relevant to council activities. Additionally, workshops will be offered to deepen understanding and application of Māori themes adopted by council.

3. Policies and Frameworks

3.1 Mihi Whakatau Policy

- 3.1.1 As part of ongoing efforts to enhance the effectiveness of tikanga Māori in Council processes, the Mihi Whakatau policy and procedures have been reviewed and revised. The revised policy aims to provide clear and consistent guidelines for implementing mihi whakatau within council activities, ensuring that all procedures are followed correctly and tikanga is upheld.
- 3.1.2 The desired outcome is to ensure that staff are confident and competent in participating in mihi whakatau.
- 3.1.3 To support the successful implementation of this policy, workshops will be offered to staff prior to its introduction. These workshops will provide essential training to help staff understand the significance of mihi whakatau, its proper protocols, and how to effectively engage in these practices.
- 3.1.4 In the interim, we will continue to use our whanaungatanga process to guide and facilitate welcoming new staff members, ensuring we maintain a culturally responsive and respectful approach in all interactions.

3.2 Cultural Safety Policy

- 3.2.1 A draft Cultural Safety Policy has been developed to ensure that all engagements with iwi/hapū are conducted with respect and cultural awareness that honours tikanga Māori and Māori values. This policy also aims to create a safe and supportive environment for council staff by providing clear guidelines for culturally respectful engagement.

3.3 Māori Strategy, Māori Responsiveness Framework, and Iwi/Hapū Engagement Framework

- 3.3.1 In collaboration with iwi/hapū, I plan to develop the Māori Strategy, Māori Responsiveness Framework, and Iwi/Hapū Engagement Framework. These frameworks aim to ensure that iwi/hapū aspirations, priorities, and tikanga are embedded in council processes.
- 3.3.2 The creation of these frameworks will require workshops with individual iwi/hapū to gather insights and ensure their voices are represented. The goal is to build a solid foundation that aligns council activities with the values and priorities of iwi/hapū, ensuring cultural alignment and responsiveness across all levels of engagement and decision-making.

3.4 Cultural Competency Development Framework

3.4.1 The Cultural Competency Development Framework aligns with the Māhere Ako, which provides training and support for council staff to build their understanding of Te Reo Māori, tikanga Māori, and te ao Māori. This framework aims to increase staff competency in culturally responsive practices by offering structured learning opportunities.

4. Projects and Engagement

4.1 Urban Growth Development

4.1.1 In the context of Urban Growth Development, Ngāti Parewahawaha has been identified as a key hapū. I have reached out to their representative, and we are now waiting on a convenient time to meet with the hapū to introduce the project and discuss their involvement.

4.2 Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa Engagement

4.2.1 I am in the process of reaching out to Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa to establish a connection and engage in dialogue regarding their involvement in relevant projects.

4.3 Mangaweka Iwi Identification

4.3.1 Further steps are being taken to identify the iwi involved with Mangaweka, and I will be reaching out to them to understand their priorities and potential participation in our projects.

4.4 Recreational Spaces – Bulls Domain

4.4.1 Ngāti Parewahawaha has also been identified as a key hapū in the Recreational Spaces Bulls Domain project. Like the Urban Growth Development project, I have reached out to their representative, and we are awaiting a suitable time to meet with the hapū to present the project and discuss their role and input.

Recommendation

That the Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Report be received.

9.2 Local Water Done Well

Author: Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the development of Rangitikei District Council's preferences for water services delivery under the Government's Local Water Done Well (LWDW) legislated programme.
- 1.2 In order to meet the Government's stated deadline for submission of the required Water Services Delivery model (WSDP), public consultation needs to be conducted in the first quarter of 2025.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Local Water Done Well is the Government's proposed solution to ensuring the long-term sustainability of water services. Rangitikei District Council has agreed on its preferred water services delivery model. The key focus is on maintaining clean, reliable, and sustainable water services while working collaboratively with neighbouring councils.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 Consultation aims to ensure iwi, key stakeholders, and the community have a voice in shaping the future of water services. We are committed to engaging with iwi and the community to ensure their perspectives and values are reflected in the development of the water service delivery model.
- 3.2 At the Council meeting on Thursday, 12 December 2024, Rangitikei District Council agreed to consult on the following preferences for water services delivery.
- 3.3 **First Preference:** A multi council-controlled organisation (CCO) with Rangitikei District Council, Whanganui District Council, and Ruapehu District Council. In discussing this option, Council spoke to the benefits of working together with councils that directly border Rangitikei to develop a CCO.
- 3.4 **Second Preference:** A multi council-controlled organisation with as many councils in the Manawatū-Whanganui region as possible. Councillors agreed that the cost-effectiveness of a larger multi council-controlled organisation should be put forward for public consultation. The importance of other councils in the region being aware that Rangitikei is willing to work together was also recognised in discussing this option.
- 3.5 **Enhanced Status Quo:** Maintain the current delivery model, in-house management. This is essentially how water services are currently managed in the Rangitikei. Councils are legally required to demonstrate this option as a baseline, despite it being unlikely to meet legislative requirements for financial sustainability.
- 3.6 **Preferred Option:** Rangitikei District Council's preferred option is the establishment of a multi council-controlled organisation (CCO) with Whanganui and Ruapehu District Councils. This model enables greater collaboration and shared resources while maintaining a local approach.

Consultation Timeline

- 3.7 Consultation on this preferred option will take place from 5th March – 2nd April 2025. This will ensure that the community and iwi can provide feedback and help shape the final decision on the water services delivery model. The Mayor is available to meet with iwi, hapū, marae or grouping to discuss the options and process involved in Local Water Done Well (provided his timetabling allows).

4. What Happens Next?

- 4.1 Following consultation, Rangitikei District Council will commence a period of analysing community feedback in preparation for a final decision on the path forward. During this period, community members will have the opportunity to share their views verbally at an oral hearing.
- 4.2 In May, Council will make their final decision on its preferred Water Services Delivery Arrangement. Officers will then begin the process of developing a Water Services Delivery Plan which must be submitted to Central Government by September 3rd, 2025.
- 4.3 If accepted by Central Government, Rangitikei District Council (alongside any partners) will then begin the process of implementing its Water Services Delivery Plan. The new water services delivery arrangement is expected to be in full effect from 2028. The community is unlikely to see any change until 2028.

5. How this looks for iwi

- 5.1 In the short term, Iwi are encouraged to engage with public consultation (from 5th March – 2nd April 2025) to ensure their perspectives are integrated into shaping the future of water services in Rangitikei.
- 5.2 Once Rangitikei District Council has agreed on its future water services delivery arrangement (in May 2025), iwi will be actively engaged again to ensure the establishment of any council-controlled organisation has kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of water resources at the heart.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report which is for information purposes. The financial implications of the options will be provided in the consultation document.

7. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 7.1 There are no impacts on strategic risks associated with this report. The topic has a whole has a range of strategic risks.

8. Strategic Alignment

- 8.1 The proposed water service delivery model aligns with our community outcome, a district leading collaboration with tangata whenua.

9. Mana Whenua Implications

- 9.1 Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to facilitate participation by Māori in its decision-making processes, to consider ways in which it may

foster the development of Māori capacity to participate, and to provide relevant information.

- 9.2 Noting that a joint arrangement with other councils will necessarily cover multiple rohe and therefore several iwi and/or hapū having mana whenua; there will need to be a high level of communication and engagement with iwi/Māori as the plans are developed.
- 9.3 A Rangitīkei-Ruapehu-Whanganui CCO option could incorporate governance elements and legal instruments within the existing statutory river entities – Te Pou Tupua (for the Whanganui River) and Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū (for the Whangaehu River).

10. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 10.1 There are no direct climate impacts that require consideration.

11. Statutory Implications

- 11.1 The Local Water Done Well project is being undertaken in accordance with statutory requirements.

Recommendation

That the report 'Local Water Done Well' be received

9.3 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

Author: **Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

1. Reason for Report

Local Government as an organisation is split up into zones or groups of councils around New Zealand. Rangitīkei is in Zone 3 which includes councils such as Gisborne, Wairoa and Hawkes Bay councils, New Plymouth to Horowhenua and of course all of the councils in the Horizons region. I Co-Chair Zone 3 with Craig Little, Mayor of Wairoa. We meet as a Zone as Mayors, Councillors and Chief Executives to receive reports from Government, to work out how we collectively respond and update each other on what work we are doing on an individual basis. Many Zone 3 councils have been through Cyclone Gabrielle and it is a chance for us to provide support/assistance to our fellow councils. Recently Zone 3 met in Napier to coincide with the 150th celebration of Napier City so the timing was always going to be great and with Gabrielle it also gave us an absolute chance to reflect on the past history of Hawkes Bay and how it has been affected by cyclones and earthquakes in the past.

I have included the draft minutes of the Zone 3 meeting, minus the attendance register, and I thank Sarayde, the Administrator for Zone 3 for what is a very complete report. I wish to make a few small comments in addition to the reports –

- **The presentation from Hastings District Councillor Michael Fowler on the major weather events and how they have impacted Napier and Hawkes Bay** – incredibly interesting and show these events happen routinely over time and will happen again in the future. But one of the things he didn't really highlight was effectively the wealth that the earthquakes brought to Napier City. A huge amount of land was lifted out of the ocean, and it became council land that they were able to sell to provide business and industry in the area where the airport currently sits. In some ways this was a huge financial win for Napier City.
- **The presentation by Lawrence Yule, Crown Manager dealing with flood mitigation matters in Hawkes Bay** – fascinating, he has been funded and charged with the responsibility of dealing with things such as the Wairoa River Response where the stop-banks failed, partially due to a consequence that the Regional Council hadn't kept the bar clear. I stress that this is my view and will continue to be litigated in enquiries for quite some time to come. Lawrence is very well known to Local Government as previous Mayor of Hastings and Chair of LGNZ.
- **The NZTA presentation on Driver Licensing** – this has been an issue that the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs has campaigned for so long to different ministries including the Ministry of Education. In our view, not having a drivers licence is the greatest handbrake on employment for a huge number of people. Often not having a licence leads to the first interaction with courts. It would be magnificent if we could actually get progress on this nationally.
- **James Kilty and Don Elers from Powerco** presented at my specific request. Essentially our district has a huge number of wind farm and solar farms going through consenting and the view of Powerco was this absolutely needed to happen for NZ Inc and that power companies are bending over backwards to facilitate this. James announced during the meeting that he will leave Powerco early next year to be Chief Executive of Transpower NZ. He suggested to

me privately that I should have discussions with him around where the Rangitikei is prior to December and his changing role.

- **Day 2 featured very heavily on “Around the Regions”** – where every council gets a few minutes to talk about what they are doing and what their future direction is. I am not going to comment on individual councils as it has been very well recorded in the minutes and I invite you to have a read of them as it’s fascinating.
- **The Zone topic - “Working together to make our boat go faster – lessons and opportunities from around New Zealand” by NZ First MP Andy Foster.** You will of course remember his three years as Mayor of Wellington. We had reached out to Minister Shane Jones to attend the Zone meeting however in fairness to him his diary is incredibly complex and he put up Andy as an alternative. Andy produced a lot of financial figures around where New Zealand sits in terms of GDP and where we are placed now compared to where we were placed 10-15 years ago. The reality is that per head of capita, New Zealand is slipping, and slipping quite quickly. This becomes absolutely one of the drivers of the NZ First/National Party coalition to focus on GDP growth and in their view the need to make some very harsh decisions. It builds on the story of Minister Jones saying that we have to fast track for at least the short terms and accepts there will be some environmental damage as part of that process. This is purely a reflection on where we are as a country at the moment.
- **Hamish Saxton from Hawkes Bay Tourism talked on the great wine capitals of the world** and when we were putting the Zone agenda together I questioned whether this was an appropriate use of time for councils within the Zone. However his presentation was enlightening in terms of the economic advantages that have been gained for the Hawkes Bay councils as being regarded as one of the great wine capitals. There are a limited number of these capitals throughout the world, countries can apply and a number have applied that have been either turned down or told they don’t quite make the grade at the moment. The wine produced from these regions then becomes highly regarded worldwide and hence marketable. So I have to concede and apologise to some extent – this was a very worthwhile presentation.
- **The last real topic of the day was from Caroline Dumas – Zone 3 Department of Internal Affairs Representative.** Unfortunately for Caroline she was unable to make some of the announcements that the Minister was wanting to make a few days later at the Rural & Provincial meeting. What I would refer to you there is to look at my last council report detailing those changes. It illustrates the fact that Government’s position is changing on an almost daily basis. As part of that we are still waiting on the 3rd tranche of legislation that is due out before Christmas. It has been hinted that the regional CCOs that are currently being formed by councils will come nowhere close to gaining efficiencies that in Government’s view are deemed to be 200,000 connections for water or wastewater services. My next Mayor’s Report should have the last tranche of legislation that I can comment on.

I close with wishing everybody a very Merry Christmas - please travel safely. I am conscious of the number of people that we lose from our regions from road and water related fatalities every year at this time. I look forward to welcoming you all back next year.

ITEM 9.3

Mayor's Engagements

December 2024

2	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Local Government Funding Authority</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs online meeting</p>
3	<p>Attended Emergency Management Standing Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Mayoral Forum Meeting</p> <p>Attended Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Meeting for Rural Water Schemes</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
4	<p>Attended Executive Leadership Team Q&A session with Governors</p> <p>Attended Follow-up Hui re Napier-Taihape Road</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Northern Iwi Meeting</p> <p>Attended meeting with ratepayers Taihape</p>
5	<p>Attended Governance Group meeting re Marton Office & Library Project</p> <p>Attended Nga Tawa End of Year Prizegiving</p> <p>Attended CE Recruitment Interviews</p> <p>Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting</p>
6	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Bulls School Charity Concert</p> <p>Attended Mayor's Christmas Function</p>
7	<p>Attended Marton Market Day</p>
8	<p>Attended Marton Christmas Parade</p> <p>Attended Marton Historical Society Christmas Party</p>
9	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with previous Youth Councillor</p> <p>Attended Junior Neighbourhood Awards at James Cook School</p>
10	<p>Attended Merry Night in Marton Christmas Tree winners celebration</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Ratana Community Board meeting</p>
11	<p>Attended Springvale Toilet acknowledgement lunch</p> <p>Attended Hautapu Bridges Blessing/Opening</p>

	Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting
12	Attended Council Workshop for Annual Plan Attended Council Meeting
13	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff To attend Accelerate35 Meeting To attend Marton School Prizegiving To attend RDC Staff Christmas Function
14	To attend Bulls Christmas Parade
15	To attend Otiwhiti School of Agriculture Cadet Graduation & Prizegiving To attend Bulls Festival Day
16	To attend monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Meet & Greet with MTFJ placements in Taihape To attend MTFJ Governance Group online meeting
17	To attend Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly online meeting To attend relationship meeting with Powerco To attend Citizenship Ceremony To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
18	To attend 40 th anniversary morning tea celebration with staff member
19	To attend Governance Group meeting re Marton Office & Library Project To attend Council Meeting
20	To attend meeting with Chief Executive
22	To attend St Stephens Church Christmas Service
25	To attend community Christmas Lunch in Taihape

Attachments:

1. **Zone 3 Draft Minutes 14 November 2024** [↓](#)
2. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – 12 December 2024 be accepted.

Zone Three Meeting

Thursday 14 November 2024

1.	<p>Mihi Whakatau The meeting opened at 12.10pm with a mihi whakatau from tangata whenua – Ngati Pārau, Kāhui Kaumatua and the Napier City Council Kapa Haka Group. Iwi representative/Māori Relationships Manager from Napier City Council performed a karakia, followed by a waiata himene and waiata-a-ringa.</p> <p>Mayor Little responded to the welcome by thanking tangata whenua and the welcoming group for the warm welcome.</p>
2.	<p>Mayoral Welcome – Napier City Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise Mayor Wise welcomed Zone 3 Councils to Ahuriri Napier and McLean Park, acknowledging this year as the 150th Anniversary for Napier. She highlighted Napier establishing a borough Council in November 1874 and the various natural disasters throughout Napier’s 150-year history and the profound impact these events have had on the city, including a devastating fire in 1886, significant flooding sometime later and the catastrophic 1931 earthquake.</p>
3.	<p>Zone Welcome and Admin - Zone Three Chairs, Andy Watson and Craig Little Mayor Little welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged all special guests and speakers in attendance.</p> <p>Confirmation of the Minutes from the Zone 3 Meeting held Thursday 21 and Friday 22 March 2024. <i>THAT the minutes from the Zone Three Meeting held 21 and 22 March 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.</i> RESOLVED: Alex Walker / Tracey Collis CARRIED</p> <p>Apologies from member authorities. <i>THAT the apologies be received from member authorities.</i> RESOLVED: Craig Little / Sandra Hazlehurst CARRIED</p> <p>Securing the location for the next meeting. There was uncertainty around where the next Zone 3 meeting will be held. The decision for the next meeting location was deferred to Friday 15 November. It was decided on Friday 15 November: <i>THAT the next Zone 3 meeting location will be South Taranaki District Council in April 2025.</i></p> <p>Zone 3 Financial Report Mayor Watson stated he felt there was no need to call on further funds and on behalf of Zone 3 he wanted to acknowledge Sarayde Tapine (Zone 3 Administrator) work as the person who makes all the magic happen for the meeting. Mayor Watson was happy to report that all Councils were up to date with payments.</p>

	<p><i>THAT the Zone 3 Financial Report be received.</i> RESOLVED: Andy Watson / Bernie Wanden CARRIED</p> <p>Health and Safety Briefing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Watson provided a health and safety briefing to the group followed by the itinerary for dinner that night at Mission Estate.
4.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Speaking on major weather events which have impacted Napier and the Hawke’s Bay region over the past 150 years and what we have learnt from these events historically’ – Hastings District Councillor, Michael Fowler</p> <p>Michael Fowler provided an informative presentation on the history of flooding from Reverend William Colenso’s experiences to the local Maori. The following points from his presentation were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Colenso’s statement in the 1840’s ‘why would you live in a damp hollow’. William and wife experienced floods and had silt deposits through his house. Memorial built to flood victims. Briefly touched on the flood mitigation across Napier, Hastings and Clive. 1895 was the only year there was no flooding.
5.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Role of the Crown Manager in dealing with the flood mitigation matters in the Hawke’s Bay region’ – Crown Manager, Lawrence Yule</p> <p>Lawrence Yule presented on his role as the Crown Manager for dealing with flood protection in the Hawke’s Bay region. The following notes were highlighted from his presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wairoa is a remote part of Hawke’s Bay, a really difficult road to get to on a coastal part of New Zealand and is highly prone to flooding. The Wairoa river is the largest catchment in Hawke’s Bay. Wairoa river mouth to Frasertown has no elevation. The Wairoa community has a small rating base with over 50% of Māori and simply cannot afford flood protection. Cyclone Bola which hit New Zealand in 1988 was a severe weather event that caused extensive damage, particularly in the North Island. Wairoa was one of the areas hardest hit by the cyclone’s powerful winds and flooding. Flood protection is not the end solution as you cannot beat the immense forces of nature, however, we can try and manage it. Lawrence Yule formally appointed as Crown Manager on 15 August 2024.
6.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘NZTA Driver Licensing – the current system, improvements underway and the future’ – NZTA National Manager Performance and Insights, ‘Jodi Mitchell’</p> <p>The NZTA Director of Regional Relationships Linda Stewart introduced the NZTA National Manager Performance and Insights, Jodi Mitchell presenting on community based driver licensing. The following points were highlighted from her presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers prevent equitable access and progress through our Graduated Driver Licensing System. In New Zealand, 3 in 10 novice drivers either become stuck on a learner or restricted licence or are slow to progress to their full. Not having a licence impacts individuals, families and communities.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She advised some funding sources have slowed down while others have picked up and noted Mayors to get in touch with the regional providers.
7.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘LGNZ Issues Paper – Electoral Reform Working Group’ – Hutt City Council Mayor, Campbell Barry</p> <p>Campbell Barry spoke to the LGNZ Issues paper in regard to the Electoral Reform Working Group with the below points highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections coming up next year with induction planning well underway for this noting that the induction is designed to complement what Councils already do on their own. • The release of the free toolkit before the end of the year with some collateral and materials on voting and elections 2025.
8.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Energy and Infrastructure Transition’ – Powerco, James Kilty and Don Elers</p> <p>James Kilty and Don Elers from Powerco company briefly introduced themselves with the following notes highlighted from their presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerco’s footprint spreads across a lot of Zone 3 regions and serves just under a million Kiwis delivering electricity and gas. Currently expanding by building fibre in the Coromandel area at the moment. • Seeking Board approval next week for Smart and Gas meter rollout. • Powerco is a group of 500 plus highly committed Kiwis from all around the world and is committed to helping find a way to make our services and our industry effective to help New Zealand grow to net zero. • The great and “lucky” position New Zealand is in however there is a need to start leveraging what we have which in turn means having those difficult conversations about how things have to change in New Zealand across the board including local and central government and communities and the willingness from both sides to trade off things.
9.	<p>Brief/Close of meeting – Napier City Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise</p> <p>Mayor Wise offered the closing remarks for day one of the meeting noting the site visit to the Faraday Museum of Technology and dinner at Mission Estate. Mayor Little closed the meeting with a closing karakia at 4:17pm.</p>

Friday 15 November 2024

1.	<p>Opening/Welcome – Zone Three Co-chairs, Andy Watson and Craig Little</p> <p>The meeting started at 8:30am with a welcoming introduction and opening karakia by Mayor Little. Mayor Watson announced that South Taranaki will host the next Zone 3 meeting in April 2025.</p>
2.	<p>Around the Regions – ‘Nurturing Partnerships. How does your community benefit from your relationships? Maybe it’s a partnership with another council, central government, mana whenua or the community itself. Show off ONE project, plan or programme that makes the most of your strategic relationships’.</p>

	<p>The below points were highlighted from each Council’s around the regions presentation.</p> <p>Tararua District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on strategic partnerships in the taiao / environmental space with two iwi partners – Ngati Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua and Rangitāne o Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. • Both iwi have been put under considerable resourcing constraints that were exacerbated by Cyclone Gabrielle to support the workloads of both Councils and government agencies. • Both iwi have signed the agreement for funding with scheduled monthly hui to discuss the project which focuses on establishing a strong relationship with the Council, overseeing cultural activities related to consenting and engaging with the council on environmental matters requiring iwi input. <p>Gisborne District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussing on Te Tiriti partnerships, the ‘Te Tiriti Compass’ was developed by the GDC Māori Partnerships Team and is a path to develop effective and meaningful, genuine collaboration with mana whenua to ensure iwi and hapū have a long-term role in future planning and decision making for the region. • The compass consists of four pou – <i>Kāwanatanga</i> (Governance and shared decision-making), <i>Tino Rangatiratanga</i> (Self Determination), <i>Ōritetanga</i> (Equity between Māori and Tangata Tiriti) and <i>Whakapono</i> (Protection of customs and faith). <p>South Taranaki District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the great partnership between the Council and the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust. The Rotokare Scenic Reserve consists of 230 hectares of predator free fenced wetland and lake habitat. Largest predator free fenced lake and reserve area in New Zealand. • In 2008 the predator free fence was built, and the Council has supported the project with over \$2.2m covering the fence and ongoing maintenance costs, as well as an annual grant of \$70k. • Home to over 54 species of birds, 36 being native of which a handful are threatened species. A lot of these species have been re-introduced to the area. <p>Manawatu District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented on empowering localism in small rural communities and marae. 16 community committees that work in partnership with the Council to be the voice for residents to ensure their views are being heard by the Council when making decisions that could potentially affect them. • Council is working with communities in their district to take charge of their own future and engaged environmental consultants (Boffa Miskell) to develop their community plans. • One of the smaller rural communities initially indicated that they didn’t want a community plan, however, as they have seen the benefits from other communities having plans, they now want to be a part of the community planning process. <p>Hawke’s Bay Regional Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spent collectively between ratepayers and taxpayers around \$200m in clearing up the hill country that has come down to the plains as a result of erosion during Cyclone Gabrielle.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land for life is a partnership between the Nature Conservancy, one of the largest global impact funders for environmental work in the world, MPI, the regional Council, local landowners and a series of financial institutions. This enables the Council to put in place a public / private partnership to help manage erosion in the hill country. <p>Whanganui District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with one of the local iwi on an initiative ‘Toitū Te Whānau’ which is a relationship agreement between iwi, hapū, Council and central government agencies. The approach consists of 5 elements – System, design, whānau engagement, resourcing and community operating model. The intent of this is telling central government what to do and not the other way around. <p>Napier City Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke to the Tiaka project being a space in the inner city which was made earthquake prone in 2017 and closed. As a result, the city lost the local library, civic building, governance space and staff accommodation space. The Council have since embarked in partnership with mana whenua to design Tiaka and replace what was lost. Looking to keep and strengthen the library while demolishing the civic building. Currently at the detailed design and resource consent granting phase and going out for expressions of interest for head contractors. A core part of the project has been the development of a cultural narrative – a story telling foundation that expresses the spirit, identity and uniqueness of Tiaka. Through the partnership with mana whenua, they have shared their stories, insights and created a narrative that has been woven into every element of the process. <p>Ruapehu District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video played to demonstrate that the Council is resilient and in partnership with other agencies to ensure a sustainable economy moving forward. The video also covered working together with other councils that cross boundaries. Focussed on the Ngā Ara Tūhono – Mountains and Sea Cycle Trail a project in partnership with Ngāti Rangi and local iwi totalling to about \$7m which Kānoa were involved in. The project presents an opportunity to link up with Whanganui, with a strong focus from the Council in working hard to getting the economy back on track. <p>Horizons Regional Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented on a project the Council is doing in Ernie’s patch for Lake Horowhenua for water quality improvements, namely the Arawhata Wetland Project. A part of the project is weed harvesting to take out some of the fast growing weed to break the nutrient cycle that feeds the toxic algae blooms. The lake is privately owned, and Council has been working closely with trustees from the inception of the project including consenting, building the boat ramp and then getting out on the lake with the harvesting. Collaborative project overseen by a governance group consisting of 9 members, of which 4 are iwi. <p>New Plymouth District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Played a video as part of their presentation.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP Partners encompasses the power of a shared vision by community leaders for a particular area and committing to investing in the growth and expansion of the city and creating greater community value and impact through a partner-led, Council managed programme. • Proposal by the Mayor to enhance and increase private sector investment in the community. <p>Central Hawke’s Bay District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the Tamatea Housing Taskforce first beginning in 2019 with a team approach between the Council, the Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust and the Local Taiwhenua Trust. • Taskforce created to provide leadership and guidance to address housing challenges in Tamatea and to oversee the “Our Homes” strategy for Tamatea. • To date the taskforce has worked to move the dial and as such has resulted in zero people living in emergency housing, the Salvation Army delivering 7 transitional housing spaces and Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga delivering 18 transitional spaces. • The community now has 2 active commercial rental property developers and are now facing the challenge which is the national average rental price which has been outstripped so the market has to adjust and Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated has confirmed investment into affordable rentals. <p>Rangitikei District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to how quickly relationships need to change. • A new relationship having to be created very quickly with the closure of the mill and 1000 tonnes of logs heading over a road not designed for heavy transport. Looking to assemble KiwiRail, the two Councils, forest owners, road transport operators, NZTA and Ports of Napier into a room to discuss next steps moving forward as what is currently happening is unsustainable. The potential relationships this could establish was noted. • Marton Swimming Pool – one beam in the centre has collapsed and is not included in the LTP to repair with estimated costs of \$3m. In this case a private individual stepped up and has decided to fund the pool roof repair with a previous playground investment for the community of \$650k. • Rangitikei Council continues to lead as the highest performing Council for Mayors Taskforce for Jobs in New Zealand. <p>Palmerston North City Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussed on an economic partnership Te Utanganui the central NZ distribution hub consisting of rail, road, air and sea connections and stands as one of the Council’s largest joint venture projects. • The project encompasses several infrastructure projects which when combined will create the primary distribution and transport hub for central New Zealand, supporting the transport and logistics centres of South Auckland, Waikato and Canterbury. • The project is expected to take development in Manawatu to the next level, building on initiatives already planned for the area like KiwiRail’s Regional Freight Hub and/or roading projects including the Manawatu/Tararua highway and Otaki to North of Levin expressway. <p>Hastings District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiaroha celebrates the strong relationship between the Council and Heretaunga mana whenua that reflects the dedication of partnership fostered by Councils and Rangatira.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiaroa communicates the importance of caring for the water and is aimed at not only providing safe drinking water but also emphasising the critical importance of water taonga and how to protect and conserve it for future generations. • Through engagement with primary schools the feedback given was that the education centre would be a great way to tell the water story and the partnership with Ngati Kahungunu has been integral to the success of the project. <p>Stratford District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the Stratford Park project that arose around 5 years ago when the Council were approached by 3 different groups with vastly different interests and needs. The one thing in common they had was a lack of space around their current facilities already owned. • Through the collaboration that followed from this approach a partnership arose namely, the Stratford Park project. • The Council decided to lend \$7m to buy neighbouring land to expand on each of their ideas. <p>Wairoa District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussing on the Cultural Trail project is a partnership between Wairoa Young Achievers Trust, Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs Initiative, Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust and the local Council. • The project encompasses a vision as a partnership driven cultural experience that enhances Te Wairoa as a must visit destination and to share the unique stories and places of Te Wairoa for generations to come. • Initial focus on two cultural sites of significance within Wairoa township with the vision for growth to expand to other sites and communities across the Wairoa rohe. <p>Horowhenua District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to concentrating on the basics and delivering on wellbeing as that it extremely crucial to the Council to understand and inform their decision-making. Strong focus on the Community Wellbeing Committee Structure set up within their Council. • The Community Wellbeing Committee has been in place for well over 10 years with the Council deciding to strengthen it by having a number of forums that feed into the committee including iwi partners, access and inclusion, youth services, older persons, education and part of the refugee community. • The purpose of the Committee is to provide collective leadership, advocacy and holistic outcomes that enable the population of Horowhenua to be well together. <p>Taranaki Regional Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke of the dramatic direction change in the last year for regional councils. The Council is in a position where they have held 29 meetings with the community around the district to get real opinions of what people thought. The direction change to the farming community was also noted.
<p>3.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Working together to make our boat go faster – lessons and opportunities from around New Zealand’ – NZ First MP, Andy Foster</p> <p>The following points were highlighted from NZ First MP Andy Foster’s presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous background of working 27 years in Council and three years as Mayor in Wellington.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the tough job of Mayors and Elected members throughout the country. You can never please anyone while juggling all sorts of aspirations. • Jobs for nature and how NZ First are building up a business case for it to return. • Focus on how we manage our economy is crucial to performing well economically with a need for more high-skilled jobs.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘LGNZ General Update’ – LGNZ Chief Executive, Susan Freeman-Greene Susan Freeman-Greene introduced herself and thanked the co-chairs for the invitation to the meeting. The below points were highlighted from her presentation timeslot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGNZ is launching a toolbox on Thursday 21 November which will contain 25 tools that will make a difference for local government and will indicate to central government what councils need assistance with. • Earlier this month LGNZ released their four monthly reports containing a lot of information and attendees were encouraged to read it. LGNZ pushing for Councils to table the report, quarterly at their council meetings. • Akona now has 22 varied modules which have come from Council suggestions and 10 ako hours which are discussions with subject matter experts on more specialist topics. • Planning on election inductions is well in advance with LGNZ doing things differently this time around. The induction is designed to complement what Councils do already within their own Councils. Offering in-person courses between the 22 October and 07 November. Straight after the election is Elected member inductions and the Regional council Chairs induction in November. • Releasing a free toolkit before the end of the year on voting 2025 materials.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Talking on Great Wine Capitals, a global network of the finest wine regions in the world of which Hawke’s Bay is the NZ representative. His talk will focus on the economic benefits we have seen from becoming a Great Wine Capital and how other regions could capitalise on their unique – Hawke’s Bay Tourism, Hamish Saxton</p> <p>Hamish Saxton of Hawke’s Bay Tourism introduced himself before expanding on Great Wine Capitals to the zone 3 group. The following notes were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawke’s Bay are the largest premium red wine and chardonnay producer in the country with 38 varietals of wine that are produced in the region. • Hawke’s Bay have New Zealand’s oldest surviving wineries founded in 1851 (Mission Estate). • 80% of New Zealand’s sector features rums from Hawke’s Bay. • Hawke’s Bay has more than 45 food and beverage experiences including cooking schools, food and wine operators, food experiences and tasting rooms. • May 2022, the twin city region (Hastings and Napier) jointly applied for the Great Wine Capital. Application put together in December 2022 and Hawke’s Bay is officially the newest Great Wine Capital of the world. Recognised as an exceptional wine destination Hawke’s Bay joins many of the world’s most prestigious wine locations including Bordeaux Mendoza, Verona, Adelaide, Napa Valley and more and is now connected to a global network of wine and tourism expertise.



<p>6.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘DIA General Update’ – Zone 3 DIA Representative, Caroline Dumas The DIA Zone 3 Representative Caroline Dumas provided a brief update to zone 3 members with the following points highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Governments change in approach to a locally led reform of water services letting Councils make their own decisions. • Local Government Act requires Councils to develop Water Services Delivery Plans by 03 September 2025. These plans are expected to cover information across three key areas financial and asset information, investment required and service delivery arrangements. • Guidance to be released in December on council commitment and shareholder agreements surrounding the set-up of CCO’s. Guidance will be inclusive of – set-up rights and obligations of each shareholder in Council, how shares are allocated, what specifies the whole business of the CCO, how directors are appointed, how assets are issued and organised and how shareholders get reporting for example. • Regional deals will be based on a 30 year vision which is critical to thinking strategically long-term. • The priority objective for regional deals will be building economic growth, delivering connected and resilient infrastructure and improving the supply of affordable quality housing.
<p>7.</p>	<p>Closing Comments - Zone Three Chair, Craig Little and Host Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise Mayor Little and Mayor Wise gave closing remarks to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance across the 2 days. Mayor Wise wished everyone well on their travels home and closed the meeting at 12:10pm.</p>

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214	7-Oct-24	HRWS Meeting	PR			PR			PR						
215	7-Oct-24	HCC Meeting	AP			PR			PR						
216	8-Oct-24	TRAK Hui	PR				PR	PR					PR		
217	8-Oct-24	Ratana CB	CB					PR							
218	9-Oct-24	Taihape CB	CB				PR							PR	
219	9-Oct-24	Marton CC	PR	AP							PR				
220	10-Oct-24	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR		AP	
221	17-Oct-24	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
222	29-Oct-24	ORWS	PR				PR								
223	31-Oct-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	AP	AT		AT	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
224	31-Oct-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
225	13-Nov-24	Creative NZ Committee	PR				PR								
226	13-Nov-24	Bulls CC	PR		PR							AT	PR		
227	20-Nov-24	PPL Meeting	AP	PR			PR	AP	PR		PR			PR	
228	20-Nov-24	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	AP		PR	
229	28-Nov-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
230	28-Nov-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
231	3-Dec-24	ERWS Meeting													Minutes not received
232	5-Dec-24	Risk and Assurance	CB	PR		PR		PR		PR					
233	5-Dec-24	Turakina CC													Minutes not received
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235	Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
236	Apology	AP
237	Absent - no apology received	AB
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239	Not a member of the committee	
240	Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
241	Not present as on Council business	CB
242	Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM
243		

9.4 Project Updates Report - December 2024**Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer****Authoriser: Kevin Ross, Chief Executive****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is a monthly report on progress on significant projects (based on budget) currently being delivered by Council's Project Office.

2. Key Highlights from Current Projects**Wastewater Projects****2.1 Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation (Project Manager – Steve Carne)**

- 2.2 Investigative work on the 5 shortlisted options previously identified involving disposal scenarios related to land only (1 No.), land-river combination (3No.) and deep bore groundwater recharge options. (1No.) are now well underway with a programmed completion of these investigations in late February 2025.
- 2.3 The anticipated March 2025 publication of new Draft national Wastewater Discharge Standards by water industry quality regulator Taumata Arowai could have a significant impact on the project's direction and outcomes. It may be prudent that arising from this, progress on some project tasks be suspended until further details are known.
- 2.4 Current investigative works that have been prioritised by the Project Team include assessing suitability of the land purchased by RDC for land disposal of effluent, investigating the feasibility of retaining some treatment capability of the existing ponds at Marton and Bulls by way of their refurbishment and better understanding the feasibility of the groundwater discharge option.
- 2.5 Dialogue with ANZCO is ongoing to determine the feasibility and appropriateness of incorporating their discharge into the Bulls plant inlet. Iwi have indicated that a single discharge at this point would be viewed more favourably by them as part of the consenting process. The ANZCO plant is being operated well and is achieving good discharge standards. It is situated on RDC-owned land and is occupied by ANZCO on a long-term lease arrangement.
- 2.6 Value engineering inputs on the shortlisted options have considered demand management scenarios involving inflow/infiltration reduction and reduction of water consumption.
- 2.7 Identification of a preferred option is programmed for mid-2025.
- 2.8 A community awareness and engagement campaign is currently being formulated which will have preparatory information released in the 2025 calendar year but needs to be coordinated with other campaigns around Local Water Done Well reforms.

3. Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land (Project Manager – Blair King)

- 3.1 WSP have completed updating the design drawings to use a smaller diameter wastewater transfer pipe between Rātana and the irrigation site. This is being passed to our pipe supplier to finalise our order and enable the specialist couplings to be built. Before these pipeline

materials can be delivered to site, an earthworks contractor will have to be engaged to construct the access road and hard stand area. Preliminary work is underway on the large dam design.

- 3.2 One of the submitters to Councils publicly notified consent application has advised they strongly wish to see a wetland built and used at the irrigation site. However, this wetland is considered generally incompatible with the black-sand site and would require a costly process to recover the water after it has been through the wetland, noting the joint Ministry for Environment/Horizons/Council/ stakeholder agreement we would be irrigating the site to achieve the required environmental outcomes within the annual discharge volumes.

Water Projects

4. Marton Water Strategy (Project Manager – Steve Carne)

- 4.1 The trial pilot plant has been in operation for about 5 months now and the initial test results have been positive in the proposed process' ability to reduce hardness and also iron and manganese that are evident in the source water.
- 4.2 On the basis of the trial plant's results, Contractor GFS have submitted to RDC an initial commercial offer inclusive of some items related to performance guarantees and warranties.
- 4.3 Queries and Clarifications submitted by Council officers and agents will provide further detail on GFS' offer and reduce RDC risk exposure due to insufficient detail around various items. Responses to these clarifications and queries are imminent.
- 4.4 A design consultancy for the revised inlet works is now being sought. This is inclusive of a pump for the new Reservoir Bore.
- 4.5 Details of the waste stream from the proposed plant are only now just apparent from the pilot testing process. Concept design, consenting and detailed design of the waste stream facilities is now underway.
- 4.6 The pilot plant has thus far been testing only water from the older Tutaenui bore. It will soon be swapped over to test the new reservoir Bore supply.
- 4.7 It is envisaged that the new source and treatment process train will not become operable until May-June 2025.
- 4.8 Consent application approval for the water take has been received in preliminary form.
- 4.9 Staff are working towards a communication strategy.

Community Facilities

5. Marton Offices and Library (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 5.1 Staff have engaged a contractor for demolishing the house on Grey Street between 21st and 24th December 2024.
- 5.2 Staff are working to identify the EOC requirements and evaluating possibilities of building it earlier as a separate project to the Marton Offices and Community Hub build.
- 5.3 Staff have received submission from 8 Design and Build contractors for the EOI that closed on 28 November 2024. Staff shall now evaluate these submissions to shortlist 3 or 4 (depending on the quality of submissions) to be invited for a closed RFP process.

Staff anticipate the shortlist notice to be sent out before 20 Dec 2024 with the RFP process scheduled for early January 2025.

- 5.4 Staff are also in the process of identifying investigation works such as soil contamination and geotechnical survey that can be completed before the tender closure in order to shave some time off the project schedule. This will also give greater clarity to the selected D&B Contractor so they can reduce their risk buffer.

6. Taihape Grandstand (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 6.1 Staff presented a report during November council meeting indicating the anticipated costs for all three concept seismic designs.
- 6.2 Council determined that the community will now have to identify their requirements for the lower floor including engaging required specialists to design these requirements and fundraising for any work that falls outside Councils remaining budget for the project.
- 6.3 Staff will now wait for these designs to come from the community before making any further progress.

7. Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment (Project Manager - Eswar Ganapathi)

- 7.1 Initial seismic report, building fabric report, Fire and services reports have now been received. A meeting was scheduled with Maycroft on 11 December 2024 to go through these reports.
- 7.2 The initial seismic design and costs are expected by 16 Dec 2024. RDC engaged an independent quantity surveyor (QS) and a structural consultant to review the information in parallel. Maycroft have already started sharing information with these consultants.
- 7.3 The costs being prepared for the 19 December council meeting shall be purely for the seismic strengthening works. Depending on the strengthening costs, Council will consider the rest of the design scope.

8. Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

- 8.1 RDC engaged experts to complete a full asset condition assessment of the entire Marton pool facility.
- 8.2 This condition assessment includes all the buildings, the pool, the pool pipework and all associated filter and heating equipment. The engineers already completed a two-day site investigation that covered all the items mentioned above.
- 8.3 The structural engineers are well advanced on most of the technical reviews to be undertaken and drafts of most elements of reports are nearing completion. These will be complete in the next week with the exception of electrical investigations which awaits further inputs from site.
- 8.4 The main report will be commenced this side of the Christmas break and completed in the new year from the 13th of January. RDC expects to receive the final overall draft for review before the end of January 2025.
- 8.5 A full day site visit of the Marton Pool facility and the Taihape Pool facility is planned for the end of January. The findings of the technical report will be discussed and finalised during this time.

- 8.6 A report containing all the information noted above will be presented to Council by the end of February 2025. Miscellaneous

9. Scotts Ferry

- 9.1 Council staff are working on finalising the MOU that will determine the activities, responsibilities and conditions when the Council owned tractor will be used in conjunction with the pump owned by a local farmer to reduce the risk of flooding at Scotts Ferry.

10. Taihape Hautapu Bridges (Project Manager – Pio Rowe)

- 10.1 Due to higher than anticipated costs, the budget has been affected and as a result, two out of three bridges will be built.
- 10.2 Bridges 2 & 4 are built and passed inspection.
- 10.3 Bridges 2 & 4 will open to the public 11th December 2024.

11. Financial Implications

- 11.1 This report does not identify and financial implications.

12. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 12.1 No impacts on strategic risks

13. Strategic Alignment

- 13.1 All projects are aligned with strategic goals.

14. Mana Whenua Implications

- 14.1 All Mana Whenua implications are managed by the individual projects.

15. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 15.1 There is no climate change impact.

16. Statutory Implications

- 16.1 No statutory implications.

Recommendation

That the report 'Project Updates Report - December 2024' be received.

9.5 External Consultations

Author: Janna Harris, Corporate Planner

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide an update to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā on the opportunities there are to submit to consultations run by external agencies.

2. Current Consultations

- 2.1 The updated list of current consultations run by external agencies is attached.
- 2.2 Since the last update was provided to the Komiti, Council has submitted on the Electoral Reform Issues Feedback, the Treaty Principles Bill, and the Taumata Arowai Levy for Council and CCOs. These submissions can be found on Council's website: [Submissions made to other Organisations: Rangitikei District Council](#)
- 2.3 The Komiti also submitted on the Treaty Principles Bill.
- 2.4 Officers intend to draft a submission on one of the currently open submissions, Local Government Water Services Amendment Bill.
- 2.5 There have been no changes to the upcoming submissions during January as Parliament was not sitting for the majority of January.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report, external submissions are submitted on within existing budgets.

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 4.1 Changes to government legislation are transformational
 - 4.1.1 There is a risk that legislative changes result in significant changes for Council. Council mitigates this risk by keeping track of all potential changes and takes up opportunities to submit on the consultations that will affect Council.

5. Strategic Alignment

- 5.1 The scope of consultations have the potential to affect the services Council delivers, which could have an impact on Council's ability to deliver on the strategic priorities.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

- 6.1 The Komiti is asked to advise of any mana whenua implications associated with this report.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

- 7.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

8. Statutory Implications

8.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

9. Decision Making Process

9.1 This report is for information purposes only, no decisions are required to be made.

Attachments:

1. **Current External Consultations** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'External Consultations' be received.

Current Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	RDC Action
Currently Open for Submissions				
Working together post-settlement	Whanganui District Council	Feb-02	The shift into the post-settlement era for Whanganui Hapū and Iwi provides a unique opportunity for Whanganui District Council to embark on new ways of working that will centre local needs and solutions. After settlement, a new trust called Takapau Whariki will be established. Three initiatives will provide a platform for joint work between the council and Takapau Whariki.	None
Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill	Parliament Environment Committee	Feb-10	This bill amends the Resource Management Act 1991 to progress Government priorities, including making it easier to consent new infrastructure, encouraging investment in renewable energy, and making medium-density residential standards optional for councils. This amendment Bill will (indicative list): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> enable housing growth, including making the Medium Density Residential Standards optional for councils and secondary units – i.e. granny flats speed up consenting timeframes for renewable energy and wood processing support the government’s “Infrastructure for the Future” plan speed up the process for making national direction under the RMA amend national direction on highly productive land to allow more productive activities including housing - exclude LUC-3 introduce emergency response regulations to enable effective responses to emergencies and contribute to long-term recovery.	None
Local Government Water Services Amendment Bill	Parliament - Finance and Expenditure Committee	Feb-23	Features arrangements for a new water service delivery system, the economic and consumer regulation of water services, and changes to the water quality regulatory framework.	Submit
Infrastructure Priorities Programme	Te Waihanga - NZ Infrastructure Commission	Not Stated	The Commission is calling for infrastructure proposals. They will be assessed through a standardised independent review process that they meet NZ’s strategic objectives, represent value for money, and be a project or solution that can actually be delivered.	None

Proposals to Modernise the Conservation System	Department of Conservation	Feb-28	The Government has released two discussion documents that include proposals to: explore charging for access to some public conservation land, and streamline concessions and planning processes and enable more flexibility around land exchange and disposals. These proposals support delivery of the Government's priorities for the Conservation portfolio, which include generating new revenue, recalibrating costs for conservation, targeting investment into high-value conservation outcomes, strengthening relationships with Iwi/Hapū, and fixing the concessions process.	None
Regional consultation on state highway speed limit changes	New Zealand Transport Agency	Mar-13	NZTA is consulting on some sections of state highway to see if there is support in retaining current speed limits, seeking feedback from local road users and communities for a range of 'interregional and rural connectors' in several regions around the country. In the Horizons region, there are no sections of state highways within the Rangitikei District included in this consultation.	None
Draft Biometrics Privacy Code	Office of the Privacy Commissioner	Mar-14	The Code will introduce specific rules that will replace the IPPs for biometric processing activities, which the Code defines as the comparing or analysing of biometric information (such as people's fingerprints, face prints, etc.) using computer software, algorithms or other automated systems. The rules will apply to agencies using biometric information in automated processes to recognise or categorise individuals, such as facial recognition technologies	None
Proposed Local Waters Combined Bylaw	Horowhenua District Council	Mar-14	The main changes from the existing three bylaws are: Combining three bylaws and added a fourth area – stormwater - into one bylaw, Changing the four existing trade waste classifications to three to make it easier, Introducing the requirement for all businesses operating at a trade premise to register with Council, and Updating the water metering section in response to the introduction of universal metering in Horowhenua.	None

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika and Council representation on Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

Author: Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive

ITEM 10.1

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework and seek feedback from the Komiti on Council representation on Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū.

2. Comment

- 2.1 In 2019 the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework came into place under Rukutia Te Mana, the Ngāti Rangī Claims Settlement Act. A governance group, Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, is part of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika framework.
- 2.2 Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā (governance group) will include iwi representatives from Ngā Wairiki, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Uenuku and the Whanganui Land Settlement Trust, Rangitīkei District Council, Ruapehu District Council, Whanganui District Council and Horizons Regional Council. Horizons Regional Council will provide secretariat support.
- 2.3 Rangitīkei District Council has been asked to select a representative for the governance group. The appointed person is expected to have the appropriate mana, skills, knowledge, and experience to participate effectively in Ngā Wai Tōtā; and to contribute to the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā. The term for each member for Ngā Wai Tōtā is 3 years.
- 2.4 An information sheet regarding appointment to Ngā Wai Tōtā is attached (Attachment 1).
- 2.5 Kahu Environmental will be in attendance to provide an overview of the framework and answer questions.
- 2.6 Council has requested comment from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā regarding a suitable appointment for Ngā Wai Tōtā.

Attachments:

1. Information on the appointment of members for Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika and Council representation on Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū be received.



Key information on the appointments for Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū members

Ngā Wai Tōtā members

Ngā Wai Tōtā is made up of one representative from each of the following: Ngā Wairiki, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Uenuku and the Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust, the three district councils in the catchment (Ruapehu, Rangitīkei and Whanganui), and the regional council.

Ngā Wai Tōtā purpose

The purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā is to:

- promote Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua
- advance the health and well-being of the awa
- advance the integrated management of the awa
- be a voice for the relationship of ngā iwi o te awa (incl our kawa, tikanga, and ritenga) *with* the awa.

Ngā Wai Tōtā's specific tasks

The specific tasks for Ngā Wai Tōtā are to:

- Develop Te Tāhoratanga
- Update Te Tāhoratanga over time
- Hold hui and put out info on health and wellbeing of the awa
- Advise local government and the Crown on decisions about the awa
- Monitor

- effectiveness of Te Tāhoratanga implementation and
- How well Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua being achieved
- Maintain the Te Waiū catchment register

Key information

- The term for each member for Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū is **3 years**.
- Members may be reappointed at the end of their term
- Members must act in a way that supports the functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā
- The appointed person must have the appropriate mana, skills, knowledge, and experience to participate effectively in Ngā Wai Tōtā; and to contribute to the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā
- The legislation states that Ngā Wai Tōtā members will not be paid unless Ngā Wai Tōtā agrees otherwise. This will need to be discussed at the first Ngā Wai Tōtā meeting. The implementation team recommend that iwi representatives are paid. Council members are likely to be paid as part of their official roles in local government. Paying iwi representatives is a matter of equity and also allows iwi representatives to dedicate their time to the required tasks to the level required.



Settlement text

The direct wording from the Settlement, should you wish to include it in any document is:

Subpart 3—Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

114 Establishment of Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

- (1) This section establishes Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (2) Despite the membership of Ngā Wai Tōtā, as provided for by [section 118](#), Ngā Wai Tōtā is a joint committee of the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council, Ruapehu District Council, Rangitikei District Council, and Whanganui District Council.
- (3) Despite [Schedule 7](#) of the Local Government Act 2002, Ngā Wai Tōtā—
 - (a) is a permanent joint committee; and
 - (b) must not be discharged unless all of the appointing organisations agree to the discharge.
- (4) In this subpart, **joint committee** means a joint committee within the meaning of clause 30(1)(b) of [Schedule 7](#) of the Local Government Act 2002.

115 Purposes of Ngā Wai Tōtā

The purposes of Ngā Wai Tōtā are to—

- (a) provide strategic leadership—
 - (i) to promote Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua; and
 - (ii) to advance the health and well-being of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment; and
 - (iii) to advance the integrated management of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment, including through the co-ordination of the agencies with responsibilities under this Act or any other enactment; and
- (b) give expression to the relationship of Ngā Iwi o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika and their kawa, tikanga, and ritenga with the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment.

116 Functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā

- (1) The principal function of Ngā Wai Tōtā is to achieve its purpose.
- (2) In seeking to achieve its purpose, the other functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā are—
 - (a) to prepare and approve Te Tāhoratanga in accordance with [subpart 4](#);
 - (b) to promote and support the integrated management of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment, including through the co-ordination of the agencies with responsibilities under this Act or any other enactment;
 - (c) to enter into discussion with, and advise—

- (i) local authorities on any decisions or matters that affect the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment; and
 - (ii) Crown agencies that perform functions in relation to the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment; and
 - (iii) any other entities or persons with an interest in the Whangaehu River:
 - (d) to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of Te Tāhoratanga;
 - (e) to monitor the extent to which Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua, and the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā, are being achieved;
 - (f) to report on the implementation and effectiveness of Te Tāhoratanga to each of the organisations that appoints members under [section 118](#) or that may send representatives in accordance with [section 121](#);
 - (g) to gather and disseminate information, and hold meetings on matters related to the health and well-being of the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment;
 - (h) to maintain the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika catchment register;
 - (i) to perform any functions that may be delegated to it, including by a local authority;
 - (j) to take any other action reasonably necessary to achieve its purpose or perform its functions.
- (3) In performing its functions, Ngā Wai Tōtā must—
- (a) give expression to Te Mana Tupua and Ngā Toka Tupua; and
 - (b) operate in a collaborative manner as an authority and with other parties.
- (4) Other than in relation to the function under subsection (2)(a), Ngā Wai Tōtā has discretion to determine, in any particular circumstances,—
- (a) whether to perform any function specified in subsection (2); and
 - (b) how, and to what extent, any function specified in subsection (2) is performed.

117 Capacity

Ngā Wai Tōtā has full capacity to carry out its functions under this Act.

118 Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā

- (1) Ngā Wai Tōtā consists of 8 members appointed by the appointing organisations as follows:
- (a) 1 member appointed by the trustees; and
 - (b) 1 member appointed by the trustees of Te Runanga o Ngāti Apa; and
 - (c) 1 member appointed by the trustees of the Uenuku Charitable Trust or the governance entity that succeeds that Trust; and
 - (d) 1 member appointed by the trustees of the Whanganui Land Settlement Negotiation Trust or the governance entity that succeeds that Trust; and
 - (e) 1 member appointed by the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council; and
 - (f) 1 member appointed by the Ruapehu District Council; and
 - (g) 1 member appointed by the Whanganui District Council; and
 - (h) 1 member appointed by the Rangitikei District Council.

- (2) Each member is—
 - (a) appointed for a term of 3 years, unless the member resigns or is removed by and appointing organisation during that term; and
 - (b) may be reappointed or removed at the discretion of the organisation that made the appointment.
- (3) Each member—
 - (a) must act in a manner that promotes the effective performance of the functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (b) is not a member of a local authority by virtue of that membership.
- (4) Each appointing organisation must use its best endeavours to appoint members within 40 working days of—
 - (a) the settlement date;
 - (b) the commencement of any subsequent term of Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (5) In appointing a member to Ngā Wai Tōtā, an appointing organisation—
 - (a) must be satisfied that the person has the appropriate mana, skills, knowledge, or experience—
 - (i) to participate effectively in Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (ii) to contribute to the achievement of the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (b) must have regard to the skills of any members already appointed to Ngā Wai Tōtā to ensure that the membership reflects a balanced mix of skills, knowledge, and experience so that Ngā Wai Tōtā may best achieve its purpose.
- (6) If there is a vacancy on Ngā Wai Tōtā, the appointing organisation that appointed the person who has ceased to be a member must fill that vacancy as soon as is reasonably practicable.
- (7) The members of Ngā Wai Tōtā will not receive payment or reimbursement as members, unless Ngā Wai Tōtā otherwise agrees.

119 Validity of acts

Nothing done by Ngā Wai Tōtā is invalid because of—

- (a) a vacancy in the membership of Ngā Wai Tōtā at the time the thing was done; or
- (b) the subsequent discovery of a defect in the appointment of a person as a member.

120 Application of other Acts to Ngā Wai Tōtā

(1) To the extent that they are relevant to the purpose and functions of Ngā Wai Tōtā under this Act, the provisions of the following Acts apply to Ngā Wai Tōtā, with the necessary modifications, unless otherwise provided in this subpart or in [Schedule 6](#):

- (a) the [Local Authorities \(Members' Interests\) Act 1968](#);
- (b) the [Local Government Act 1974](#);

- (c) the [Local Government Act 2002](#);
 - (d) the [Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987](#).
- (2) [Schedule 7](#) of the Local Government Act 2002 applies with modifications as follows:
- (a) [clause 31\(1\)](#) applies only to the members of Ngā Wai Tōtā appointed by the local authorities;
 - (b) [clauses 23\(3\)\(b\), 24, 26\(1\), \(3\), and \(4\), 27, 30\(2\), \(3\), \(5\), and \(7\), and 31\(2\), \(4\), and \(6\)](#) do not apply to Ngā Wai Tōtā;
 - (c) [clauses 19, 20, and 22](#) apply to Ngā Wai Tōtā subject to—
 - (i) the references to a local authority being read as references to Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (ii) the reference in [clause 19\(5\)](#) to the chief executive being read as a reference to the chairperson of Ngā Wai Tōtā;
 - (d) to the extent that the rest of [Schedule 7](#) is applicable, it applies to Ngā Wai Tōtā subject to all references to—
 - (i) a local authority being read as references to Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (ii) a member of a committee of a local authority being read as references to the persons appointed to be members of Ngā Wai Tōtā under [section 118](#).

121 Rights extended to Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Mōkai Pātea

- (1) Ngā Wai Tōtā may seek advice or guidance in the performance of its functions from 1 or both of the following entities, and for that purpose may invite a representative of each of those entities to attend meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā:
 - (a) Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa; and
 - (b) the representative entity of Mōkai Pātea (and when that entity is succeeded by a governance entity, a representative of that governance entity).
- (2) A representative of each of the entities referred to in subsection (1) may attend any meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (3) Persons attending meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā under subsection (1) or (2) do not have the right to vote at meetings.
- (4) The procedures of Ngā Wai Tōtā must provide for the manner in which Ngā Wai Tōtā is to conduct meetings with the representatives referred to in subsections (1) and (2).

Schedule 6 Administration of Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū

[ss 120, 122](#)

1 Chairperson and deputy chairperson

- (1) At its first meeting, Ngā Wai Tōtā must appoint 1 of its members as the chairperson.
- (2) The term of office of a chairperson is 3 years, unless the chairperson resigns or is removed by Ngā Wai Tōtā during that term.
- (3) The chairperson of Ngā Wai Tōtā may be reappointed or removed by Ngā Wai Tōtā.

- (4) At its first meeting, Ngā Wai Tōtā must appoint a deputy chairperson, and that appointment is subject to the same conditions as set out in subclauses (2) and (3).
- (5) The deputy chairperson must act as the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson from a meeting.
- (6) If the chairperson or deputy chairperson is absent from 3 consecutive meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā, that person may be removed from that office, unless the rest of the members of Ngā Wai Tōtā decide otherwise.

2 Resignation or removal of members

- (1) A member may resign from Ngā Wai Tōtā by giving written advice to the organisation that appointed the member.
- (2) The organisation that appointed a member may remove the member from Ngā Wai Tōtā by giving written advice to the member and Ngā Wai Tōtā.

3 Procedures

- (1) Ngā Wai Tōtā must, at its first meeting, adopt a set of procedures for the operation of Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (2) The procedures of Ngā Wai Tōtā must appropriately reflect—
 - (a) the purpose and function of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (b) the principle of consensus decision making; and
 - (c) the range of interests of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (d) how Ngā Wai Tōtā will work with the representatives invited to meetings under [section 121](#) to support the involvement of Ngāti Tūwharetoa and Mōkai Pātea in the operation of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (e) the kawa, tikanga, and ritenga of Ngā Iwi o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika.
- (3) The procedures adopted apply from the first meeting, but may be amended from time to time by resolution.
- (4) Ngā Wai Tōtā may appoint committees to deal with particular issues in relation to the performance of its functions.
- (5) Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā must comply with the procedures of Ngā Wai Tōtā.

4 Meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā

- (1) At the first meeting of Ngā Wai Tōtā in each year of its term, Ngā Wai Tōtā must adopt a schedule of meetings for the year that it considers will enable it to achieve its purpose and discharge its functions.
- (2) Ngā Wai Tōtā must review the schedule from time to time to ensure that Ngā Wai Tōtā meets often enough to achieve its purpose and discharge its functions.
- (3) Meetings of Ngā Wai Tōtā may be in person or by other means as determined by Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (4) The quorum for a meeting of Ngā Wai Tōtā is not less than 50% of the members and must include—
 - (a) the chairperson or the deputy chairperson; and
 - (b) at least 2 members appointed by the iwi appointing organisations; and
- (c) at least 2 members appointed by the local authority appointing organisations.
- (5) Ngā Wai Tōtā may invite other persons and organisations, including government agencies,—
 - (a) to participate in its meetings;
 - (b) to contribute to the work of Ngā Wai Tōtā, including by providing technical support to Ngā Wai Tōtā.

5 Decision making

- (1) Ngā Wai Tōtā must make its decisions at its meetings or by other means agreed by Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (2) The members of Ngā Wai Tōtā must approach decision making in a manner that—
 - (a) is consistent with the purpose of Ngā Wai Tōtā (*see* [section 115](#)) and the requirement that it operate in a collaborative manner (*see* [section 116\(3\)\(b\)](#)); and
 - (b) seeks to achieve consensus.
- (3) If the chairperson (or deputy chairperson) considers, after reasonable discussion, that consensus on a matter is not practicable, the decision on the matter may be made by a 75% majority of those members present and voting at the meeting, as long as there are present an equal number of members appointed by iwi and of members appointed by the local authorities.
- (4) The chairperson and deputy chairperson of Ngā Wai Tōtā may vote on any matter but do not have a casting vote.
- (5) Members of Ngā Wai Tōtā who are also members of a local authority are not—
 - (a) disqualified from participating in any decision making by the local authority by virtue of being a member of Ngā Wai Tōtā or participating in the making of a decision of Ngā Wai Tōtā; or
 - (b) bound to consult or seek direction from the local authority.
- (6) A member of Ngā Wai Tōtā is not precluded by the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 from discussing or voting on a matter merely because—
 - (a) the member is also a member of a local authority; or
 - (b) the member is a member of a relevant iwi or a hapū and the economic, social, cultural, and spiritual values of the iwi or hapū and their relationships with Ngā Wai Tōtā are advanced by or reflected in—
 - (i) the subject matter under consideration; or
 - (ii) any decision by or recommendation of Ngā Wai Tōtā; or
 - (iii) participation in the matter by the member.

6 Liability

The members of Ngā Wai Tōtā are not personally liable for actions taken or omissions made in their capacity as members, as long as they act in good faith.

7 Support for Ngā Wai Tōtā

Administrative support

- (1) The Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council is responsible for providing administrative support to Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (2) The administrative support referred to in subclause (1) includes the provision of the services necessary to enable Ngā Wai Tōtā to carry out its functions, including under this Act, the [Local Government Act 2002](#), and any other Act that applies to Ngā Wai Tōtā.
- (3) The Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council must—
 - (a) hold, in 1 or more separate interest-bearing accounts, any funds it receives on behalf of Ngā Wai Tōtā; and
 - (b) expend those funds at the direction of Ngā Wai Tōtā.

Technical support

- (4) The members of Ngā Wai Tōtā may be supported at any meeting by technical advisers.
- (5) The Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council must provide technical support to Ngā Wai Tōtā from existing work programmes and must endeavour to accommodate unbudgeted resource requests from Ngā Wai Tōtā where possible.

10.2 Draft Waste Management Minimisation Plan**Author: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer****Authoriser: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer****1. Reason for Report**

1.1 The purpose of this item is to provide a draft of the Waste Management Minimisation Plan (WMMP) to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.

2. Background

2.1 Council has a legislative requirement to develop a Waste Management Minimisation Plan every 6 years. A Waste Assessment was completed in 2024 which provided the background information to support the development of the WMMP.

2.2 Consultation on the draft WMMP is planned to occur simultaneous to the Annual Plan in April 2025.

Attachments:

- 1. Draft Waste Management Minimisation Plan (under separate cover)**

Recommendation

That the discussion item Draft Waste Management Minimisation Plan be received.

11 Meeting Closed.