



Agenda

Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) Meeting

**Thursday 15 August 2024
at 9.00am**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cr Eady Manawaiti (Chairperson)

Mayor John Robertson

Cr Dan Tasker

MICHELLE HIGGLE
MANAGER – GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

ORDER PAPER

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WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WAITOMO DISTRICT COUNCIL TE RAANGAI WHAKAKAUPAPA KOORERO (MĀORI RELATIONS COMMITTEE) HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, QUEEN STREET, TE KUITI ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024 AT 2.30PM

PRESENT: Councillor Eady Manawaiti (Chairperson)
Mayor John Robertson
Councillor Dan Tasker

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 Representatives of Mana Whenua O Marokopa

Councillor Gavin Todd
Chief Executive, Ben Smit
Manager – Governance Support, Michelle Higgie
Senior Strategy and Policy Advisor, Alice Tasker

1. Karakia Tuwhera

2. Apologies

Apology for lateness from the Chief Executive.

3. Declarations of Member Conflicts of Interest
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No declarations were made.

4. Confirmation of Minutes – 9 November 2023

Resolution

The Minutes of a meeting of the Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) held on 9 November 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Robertson/Tasker Carried

5. Activity Report: November 2023 to February 2024

The Committee considered a business paper documenting, for recording and transparency purposes, the activities of Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) during the period November 2023 to February 2024 as follows:

Date	Event
25 January 2024	Meeting at Piopio School with Te Whare ki Mōkau ki Runga
27 February 2024	Meeting at Council Chambers with Te Whare ki Rereahu representatives

Resolution

The Activity Report – November 2023 to February 2024 be received.

Tasker/Robertson Carried

6. 2024 Work Plan

The Committee considered a business paper seeking consideration of a proposed Work Plan for the period to July 2024.

Resolution

- 1 The business paper on Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Work Plan be received.
- 2 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero approve the following Work Plan:

Activity	Timeframe
Continue development of the engagement model with Māori.	Now to July 2024
Support with whanau for the Te Kuiti Water Resilience project.	Now to July 2024
Support the development of a model to improve the understanding of staff (and potentially Elected Members) of Te Reo, Te Ao Māori and Tiriti.	May to July 2024
Support the connections with Whare and Marae for the development of Town / District Gateway Entrance statements as required.	March to June 2024

- 3 The next meeting of the Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero be scheduled for August 2024 at a date and time to be agreed by the Committee members.

Robertson/Tasker Carried

Representatives of Mana Whenua O Marokopa entered the meeting at 2.45pm.

Chairperson Manawaiti welcomed the Mana Whenua O Marokopa representatives to the meeting.

7. Presentation: Mana Whenua O Marokopa – Campground and School House Proposal

The Committee received a presentation from Mana Whenua O Marokopa (Working Group) whanau detailing the history of the land ownership and development relative to the Marokopa Campground and old School property.

The whanau asked, based on the historical land ownership, that Council consider returning the land to mana whenua.

The whanau asked Council not to sell the property because it is not currently paying its way, but that Council work with Mana Whenua O Marokopa to come up with viable options.

Mayor Robertson advised the whanau that the Chief Executive has been instructed to get the Marokopa Campground to operate without ratepayer subsidy, and agreed that in the interim Council will continue to work with the Mana Whenua O Marokopa Work Group on building a relationship for management of the Campground and Old School House property in the future.

The whanau advised they wish to build a relationship/partnership with the Council and work toward having access to services which are currently not available locally to Marokopa whanau utilizing the property which they feel is appropriate for this purpose.

The Chief Executive advised that first and foremost the health and safety concerns with the old derelict school building must be addressed as it is constantly being broken into and inhabited unlawfully. He advised that for these reasons the best option will be to have the old building demolished. The Chief Executive asked if the whanau had any issues with Council demolishing the building.

The whanau advised that it is not the buildings, but the land itself which holds importance to mana whenua.

The whanau want to work with Council to build a 6 month plan and then a long term vision for the future of the land.

Chairperson Manawaiti thanked the Marokopa whanau for their presentation, advised that Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero will make a recommendation to the Council meeting on 26 March 2024 taking into account the wishes expressed by the Marokopa whanau at this meeting.

Resolution

- 1 The Presentation from Mana whenua o Marokopa on a proposal for the Marokopa Campground and old School House be received.
- 2 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero provide input into the development of a recommendation to Council for the 26 March 2024 meeting on the future management of the Marokopa Campground and old School House.

Robertson/Tasker Carried

8. Karakia Whakamutunga

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45pm

Dated this day of 2024

EADY MANAWAITI
CHAIRPERSON

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**Report To: Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero
(Māori Relations Committee)**



Meeting Date: 15 August 2024

Subject: **Activity Report: April 2024 to July 2024**

Type: Information Only

Author(s): Michelle Higgle
Manager – Governance Support

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this business paper is to document, for recording and transparency purposes, the activities of Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) during the period April 2024 to July 2024.

2. Suggested Resolutions

- 2.1 The following are suggested resolutions only and do not represent Council policy until such time as they are adopted by formal resolution.

1 The Activity Report – April 2024 to July 2024 be received.

3. Background

- 3.1 At a Workshop of the Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (Māori Relations Committee) (TRWK) in May 2023, it was acknowledged by the Committee that carrying out many of the responsibilities delegated by Council and documented in the Terms of Reference, would be unachievable solely through the convening of formal meetings of TRWK.

- 3.2 This was due to a number of reasons including, but not limited to –

- Public notification requirements in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) i.e. all meetings of Council (which includes its Committees) to be publicly notified, not more than 14 days and not less than 5 days before the end of the month that is prior to month in which the meeting is to be held.
- The need to prepare formal Agendas and associated taking of Minutes.
- All Council meetings (including Committees) are to be run in accordance with WDC's Standing Orders for Meetings.

- 3.3 Council accepted a recommendation from the TRWK to amend the Terms of Reference so that the TRWK could meet on an "as required" basis, however the restrictions of the legislative requirements of LGOIMA and Standing Orders cannot be changed.

- 3.4 The TRWK noted that much of the workload would need to be completed outside of formal meetings i.e. hui with Te Nehenehenui, Whare, Hapū, and other stakeholder groups and interested parties at various locations around the District.

- 3.5 Therefore, for recording and transparency purposes the activities undertaken by the TRWK between formal meetings should be reported by way of an Activity Report.

4. Commentary

4.1 Frequently members of the TRWK attend meetings/events where the subject of the meeting/event falls within the responsibilities of TRWK as documented in the Terms of Reference. In these instances members have two roles – one as a Waitomo District elected member and the other as a TRWK Committee member.

4.2 Māori Representation Review

4.3 **Decision not to introduce Māori Wards**

4.4 The major focus of the TRWK during 2023 was Māori Representation Review, and more specifically the consideration and consultation on the establishment of Māori Wards as provided for in the Local Electoral Act 2001. That process involved –

- Pre-consultation meetings with Whare
- The formal Consultation Process (including further meetings with Whare)
- Receiving submissions
- Hearing of Submitters
- Council deliberations and final decision

4.5 Council at a meeting on 17 October 2023 deliberated on all submissions received (written and verbal) and resolved not to introduce Māori Wards for the 2025 and 2028 Local Government Elections, but to work with mana whenua through its committee Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero to develop a model of representation that enhances relationships between Council and mana whenua and provides a platform to discuss and advance issues that are of interest to Māori.

4.6 **Development of a Māori Representation Model**

4.7 The focus of TRWK post the decision not to introduce Māori Wards has been to develop a suitable model for Māori Representation going forward.

4.8 Representation Model to enhance relationships between Council and Mana Whenua

4.9 At the TRWK Meeting on 9 November 2023, TRWK considered a business paper presenting suggestions for consideration in the development of a model for engagement with mana whenua that enhances relationships between Council and mana whenua, and which will provide a platform to discuss and advance issues that are of interest to Māori. At that meeting TRWK Chair, Councillor Manawaiti, reiterated that not all Whare had supported the establishment of Māori Wards and summarised that the first part of creating a suitable model for Māori Representation going forward would be to re-engage with each Whare as to how they wish Council to engage with them in future.

4.10 This further re-engagement with each Whare is currently the major focus of TRWK.

4.11 TRWK at its meeting on 7 March 2024 also approved the following Work Plan which also requires significant work outside of a formal meeting schedule –

Activity	Timeframe
Continue development of the engagement model with Māori.	Now to July 2024
Support with whanau for the Te Kuiti Water Resilience project.	Now to July 2024
Support the development of a model to improve the understanding of staff (and potentially Elected Members) of Te Reo, Te Ao Māori and Tiriti.	May to July 2024
Support the connections with Whare and Marae for the development of Town / District Gateway Entrance statements as required.	March to June 2024

- 4.12 Set out below are details of various activities/events/hui members of the TRWK have attended since the last formal TRWK meeting held on 7 March 2024.

Date	Event
7 May 2024	Meeting with Jimmy Holland re Hetet Water Reservoir
8 May 2024	Tiroa/Te Hape Trust Governance meeting in Te Kuiti
24 June 2024	TRWK Catch Up/Priorities with Chief Executive, Ben Smit
3 July 2024	<p>Meeting with Mayor John Robertson and Councillor Dan Tasker on TRWK issues.</p> <p>Follow up meeting with Te Tai Hauauru Ki Uta Whare representative Ronnie Takarei re: Māori Representation Model discussion with Whare representatives.</p>
12 July 2024	Meeting with Holland/Searancke representatives re: Hetet Water Reservoir access and easement.

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**Report To: Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero
(Māori Relations Committee)**



Meeting Date: 15 August 2024

Subject: **Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Work Plan**

Type: Decision Required

Author(s): Ben Smit
Chief Executive

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this business paper is to provide an update on progress against the Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Work Plan adopted 7 March 2024, and to present a revised Work Plan for consideration and adoption.

2. Suggested Resolutions

- 2.1 The following are suggested resolutions only and do not represent Council policy until such time as they are adopted by formal resolution.

- 1 The business paper on Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Work Plan be received.
- 2 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero adopt the following revised Work Plan:

Activity	Timeframe
Continue development of the engagement model with Māori.	October 2024
Support with whanau for the Te Kuiti Water Resilience project.	Ongoing but hope to resolve by December 2024
Support the development of a model to improve the understanding of staff (and potentially Elected Members) of Te Reo, Te Ao Māori and Tiriti.	Model developed and in place for staff by October 2024

3. Background

- 3.1 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero (TRWK) was formed as part of Council's committee structure introduced after the last election.
- 3.2 TRWK was involved with the Representation Review on Māori representation for the Waitomo District Council and is now involved with the development of an appropriate model of engagement working with the Whare who have a presence in our District. This new model could have the potential to change how TRWK operates.
- 3.3 At the 7 March 2024 meeting of TRWK, a Work Plan was presented for consideration and adoption. Given the uncertain nature of the future exact operation of TRWK at that time, that Work Plan only extended until July 2024, noting that another Work Plan would be created for consideration post July 2024.
- 3.4 The Work Plan adopted on 7 March 2024 is as follows:

Activity	Timeframe
Continue development of the Engagement Model with Māori.	Now to July 2024
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4. Commentary

4.1 UPDATE ON PROGRESS AGAINST WORK PLAN ADOPTED 7 MARCH 2024

4.2 Development of Engagement Model with Māori

4.3 Refer to the business paper "Options for New Model of Māori Representation" contained elsewhere in this Agenda for this update.

4.4 Te Kuiti Water Resilience Project

4.5 As detailed in the business paper "Activity Report: April 2024 to July 2024" contained elsewhere in this Agenda, members of TRWK have had meetings with Holland/Searancke whanau representatives. There have also been other meetings convened between whanau representatives and WDC staff relating to the Hetet Water Reservoir portion of the Resilience project.

4.6 Further meetings with relevant whanau and/or their representatives will be scheduled in relation to the historical grievances that surround the existing Hetet Reservoir.

4.7 Introduction of Te Reo, Te Ao Māori and Tiriti to WDC Staff

4.8 The aim is to develop and deliver a program designed to assist Waitomo District Council in fulfilling its cultural responsibilities by building upon the existing cultural capabilities of all staff members.

4.9 The program will be designed to foster a foundational understanding of tikanga (customs), local history, the Māori Language and Te Tiriti o Waitangi from a Māori world view. It will aim to build upon the existing cultural knowledge and sensitivity of staff, thereby enhancing their ability to better serve and engage with the diverse communities of Waitomo.

4.10 A staff survey on a wide range of topics is being undertaken now. Three questions in the survey relate specifically to staff members views of their cultural competence. This will provide a benchmark to see whether future training has been effective.

4.11 The plan is to fully develop a 12 month program with a provider and start delivery of this as soon as possible. It is intended that this involve facilitated cultural site visits and a range of experiences to enrich the understanding.

4.12 The planned approach is to have monthly two hour sessions with staff groups of 10-15. The sessions are to include exploring the past and cultural concepts like karakia, wananga, traditional arts and whakapapa, getting a deeper understanding of Māori culture and protocols, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Kiingitanga and Te Reo, and being able to apply this in a work and wider environment.

4.13 The concept is that this knowledge will create understanding and empathy and that translates into changed attitudes and behaviours.

4.14 This mahi scope is currently limited to WDC staff. Is there an interest to create an unbridged version for Elected Members?

4.15 Development of Town/District Gateway Entrance Statements

- 4.16 The '3 Waters Better-off' funding available for District and Town Gateway Entrances has been reprioritized so that its focus is on traffic calming so any cultural representation (through signage) for the District and individual towns is no longer part of this project.
- 4.17 Images for refreshing current District Entry signage have been socialized with Elected Members.
- 4.18 Any future work in this space will be bought to future TRWK hui.

4.19 UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH PROJECTS NOT INCLUDED IN THE WORK PLAN

4.20 Motakiora Brook Park *(Kaitiaki Agreement, Discussions with Ngati Rora on Guardianship, and Signage)*

- 4.21 Staff, through their regular hui with Ngati Rora have raised the potential for a Kaitiaki Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding between WDC and Ngati Rora regarding the cultural significance of parts or all of Brook Park.
- 4.22 Ngati Rora have indicated they are developing a legal entity that could be used as the Kaitiaki Agreement partner with WDC.
- 4.23 The other consideration is what parts of Brook Park would Ngati Rora want to have as part of the Kaitiaki Agreement. This is also being considered by them.
- 4.24 Progress on both of these components is being discussed with staff. TRWK will be kept informed of progress. Ngati Rora has been invited to attend this hui to discuss.

4.25 Matariki Celebrations delivered by Council

- 4.26 A Dawn Service took place on Saturday 22 June 2024 at Centennial Park. The Ceremony commenced at sunrise, where community members came together to reflect. Following the service, attendees enjoyed a community BBQ.

4.27 Kiritehere Cemetery/Urupa

- 4.28 A request was received from Kiritehere whanau in relation to the potential reopening of the Kiritehere Cemetery for interments in the form of the development of a wall.
- 4.29 A Closing Order (Kiritehere Closing Order 1967) and Gazette Notice dated 31 August 1967 were issued for the Cemetery. Control and management was divested to the Waitomo County Council.
- 4.30 Our Environmental Health Protection Manual (Version 19, May 2024) has the following information on reopening of closed cemeteries and burial grounds. The Burials Act S45A refers to public consultation and compliance with the RMA.

7.3.6 Reopening of closed cemeteries and burial grounds

The Director of Public Health (acting under delegated authority) may reopen a closed cemetery or burial ground if satisfied that the cemetery or burial ground should be reopened, the local community consulted, and the reopening complies with the Resource Management Act 1991 (Burial and Cremation Act 1964, ss.45A – 45D).

The following information should be included in any application to reopen a cemetery or burial ground.

- *The reason for reopening. For example this could include such things as how far away is the nearest open cemetery or burial ground, are there public transport difficulties in relatives getting to visit grave*
- *The result of any public consultation.*
- *Has a description of the land been included in the application?*

- *Who is the cemetery land vested in? If it is not the district council is there any proposal that it should be? If so, this would need to be included in the reopening order.*
- *Who is the control and management of the cemetery or burial ground to be vested in?*
- *Is the cemetery land a reserve under the Reserves Act? If so evidence that the Department of Conservation has been consulted and what their view is.*
- *Does the proposed operation of the cemetery comply with the provisions of the Council's district plan? If it does, no resource consent is required. Compliance with the Resource Management Act must be included as it is one of the statutory requirements that the Director of Public Health must consider.*
- *What is the proposed date of reopening?*
- *Are there any conditions or exceptions that are to be included in the reopening order?*

There is no checklist / template for reopening of cemeteries in our manual unlike creating denominational burial grounds etc.

- 4.31 The application, from a staff perspective, seems achievable. It is likely some form of additional engagement with the wider Marokopa/Kiritehere communities will be required and is achievable.
- 4.32 The capital for the development of the interment wall is estimated to be \$5,000 – \$10,000. This can be achieved using existing budgets.
- 4.33 Given this information and informal discussions with Elected Members, this project is achievable so staff look forward to the TRWK's response.

4.34 REVISED WORK PLAN

- 4.35 Until such time as the Engagement Model with Māori is finalised, the exact future operation of TRWK remains uncertain and therefore it is proposed that the revised Work Plan continue to have a limited timeframe.
- 4.36 The Work Plan adopted by TRWK in March 2024 is still relevant, with removal of the "Town/District Gateway Entrance" project, however new timeframes are proposed as below.

Activity	Timeframe
Continue development of the engagement model with Māori.	October 2024
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5. Analysis of Options

- 5.1 Not having a Work Plan will mean there is a lack of clarity for what the Committee does. A Work Plan will provide better direction, including the setting of goals and enabling adequate resourcing is made available moving forward.

6. Considerations

6.1 RISK

6.2 As above in Section 5.1.

6.3 CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING PLANS AND POLICIES

6.4 Having a Work Plan is consistent with Council policies.

6.5 SIGNIFICANCE AND COMMUNITY VIEWS

6.6 There would be no issues in this regard. The community would see that having a Work Plan is a positive thing.

7. Recommendation

7.1 TRWK review and adopt the revised Work Plan.

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**Report To: Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero
(Māori Relations Committee)**



Meeting Date: 15 August 2024

Subject: **Options for New Model of Māori Representation**

Type: Decision Required

Author(s): Ben Smit
Chief Executive

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this business paper is to present to the Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Committee (TRWK) options for a new model of Māori representation.

2. Suggested Resolutions

- 2.1 The following are suggested resolutions only and do not represent Council policy until such time as they are adopted by formal resolution.
- 1 The business paper on Options for a New Model of Māori Representation be received.
 - 2 Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero Committee's preferred Option moving forward is ...

3. Background

- 3.1 Under the Local Electoral Act 2001, all councils are required to review their representation arrangements at least once every six years.
- 3.2 When Waitomo District Council began this review in 2023, the requirement was to also review Māori representation and the inclusion of Māori Wards.
- 3.3 Following consultation with the community and deliberation of all submissions to the 2023 Māori Representation Review, at its meeting on 17 October 2023, Council resolved the following:
- “Council work with mana whenua through its Committee Te Raangai Whakakaupapa Koorero to develop a model of representation that enhances relationships between Council and mana whenua and provides a platform to discuss and advance issues that are of interest to Māori.*
- Council does not introduce Māori Wards for the 2025 and 2028 Local Government Elections.”*
- 3.4 At the TRWK meeting on 9 November 2023, TRWK considered a business paper presenting suggestions for consideration of the development of a model for engagement with mana whenua that enhances relationships between Council and mana whenua, and which will provide a platform to discuss and advance issues that are of interest to Māori.

3.5 At that meeting TRWK Chair, Councillor Manawaiti, reiterated that not all Whare had supported the establishment of Māori Wards and summarised that the first part of creating a suitable model for Māori Representation going forward will be to re-engage with each Whare as to how they wish Council to engage with them in future.

3.6 TRWK returned to Whare to discuss what a model of representation could look like. This was keeping in mind the bigger picture of what Council is aiming to achieve, including acknowledging the Local Government Act 2002 which states:

A local authority must—

- (a) establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and*
 - (b) consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and*
 - (c) provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b).*
- (LGA s.81(1))*

3.5 TRWK have now met with all interested Whare groups and now needs to decide on a way forward for Māori representation to be recommended to the full Council.

4. Commentary

4.1 The below meetings have been held with Whare over 2024:

Date	Event
25 January 2024	Meeting at Piopio School with Te Whare ki Mōkau ki Runga
27 February 2024	Meeting at Council Chambers with Te Whare ki Rereahu representatives
7 March 2024	Meeting at Council Chambers with Te Runanga o Ngāti Mahuta ki te Hauāuru
15 April 2024	Meeting at Tiroa House with Te Whare Tokanganui a Noho
12 August 2024	Meeting at Tokikapu Marae with Te Whare Hauaauru ki Uta

4.2 At these meetings TRWK presented options for representation to start the discussion, acknowledging that these options were not exhaustive but provided a starting point. Each of the options/examples are outlined below.

4.3 Strategic Partnership Agreement – Strategic Plan

4.4 This is an example of three councils (Nelson, Tasman, Marlborough) and eight iwi who have a partnership agreement (Together Te Tauihu) through which they developed a shared strategy (Te Tauihu Intergenerational Strategy (2020)).

4.5 The partnership meets annually to review the strategic plan, which has a focus on being good ancestors. The partners engage in shared decision making forums for dialogue and to co-design significant practices and policies ensuring Māori perspectives are integral to the process.

4.6 The group decide together on shared priorities for the region and create the action plan, which is then delivered by the different parties.

4.7 Impacts of this sort of model

- a) The shared strategy allows a level of removal from operation processes and removes the difficulty of trying to align meetings and Māori engagement with WDCs timeframes for consultation (LTP, policies and strategies, etc.).

- b) Can have many voices as part of the strategy, could include Whare and Iwi to come together with Council
- c) An ability to for the Council and mana whenua to work together to stand back and think about a big picture vision for the District, and how we can work together to achieve it
- d) Development and review of Council strategies and policies can be done in alignment with the shared strategy and Māori vision for Waitomo

4.8 **Kāpiti District Council Committee – Te Whakaminenga o Kāpiti**

- 4.9 This is a committee of council made up of a councillor, the mayor, and one representative each from the local iwi authority (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Toa Rangatira), a marae management committee (Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki), and Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust.
- 4.10 These representatives discuss matters of social, environmental, economic and cultural significance to tangata whenua.
- 4.11 The Council work directly with relevant hapū on matters of special interest.
- 4.12 This committee meets every six weeks. The objectives of the committee are:
- To provide a forum to discuss issues affecting wellbeing of tāngata whenua;
 - To assist iwi and hapū participation in resource management;
 - Council understanding of Treaty of Waitangi and Treaty settlements, and advise on tikanga Māori and kaitiakitanga;
 - Facilitate information exchange and for tangata whenua to advice council or make recommendations on policies and plans;
 - Appoint and delegate appropriate powers to working parties to address specific work areas; and
 - Implement and evaluate priorities within the strategic workplan.
- 4.13 Committee members have voting rights around the table but the committee has not been delegated decision making powers.
- 4.14 Impacts of this sort of model
- a) Could provide a discussion forum for different Whare groups in the District, and allows for input into council planning and strategy
 - b) Topics could end up becoming quite operational or a double up of topics discussed at Council or by operations
- 4.15 **TRWK meeting informally with Whare twice annually**
- 4.16 This model would look something similar to the recent engagement the committee have been having with Whare, by visiting Whare at their regular meetings. The suggestion has been to offer each Whare to meet with the committee every six months to discuss issues of importance to the Whare or a local marae.
- 4.17 As these cannot be formal meetings of the committee, the committee would then also meet together about every 3 months or so to feedback what has been discussed and, where necessary for decision making, make recommendations to Council.
- 4.18 This would not provide any decision making power, or input into decision making for Māori, but provides a forum for Whare to raise concerns with councillors.

4.19 Impacts of this sort of model

- a) Committee can encourage involvement in council decision making through current avenues i.e. making submissions, bringing a deputation to TRWK committee etc.
- b) Easy to implement process, can be dynamic
- c) Could result in more operational matters discussed with less strategic level discussion

4.20 **Discussion with Whare**

4.21 Mixed feedback was received from each Whare that TRWK met with over the year in discussing the above options for Māori representation at Council.

4.22 There was some disappointment aired about the process that was followed and a feeling that the consultation wasn't a genuine process from Te Whare Tokanganui a Noho. However, no suggestion on a model that may work going forward. Some issues were raised about the feasibility of a committee with Whare representatives due to the busy volunteer schedules of Whare members and the two year terms that they serve not matching up with Council's three year terms.

4.23 Te Whare ki Mōkau ki Runga are the most interested in a committee structure model with representatives from each Whare.

4.24 Still in early stages of establishing a Whare, Te Whare ki Rereahu, were more interested in meeting one on one with Council rather than being part of a committee.

4.25 At the time of writing this paper, the committee have not yet met with Te Whare Hauaauru ki Uta, this meeting is scheduled for 12 August.

4.26 Te Runanga o Ngāti Mahuta ki te Hauāuru met with the committee at Council to discuss but have not come back with any feedback from their wider whānau.

4.27 **Going Forward**

4.28 Due to the mixed nature of the responses from Whare and no clear way forward, officers are unable to provide advice to the Committee on the best course of action. It may be that a mixed model is preferred.

5. **Options**

5.1 TRWK have the following options for consideration:

- 1 Form a Committee to create a Strategic Plan for Māori in the District
- 2 Form a Committee with Representatives from each Whare
- 3 Continue to meet with Whare biannually or as needed
- 4 Any other option or combination of the above

6. **Considerations**

6.1 **RISK**

6.2 There is a risk of taking too long to begin a new model for Māori representation that momentum will be lost and nothing will be bedded in prior to the 2025 elections. Whare may lose interest in the process.

6.3 **CONSISTENCY WITH EXISTING PLANS AND POLICIES**

6.4 Forming a model for Māori representation is consistent with other plans and policies.

6.4 **SIGNIFICANCE AND COMMUNITY VIEWS**

6.5 A decision here is not likely to be considered significant in accordance with the Significance and Engagement Policy but due consideration of affected parties has been taken into account through the ongoing engagement with Whare over the past year.