



**I, Fergus Power, Chief Executive Officer, hereby give notice that
a Māori Standing Committee Meeting will be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2017
Time: 12.30pm
Location: Council Chamber, Wairoa District Council,
Coronation Square, Wairoa

AGENDA

Māori Standing Committee Meeting

13 July 2017

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A maximum of 30 minutes has been set aside for members of the public to speak on any item on the agenda. Up to 5 minutes per person is allowed. As per Standing Order 14.14 requests to speak must be made to the meeting secretary at least one clear day before the meeting; however this requirement may be waived by the Chairperson.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Ordinary Meeting - 8 June 2017

**MINUTES OF WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT PUTERE MARAE, 2084 PUTERE ROAD, WAIROA
ON THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2017 AT 12.56PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Craig Little (Mayor), Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert, Mr Kiwa Hammond, Mr Paul Kelly, Mrs Here Nissen, Ms Whaiora Maindonald, Mr Henare Mita, Ms Sharon Cooper, Ms Theresa Thornton

IN ATTENDANCE: K Tipuna (Economic Development & Engagement Manager), D Culshaw (Maori Relationship Manager), E Guzman (Governance Advisor), R Moyle (Executive Assistant)

1 KARAKIA

The karakia was led by Walker Gilbert.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/21

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mrs Here Nissen

That the apologies received from Cr J Harker, Mr P Whaanga, Mr F Power and Mrs C Knight be accepted.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4 CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson announced the outcome of the interview process for the Māori Relationships Manager position. The Chairperson announced that Duane Culshaw have been offered and has accepted the position.

5 LATE ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 1) Te Reo Māori Policy Consultation Process
- 2) HBRC Submission
- 3) Unscheduled Meeting – Sitting Fee
- 4) Te Maruata Hui – Saturday, 22 July 2017
- 5) MSC Point of Contact

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/22**

Moved: Mr Kiwa Hammond

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the Māori Standing Committee thank the following for their participations:

- Walker Gilbert Jnr – internet connection and possibility of a repeater/connector for the Marae; metal for roads, culvert that needs maintenance; improving the road to Putere Marae
- Alan Smith – rural emergency response and civic response to emergencies
- Marie Moses – Nūhaka issues, communication equipment needs
- Ina Kara-France – museum and library improper handling and storage of important taonga and historical artefacts; Mātauranga Māori Freshwater National Policy Statement
- Katarina Kawana – water quality and erosion into the lake, dumping of rubbish materials into the lake, obnoxious weeds
- Christine Smith – freshwater strategy, environmental forum, chemical run off.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/23

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mrs Here Nissen

That the Māori Standing Committee thank Nicola Henderson, NZ Walking Access Commission for her presentation regarding NZ Walking Access Commission, Access along rivers, lakes and the coast, and Walking Access Rights and Responsibilities.

CARRIED

At 1:48 pm, Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert left the meeting.

At 1:49 pm, His Worship the Mayor Craig Little left the meeting.

At 1:50 pm, Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert returned to the meeting.

At 1:51 pm, His Worship the Mayor Craig Little returned to the meeting.

At 1:51 pm, Mr Paul Kelly left the meeting.

At 1:53 pm, Mr Paul Kelly returned to the meeting.

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/24**

Moved: Mrs Here Nissen

Seconded: Ms Sharon Cooper

That the minutes [and confidential minutes] of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11 May 2017 be confirmed with minor editorial amendments to read as follows:

7 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/16**

Moved: Mr H Mita

Seconded: Cr Charlie Lambert

That K Hammond (Chairperson), A Manuel and H Nissen will represent the Māori Standing Committee for the submission to the Māori Affairs Select Committee and the Chairperson will speak on it.

8 GENERAL ITEMS**2. WASTE WATER CONSENT FORUM**

The stakeholders group have met twice to continue their discussion around the consent process for the Wastewater Consent to HBRC. The group is a cross-section of the Wairoa community to assist the Council to consider the most practicable option for the new consent.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/25

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

Against: Cr Paul Kelly

That the Māori Standing Committee no longer require formal representation to the Wairoa Wastewater Stakeholder Group.

CARRIED

At 2:17 pm, Mrs Here Nissen left the meeting.

At 2:20 pm, Mrs Here Nissen returned to the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/26

Moved: Mrs Here Nissen

Seconded: Mr Henare Mita

That the Committee hold the second half of the Road Naming Workshop on Wednesday, 14 June 2017 at the Council Chambers.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/27

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Mr Paul Kelly

That the Committee resolve that Chairperson Kiwa Hammond and Ms Sharon Cooper represent the Māori Standing Committee at the next Te Maruata hui scheduled for Saturday, 22 July 2017 and that travel arrangements and sitting fee be approved.

CARRIED

At 2:30 pm, Ms Sharon Cooper left the meeting.

At 2:33 pm, Ms Theresa Thornton left the meeting.

At 2:38 pm, Ms Sharon Cooper returned to the meeting.

At 2:38 pm, Ms Theresa Thornton returned to the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/28

Moved: Mrs Here Nissen

Seconded: Ms Sharon Cooper

That the Māori Standing Committee formally define the role of the Committee's Deputy Chairperson who shall assume the role of Chairperson in his absence and that staff be directed to update the policy.

CARRIED

At 3:33 pm, Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert left the meeting.

At 3:37 pm, Cr Charles (Charlie) Lambert returned to the meeting.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/29

Moved: Mrs Here Nissen

Seconded: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

That Paul Kelly represent the Committee at the Hawke's Bay Regional Council hearing on 12 June 2017 regarding the supplementary submission of the Māori Standing Committee to the Council's submission and that a sitting fee be approved.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/30

Moved: Ms Whaiora Maindonald

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That Chairperson Kiwa Hammond, *Here Nissen* and Mr Henare Mita represent the Māori Standing Committee at the Te Reo Māori Policy Consultation hearing, if required, and that a sitting fee be approved.

CARRIED

8 GENERAL ITEMS**8.1 MRM REPORT - 8 JUNE 2017****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/31**

Moved: Mr Henare Mita

Seconded: Ms Theresa Thornton

That the Committee receive the report of the Māori Relationships Manager.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2017/32

Moved: Mr Kiwa Hammond

Seconded: Mr Paul Kelly

That the Committee receive the report of Chairperson Kiwa Hammond.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 4.18pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Māori Standing Committee Meeting held on 13 July 2017.

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CHAIRPERSON

8 GENERAL ITEMS

8.1 STATUTE BARRED RATES

Author: Kitea Tipuna, Economic Development and Engagement Manager

Authoriser: Fergus Power, Chief Executive Officer

Appendices: Nil

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To explore opportunities to mitigate issues relating to Statute Barred rates and Māori freehold land, and that those opportunities be actioned by the Economic Development and Engagement Manager.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development and Engagement Manager RECOMMENDS that the Committee receive this report and consider opportunities to mitigate issues relating to Statute Barred rates and Māori freehold land.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council at its meeting on 20 June 2017 resolved to refer the matter of statute-barred rates to the Māori Standing Committee to explore opportunities to mitigate issues relating to Māori freehold land, and that those opportunities be actioned by the Economic Development and Engagement Manager.

Statute-barred rates are rates that have been levied six or more years before, and where no legal action has been taken for recovery. When rates on General or Māori land have not been paid, they become 'Statute Barred'.

2. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to section 65 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, any action to recover unpaid rates must not be commenced in a court of competent jurisdiction later than six years after:

- (a) The date on which rates become due if the local authority required the rates to be paid in one payment in a financial year; or
- (b) The date on which the last payment became due if the local authority required the rates to be paid in a number of payments in a financial year.

2.1 Statute barred rates arrears for the year ending 30 June 2010 are \$293,306.25.

2.2 95.21% of statute-barred rates arrears are rates arrears on Māori freehold land. Ownership structures unique to Māori freehold land prohibit effective collection of rates assessed; rates arrears for Māori freehold land are often unrecoverable.

- 2.3 This issue was also discussed at the 27 June 2017 Economic Development Committee and the Chair of the Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust noted that the Trust's Māori Land Development project aligned well with Council's wish to address the issue of statute-barred rates. The Trust requested support for a Māori Land Development Project Manager which could support Council's wish to reduce the quantum of statute-barred rates as well as looking at ways of supporting Māori land owners to make their land more productive.
- 2.4 The Economic Development Committee have recommended that the CEO identify savings in the current operational budget for the purpose of allocating funds to Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust with the objective of reducing the quantum of statute-barred rates.

3. OPTIONS

- 3.1 The option identified is for the Māori Standing Committee to:
- discuss and consider opportunities to mitigate the issues of Māori freehold land and statute-barred rates and refer to the Economic Development and Engagement Manager to action.

What are the key benefits?

- 3.2 Reducing the quantum of statute-barred rates will see opportunities for Māori freehold land to become more productive, ensuring that the land parcels noted in statute-barred rates are correct and if errors are found, then those errors are corrected and/or the relevant information is updated.

What is the cost?

- 3.3 This work will be covered in existing budgets.

What is the saving?

- 3.4 The intent is to reduce the overall quantum of statute-barred rates.

Who has been consulted?

- 3.5 Tangata whenua are a significant community that needs to be involved given that over 95% of land noted in statute-barred rates is Māori freehold land, hence why this has been referred from Council to the Māori Standing Committee.

Maori Standing Committee

- 3.6 The Māori Standing Committee is well aware of this issue as it is an historic matter. Council has now referred this matter to the Māori Standing Committee to consider and address. A report will be prepared for Council with recommendations.


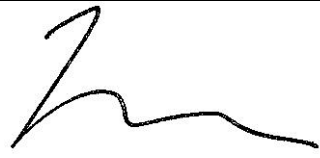
Confirmation of statutory compliance

In accordance with section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002, this report is approved as:

- containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,

- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

	
Author Kitea Tipuna	Approved by Fergus Power

8.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - REPORT FROM MSC REPRESENTATIVE PAUL KELLY

Author: Kitea Tipuna, Economic Development and Engagement Manager

Authoriser: Fergus Power, Chief Executive Officer

Appendices:

1. The Economic Development & Engagement Manager's report to the Economic Development Committee (27 June) [↓](#)
2. The Chair of Te Matarae o Te Wairoa Trust report to the Economic Development Committee (27 June) [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is presented on behalf of the Māori Standing Committee representative on the Economic Development Committee, Paul Kelly.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development and Engagement Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives this report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Economic Development Committee met on 27 June 2017 and following is a report from the Māori Standing Committee representative.

2. DRAFT WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Economic Development and Engagement Manager presented the draft Wairoa District Council Economic Development Plan and a separate report is included in this agenda on this matter for the Māori Standing Committee to consider.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER REPORT:


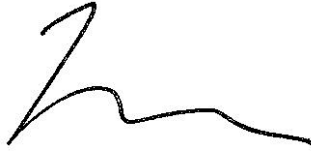
The Economic Development and Engagement Manager updated the Economic Development Committee on a number of matters. His report is appended.

4. CHAIR OF TE MATARAE O TE WAIROA TRUST REPORT:

The Chair of Te Matarae o Te Wairoa Trust updated the Economic Development Committee on a number of matters. Her report is also appended.

Of particular note is the discussion regarding the Māori Land Development Project and it's alignment to Statute Barred rates. The Economic Development Committee have recommended that the CEO identify savings in the current operational budget for the purpose of allocating funds to Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust with the objective of reducing the quantum of statute-barred rates. This work will serve multiple purposes, including, investigating the opportunities in making Māori freehold land more productive and identifying those parcels of Māori freehold land that are under-utilised with the intent to improve utilisation as well as reducing the quantum of Statute-barred rates.

Signatories

	
Author Kitea Tipuna (on behalf of Paul Kelly)	Approved by Fergus Power

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT MANAGER'S REPORT

Author: Kitea Tipuna, Economic Development and Engagement Manager

Authoriser: Fergus Power, Chief Executive Officer

Appendices: Nil

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Economic Development Committee on Council and community activities. No decisions are required by the Economic Development Committee at this stage.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development & Engagement Manager RECOMMENDS that the Economic Development Committee receive the report.

2. JMP CONSULTING BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Te Puni Kokiri has funded JMP Consulting to undertake a series of business workshops across the district. Particularly targeted at Māori business development, JMP Consulting, lead by Wairoa local Jody Hamilton, are currently undertaking business fundamentals workshops, business clinics and tailored coaching across the Wairoa District. JMP Consulting are working with a range of start-up and existing businesses including those in tourism, health and wellbeing, hospitality, beauty, retail, consultancy services, food and beverage, aquaculture, environmental services, horticulture, agriculture, arts and culture, hydro, security and accommodation. To date workshops and clinics have been held at Nūhaka, Māhia and Wairoa township with a total of approximately 30 business owners taking up the opportunity to participate in the series of workshops and clinics. This work will be completed by 30 June 2017, however there is support for ongoing delivery which will be explored with Te Puni Kokiri.

Jody and her team have seen an incredible amount of innovation and commitment in the business ideas across the district and look forward to be able to continue to work with these whanau enterprises on their business development journey.

3. ROCKET LAB TEST LAUNCH (1)

Rocket Lab's first test launch was accomplished on Thursday, 25th of May. High level of local, regional and national media attention throughout the week May 22-25. Blucks Pit in Nuhaka was established as a viewing area and was well patronised. Of particular interest was 40 vehicles and approximately 70 individuals were counted at Blucks Pit viewing area on the 23rd of May. Inclement weather meant following days were less patronised. Visitors from Auckland, Wellington, Napier, Tauranga and locals were recorded at Blucks Pit. There was also a report of two (2) tour buses (approx 50 seater each) stopping at the Mahia Beach Cafe, the buses did not stop at Blucks Pit and the Wairoa District Council notes that Blucks Pit is not

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designed for tour buses (access and turning bay). If Blucks Pit is to become a semi-permanent viewing area, additional financial support is required to further improve Blucks Pit for visitors (i.e. tour/charter bus access). Given that the Wairoa District Council agreed not to actively promote the test launch phase, visitor numbers during the week 23-25 May suggest visitor numbers are likely to increase. There is a need to organise a community meeting in Nūhaka to inform the local community of any developments going forward and to keep the local community informed and involved. The Wairoa District Council will continue to work with local operators to capitalise on the increase number of visitors in time for commercial launch phase. Wairoa Airport also received three (3) charter planes with Rocket Lab staff. The Wairoa District Council will seek to have the Wairoa Airport and the work related to its upgrades (as a viable regional transport option and asset) added as an action item onto Matariki – the Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy to encourage central government support to improve transport infrastructure.

4. UFB2 ROLLOUT

Wairoa has been re-prioritised for the Government's Ultrafast Broadband Extension (UFB2) rollout. Eighteen towns will have their UFB builds fast-tracked to be complete by the end of 2020. These are towns in Northland, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Manawatu-Whanganui and the West Coast. Work in Wairoa was initially scheduled to begin in July 2021, which would have meant a three year wait. Following that announcement by Chorus, his Worship the Mayor lobbied both Chorus and Crown Fibre Holdings to have Wairoa re-prioritised recognising the district's demographic profile was ample justification for the community to be elevated on the list. Mayor Craig Little has welcomed the announcement by Chorus to have Wairoa re-prioritised, saying high-speed internet access is an essential component in making necessary advancements for our region in a new age of technology and economic development. *"Economic development is a matter of priority in the Wairoa district, and thanks to this announcement, we can now take the next step into the 'new economy'".* UFB2 rollout in Wairoa is set to begin next year (June 2018) and is scheduled to be completed in May 2019.

5. SOCIAL INCLUSION STRATEGY

Work from throughout the region looking at social inclusion strategies continues with the intent to have this body of work intertwined and aligned within Matariki – The Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy. Good economic development inevitably means good social inclusion outcomes for the region. A regional group has been established to set out the social inclusion outcomes and it is intended that this group will meet seek to meet with and consult with the Wairoa District Council. Tentative date will be at the Council Forum scheduled for July 11th.

6. SIGNAGE

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Work continues to install boundary and other signage. These should be installed week beginning 26th of June. They include the Northern and Southern Boundary signs, a new sign for Blacks Beach and a new sign for War Memorial Park. The Wairoa District Council is currently developing a signage strategy for the district so that a comprehensive and cohesive approach to signage is developed and implemented.

- Why is a signage strategy needed:
 - Creation of bilingual signage (where appropriate).
 - Signage plays a big role in tourism as way-finding and storytelling for tourism.
 - Signage plays a significant role in conveying community identity.



There is a desire to implement new signage as a result of the above drivers. There is a risk that implementation of signage without a coherent strategy could result in ad hoc, incohesive sign design and placement.

What the Signage Strategy could potentially cover

- Identify the signage types covered by the strategy (road, parks and reserves, walkway, street, community facility). Presumably Council controlled signage rather than private signage?
- Identification of relationships with other strategies (existing parks or tourism strategies).
- Themes and objectives sought by the various types of signage (i.e what is the message).
- List of all signage in the district (Council controlled signage only).
- Guidelines for the placement, design and content, legal requirements.
- Potentially determining where signage will be located or location selection criteria.
- Programme and priorities for implementation (potentially including costings).
- The process/steps before decision to install signage. (i.e decision flow chart – consistency with strategy, appropriate translation into te reo).

The Signage Strategy will be presented to Council for approval once developed.

Signatories

	
Author Kitea Tipuna	Approved by Fergus Power



Wairoa District Council ED committee meeting- June update

1) Maori Land Development

This project is rapidly gathering momentum and progress is being hampered because of need for a dedicated Project Manager. The Trust is seeking funding support for this position. The Trust has been in conversations with Shayne Walker (REDS) and he stressed that ED projects need to encompass social, cultural and environmental aspects as well to ensure 'social inclusion' element of REDS is addressed. The Maori Land Development work the Trust has been working in involves all these aspects.

Horticultural opportunities.

Seeka (BoP) have visited Wairoa to review the horticultural potential of the district. They believe the potential is significant for kiwifruit and avocados and in fact too big for Seeka alone to manage. Seeka have subsequently progressed the opportunity with central government (NZTE) re possibility of setting up a PGP.

As a result, the Trust focus has extended to 'Marae Sustainability' with Trustee Richard Allen contributing at meetings held with the Iwitea Marae committee looking at a 20 year plan for Iwitea Marae as a pilot exercise. The model will be able to be utilised for any of the other Marae's in the district with similar resources. There are huge opportunities for Maori owned land to be developed in conjunction with local Marae, with financial returns and social, environmental and cultural benefits.

Additionally, Cedenco are seeking 800 hectares in Wairoa for planting. It is important to ensure the current land assets aren't undervalued as they have clearly identified Wairoa as a significant horticultural opportunity.

- Fresh water koura opportunities.

Koura – site analyses has been carried out on 8 sites and property owners are awaiting reports. The opportunity here is to create a Koura industry in the district and there are several interested parties who are already considering opportunities to add value to the industry within the district through tourism activities and a restaurant for example. There are several more parties who have expressed interest in exploring the koura opportunity, and we will need 20-30 players to make an industry, so there is a lot more involvement needed from Trust. The initial eight parties will need further support to make the opportunity a reality. The Project Manager position is essential in enabling this to happen.

. Trust Actions:

The Trust continues to source funding to engage a project manager to continue the progress already underway in all the above areas and will apply for grants to get this position in place.

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2) The Gaiety Theatre.

The Wairoa Maori Film Festival was the main event for the month attracting a large crowd at Saturday evening's awards ceremony. Attendance of the films held at the theatre during the weekend was not as well supported this year.

The Gaiety held it's first comedy act GISH since being under the Trust banner which was a success and well attended with many people requesting more comedy shows to be held in the future. The next scheduled comedy show is "Freakin Dangerous Bro" to be held in August.

The reggae band "Tomorrow People" will play this month to an expected crowd of 300.

Trust Actions:

Bringing in new events for the theatre remains a key focus.

3) Business Mentoring

Michaela has been inundated with new business enquiries and has 12 appointments already diarised for July 2017.

4) Great Business Great People

The trust continues to facilitate this advertorial in The Wairoa Star supporting new businesses and existing businesses which offer a new service or expansion. This month's article featured "Inflatable Bouncy Castles" owned by Jamie and Joseph Tollison.

Trust Actions:

The Trust is preparing to run four, quarterly Wairoa Business Seminars with guest speakers aligning with this advertorial promotion from the Trust.

<p>Purpose: The Wairoa Horizon Trust supports regional economic development by supporting local businesses. We will focus on business growth and improving business resilience, utilisation of support agencies and creating sustainable employment opportunities for the social benefit of Wairoa (now and in the future).</p>	<p>Goals: Increased employment. Increased capability and resilience in the business community. All businesses that the Trust engages will show growth. Facilitate exposure & access to expertise.</p>
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8.3 DRAFT WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Author: Kitea Tipuna, Economic Development and Engagement Manager

Authoriser: Fergus Power, Chief Executive Officer

Appendices: 1. Draft Economic Development Vision 2017 [↓](#)
2. Draft Economic Development Actions 2017 [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present to the Māori Standing Committee the draft WDC Economic Development Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The Economic Development & Engagement Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives the draft WDC Economic Development Plan and provide feedback.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft WDC Economic Development Plan provides a draft vision and actions for economic development across the Wairoa district.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the launch and implementation of Matariki – the Hawke’s Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy (HBREDS), (launched July 2016) and He Huarahi Hei Whai Oranga - the Tairāwhiti Economic Development Plan (launched February 2017), the draft WDC Economic Development Plan has been developed ensuring appropriate alignment.
- 2.2 Following a Council meeting (24 November 2015) it was resolved “*THAT a workshop on the Draft Economic Development Strategy be included on the next Forum agenda.*” This workshop was held and Councillors asked that a plan be developed following the launch and implementation of regional ED strategies.
- 2.3 The draft WDC Economic Development Plan now takes into account regional strategies and provides direction for the economic development vision and activities going forward.
- 2.4 This plan will be an organic document with the intent that it be adjustable subject to local, regional and national priorities, funding streams that become available, and partnership opportunities as they arise.
- 2.5 This draft plan will go through an iterative process before being tabled at the next Council meeting.
- 2.5.1. Feedback sought from the Economic Development Committee (27 June 2017);
- 2.5.2. Draft to be tabled at the 13 July 2017 Māori Standing Committee meeting and feedback sought from members.
- 2.5.3. Final draft to be tabled at the 1 August 2017 Council meeting.

3. OPTIONS

- 3.1 The option identified is:
- a. To receive the draft WDC Economic Development Plan and to provide feedback.

4. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**What is the change?**

- 4.1 No changes as the draft WDC Economic Development Plan will provide direction for the district in terms of economic development.

Compliance with legislation and Council Policy

- 4.2 Annual Plan 2017 -2018.
- 4.3 Long Term Plan 2015 – 2025.

What are the key benefits?

- 4.4 The plan sets out the direction for the district as it relates to Economic Development and is aligned to regional Economic Development strategies.

What is the cost?

- 4.5 As noted in the draft plan.

Who has been consulted?

- 4.6 This is the first step in rolling out the district's Economic Development Plan.
- 4.7 Actions being led by Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust have also been included where appropriate.
- 4.8 This draft plan will go through an iterative process before being tabled at the next Council meeting.
- 4.8.1. Feedback sought from the Economic Development Committee (27 June 2017);
 - 4.8.2. Draft to be tabled at the 13 July 2017 Māori Standing Committee meeting and feedback sought from members.
 - 4.8.3. Final draft to be tabled at the 1 August 2017 Council meeting.
- 4.9 Tangata whenua views are important and it is intended that this plan will include appropriate tangata whenua views. The Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee will be a primary mechanism for ensuring that these views are sought.

Māori Standing Committee

- 4.10 This draft Wairoa District Council Economic Development Plan is now being tabled at the July 13 Māori Standing Committee meeting and views of members and tangata whenua will be sought and incorporated.

Further Information

- Matariki – Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy
<http://www.hbrede.nz/matariki/action-plan.pdf>


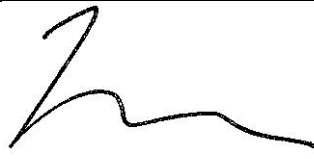
- He Huarahi Hei Whai Oranga – Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan
<http://www.activatedtairawhiti.co.nz/assets/Uploads/He-huarahi-hei-whai-oranga-tairawhiti-economic-action-plan-.pdf>
- Kimihia He Oranga – Tairāwhiti Māori Economic Development Report
<http://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/mo-te-puni-kokiri/our-stories-and-media/tairawhiti-maori-economic-development-report#.WUhCh-uGNEZ>

Confirmation of statutory compliance

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- a. containing sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions; and,
- b. is based on adequate knowledge about, and adequate consideration of, the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

Signatories

	
Author Kitea Tipuna	Approved by Fergus Power

Vision:

To work together to grow and develop a robust, sustainable economy so that every household and every whānau is actively engaged in, contributing to and benefiting from a thriving Wairoa District economy.

Principles:

The principles behind this document are drawn from Matariki's seven-star framework used in the Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Strategy (HBREDS).

Principle	Explanation
Partnership by co-design	Values and worldview underpinning the strategy and its actions are an expression of co-design, and the implementation and monitoring are an inclusive collaboration. A treaty principle.
Outcomes for every household and every whānau	All actions, initiatives and projects in the Action Plan must provide outcomes in line with this vision.
Build our people's capability	There must be an emphasis on developing our people alongside infrastructure, assets and businesses.
Equality	A treaty principle, this requires reflection on who the intended audience and beneficiaries are, and a commitment to that being inclusive and equitable.
Business Growth Agenda 2015 He kai kei aku ringa	Our actions are designed to be as consistent as possible with both national economic strategies.
Whai rawa	Optimising assets in a full, holistic and sustainable way.
Potikitanga	Developing an enterprise mindset. Driving the thinking that goes behind business growth.

Strategic Outcomes:

The future actions undertaken by Council will be based on eight key strategic outcomes aimed to improve the economic profile of the district.

Outcome	Breakdown
1. Population decline is halted or reversed by [year?]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural growth - New businesses - New residents - Increased staffing numbers for existing businesses
2. Wairoa increases its share of the national tourism GDP by [year?]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grow our network of tourism industry operators and support organisations - Support tourism operators to grow their existing businesses - Create full-time employment opportunities in this sector of our economy - Actively market our district to domestic and international visitors - Ensure a focus on sustainable tourism is adopted wherever possible and appropriate - Celebrate our local culture, character, stories and geographical beauty and diversity of the district and share these with our visitors
3. Increase the Wairoa district's Māori Economy by [year?]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities for marae-based business - Opportunities for under-utilised multiple-owned Māori land
4. Support existing businesses and community organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding - Business Support - Business-friendly Council processes - 'Green Carpet' approach to new and existing businesses - Networking - Business forums and workshops
5. Regional collaboration to achieve better outcomes for our district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matariki - Tairāwhiti Economic Action Plan - Networking - Upstream Wairoa - Te Matarae o Te Wairoa Trust - RTO
6. Decrease in the percentage of our working population that are unemployed [by year?]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased training opportunities - Increase in total job numbers - Expansion of existing businesses
7. Increase our share of the national GDP by [year?]	
8. Provision of sustainable, high quality infrastructure to meet our current and future needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wifi and broadband access - Mobile phone black spots - Transport network

Actions:

Māori Economic Development

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
Response to Treaty settlement process	Collaborate with and assist Post Settlement Entity Groups	Ongoing	Within current budget	Māori Standing Committee, Economic Development & Engagement (ED&E)
Māori community support and consultation	Develop relationships with, and support where able: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Te Wairoa Taiwhenua •Te Uru Taumatua •Ngati Pahauwera •Ngai Tāmanuhiri •Rongomaiwahine •Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa •et al 	Ongoing	Within current budget	Māori Standing Committee, Economic Development & Engagement (ED&E)
Māori business development	Collaborate with relevant partners to identify business development and land utilisation opportunities	Ongoing	Within current budget, discrete projects may require grant funding	WDC and Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust ¹

Infrastructure

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
Road transport	Seal SP38/Lake Road to Aniwanuiwa	Ongoing	NZTA application process	Engineering
Road transport	Upgrade of SH2, Napier to Wairoa	Ongoing	NZTA project	NZTA
Road transport	Access to Mahia – coastal and roadworks at Black's Beach	Ongoing	NZTA application process	Engineering
Rail transport	Continue to collaborate with HBRC on the future of the Napier to Wairoa rail line	Ongoing	Consultation covered within current budget	Lead by HBRC with WDC
Rail transport	Collaborate with Activate Tairāwhiti	Ongoing	Consultation covered	WDC and Activate Tairāwhiti

¹ Consultation is required between the Council and Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust to further develop and agree this action plan and respective responsibilities.

	and Railbike Adventures on the future of the Wairoa to Gisborne rail line		within current budget	
Wairoa Airport	Collaborate with regional and central government to ensure support for the Wairoa Airport runway extension	2017 Onwards	External funding to be sourced to supplement WDC 2017/2018 Annual Plan contribution	WDC, Matariki REDS, External partners
Water supply	Replacement reservoir for the Wairoa and Frasertown water supply network	2016	Included in the current LTP	Engineering
Sewage system	Upgrade and re-consenting of the Wairoa urban sewerage system to improve the water quality at the outlet and in the estuary	2019	Included in the current LTP	Engineering
Broadband access	Collaborate with the Region's councils and government agencies to improve connectivity to, and within Wairoa	UFB 2 rollout June 2018 – July 2019	Central Government funded programme	WDC, Crown Fibre and Chorus
Broadband access	Continue to develop the proposal for the Wairoa Township Wi-Fi initiative	Ongoing	No funding beyond 2017	Corporate Services (Russell)
Broadband access	Continue to develop the Marae WiFi project	2017 onwards	Seeking government and Civil Defence funds	Economic Development and Engagement
Pedestrians and cyclists	Continuation/creation of the Wairoa Riverbank, Whakamahia and Mahia/Opoutama walkways	2017 onwards	Combination of existing budget, grant funding and other sources	Engineering

Location Developments

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
River development	Landscaping of the Wairoa River bank	Ongoing	Grants and HBRC/WDC budgets	HBRC, WDC

	and adjoining reserve			
Coastal development	Landscaping of the Whakamahia area and adjoining wetland	Ongoing	Grants and HBRC/WDC/DoC budgets	WDC, DoC
CBD Enhancement	Develop CBD Enhancement programme	2017	Investigation phase – 2017 Annual Plan	WDC, Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust, Upstream Wairoa

Facilities

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
Community entertainment	Continue to operate the Gaiety Theatre	2017 Onwards	Wairoa Economic Development Strategy	Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust
Community recreation	Destination Playground	2017 Onwards	Funds secured, work to begin	Engineering, Economic Development & Engagement, Wairoa Young Achievers Trust
Community arts and recreation	Develop a market and arts space	2017 Onwards (Summer)	To be found	Economic Development & Engagement
Community health & wellbeing	Support the delivery of rural health initiatives by collaborating with NZ medical schools	2017 Onwards	To be found	WDC, Medical schools
Housing	Deliver the Affordable Housing Initiative	2017 Onwards	Budgets in the 2017/2018 Annual Plan	WDC and partners

Business support

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
Business resilience	Continue introduction of existing and new business owners to The Icehouse to help create a stronger business community and connected alumni	Ongoing	Within existing budget	Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust and the Icehouse
Business resilience	Establish an agreed schedule with regional business partners to enable business people	Ongoing	To be found	ED&E, Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust,

	to book time in advance and supplement this with a virtual branch of Hawke's Bay Business Hub in Wairoa			Business Hawke's Bay,
Business resilience	Work with relevant partners to develop appropriate business clusters throughout the district	Ongoing	To be confirmed	ED&E, Te Mātarae o Te Wairoa Trust
Agribusiness and Agricultural training	Work with relevant partners to establish an agricultural training academy in Wairoa	2017 Onwards	To be confirmed	ED&E, Wairoa College and Kura, EIT and Lincoln University
Business-Council relationships	Establish regular engagement opportunities between Council and major employers	Ongoing	Within existing budget	Office of the CEO
Business-Council relationships	Establish business breakfast meeting series with visiting speakers	Ongoing	Within existing budget	Office of the CEO, ED&E

Business attraction

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
Lead identification	Participate at the Business Hub one day a week to build and sustain relationships and also to identify opportunities that make sense for the Wairoa district	Ongoing	Budget provision for a 'one-day-a-week' seat and the Hub	WDC and Business Hawke's Bay
Identification of district strengths and opportunities	Continue to work with Matariki REDS an Activate Tairāwhiti to develop a stronger relationship and also to transfer knowledge about the Wairoa district and the opportunities of the district	Future, to be determined	Future, to be determined	Te Mātarae o Te Wairoa Trust and WDC
Agricultural lead identification	Develop relationships with relevant commercial sector influencers in the Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti agribusiness space and host district tours to highlight	Ongoing	Within existing budget	ED&E Te Mātarae o Te Wairoa Trust, Business Hawke's Bay, Activate Tairāwhiti

	opportunities in Wairoa district			
Regional collaboration	Participate in region-wide opportunities as appropriate	Ongoing	Within existing budget	All councils, Business Hawke's Bay, Activate Tairāwhiti

Tourism

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
'Rocket tourism'	Research the tourism opportunity related to Rocket Lab and launches at Mahia	2017 Onwards	Within existing budget, Action 6.1 in Matariki REDS	ED&E
Development of Māori Tourism Opportunities	Work with land owners, trusts, marae and iwi and other relevant partners to explore Māori Tourism opportunities for the district	2017 Onwards	Within existing budgets	ED&E
Walking, mountain biking and horse riding	Work with land owners, Iwi and the Department of Conservation to develop existing trails and establish new ones	2017 Onwards	Within existing budget	ED&E
Tourism strategy	Work in conjunction with Tourism Hawke's Bay and Activate Tairāwhiti, to develop and implement a Wairoa Tourism Strategy	2017 Onwards	Within existing budget	ED&E

District Promotion

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
Increase knowledge of the Wairoa district outside of the district	Proactively provide imagery and information resources to relevant partners on Wairoa opportunities	2017 Onwards	Within existing budgets	ED&E
Increase knowledge of the Wairoa district outside of Wairoa	Take advantage of opportunities to increase and develop the district's reach through social media	Ongoing	Within existing budgets	ED&E
Promotion to the farming community	Work with the A & P Society on promotional opportunities at the	2017 Onwards	Within existing budgets	ED&E

	Wairoa Show and East Coast Farming Expo			
Business promotion	Support the launch and celebration of new businesses in the district including media coverage – "Better Business, Better People"	Ongoing	Within existing budgets	Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust with ED&E
Signage	Develop Signage Strategy	2017 Onwards	Within existing budgets	Engineering, ED&E

Leverage

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
Rocket Lab Ltd	Establish an agreed relationship management process with Rocket Lab to identify shared goals and to support the opportunities for partnership with the Council and community	2017 Onwards	Within existing budget	Office of the CEO, ED&E
Gaiety Theatre	Work with relevant partners to identify and pursue opportunities that arise from the redevelopment of the Gaiety Theatre and the choice of the Wairoa district for their location	2017 Onwards	Grants, sponsorship and existing budget	Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust, ED&E
Dairy	Leverage off Wairoa's dairy heritage and suitable land resources to establish local processing and farm conversion where appropriate	Ongoing	External funding to be found	WDC with relevant partners

Events

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
Event calendar	Develop and maintain a calendar of district events	Ongoing	Within current budget	ED&E
Event attraction and scheduling	Develop a Wairoa district events strategy	Ongoing	Within current budget	ED&E

Regulation

Issue	Initiative	Timeframe	Funding	Responsibility
District plan	Review the current District Plan and seek where possible and practical alignment with neighbouring councils	3+ years	In the current budget	Regulatory
Bylaws	Ensure that the Council's bylaws are regularly updated and fit for purpose	Ongoing	As budgets allow	Regulatory

8.4 MRM REPORT - 13 JULY 2017

Author: Duane Culshaw, Māori Relationships Manager

Authoriser: Kitea Tipuna, Economic Development and Engagement Manager

Appendices: 1. Matangi Rau Takiwa Report [↓](#)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report provides information for the Māori Standing Committee on Council and community activities.

RECOMMENDATION

The Māori Relationships Manager RECOMMENDS that the Māori Standing Committee receives the report.

2. MĀORI AFFAIRS SELECT COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

- 2.1 On 12 May 2017, the Council and Māori Standing Committee presented their recommendations to the Māori Affairs Select Committee for the Iwi and Hapū of Te Rohe o Te Wairoa Claims Settlement Bill.
- 2.2 The Wairoa District Council have since received feedback from the Māori Affairs Select Committee indicating that they accepted the recommendations put forward by the Wairoa District Council and the Māori Standing Committee. Suggested amendments to the Draft Bill have been made and will be considered at the next reading.
- 2.3 The Economic Development and Engagements Manager (Kitea Tipuna) replied on our behalf.

3. HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL SUBMISSION HEARING

- 3.1 Many thanks to Paul Kelly (Deputy Chair) who spoke to the submission on behalf of the Māori Standing Committee on Monday, 12 June 2017.

4. REPORTS

- 4.1 The Māori Standing Committee received one written takiwā report at the time the agenda was sent to members.
- 4.2 Attached is a report from Wairoa Matangi Rau takiwā – Paul Kelly.
- 4.3 If any member wishes to submit a verbal report, please indicate at the start of the Māori Standing Committee ordinary meeting on 13 July 2017.

5. ROAD NAMING WORKSHOP

- 5.1 Many thanks to everyone who participated in this workshop on Wednesday, 14 June 2017. We have now completed the preliminary part of this project. The next stage is for the GIS Co-ordinator (Russell McCracken) to collate all the information into the respective takiwā and forward to the Māori Relationships Manager for disbursement to the takiwā representatives. The Māori Relationships Manager will liaise with each representative about how this is presented to each takiwā.
- 5.2 There are several other stages to be completed. The Māori Relationships Manager will collaborate with the Transport Asset Manager (Libby Young) to assist with each stage (if required).

6. EFFECTIVE MEETINGS AND STANDING ORDERS WORKSHOP

- 6.1 Many thanks to all those who attended this informative workshop on Wednesday, 28 June 2017.

7. REMUNERATION (EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2017)

- 7.1 To confirm, the new remuneration rates for the Māori Standing Committee took effect on 1 July 2017, as per the Māori Standing Committee remuneration workshop on Monday, 1 May 2017.
- 7.2 The new remuneration for the Māori Standing Committee is as follows:-
 - 7.2.1. Chair (\$265), Deputy Chair (\$230), Members (\$200), Marae Koha (\$600), Mileage (\$0.73/km – already in effect).

8. TE KAWA O TE UREWERA DRAFT DOCUMENT

- 8.1 On 22 May 2017, we received a copy of the Te Kawa o Te Urewera document, which is the draft management plan for Te Urewera.
- 8.2 The Wairoa District Council has been invited to make a written submission on the draft document. We have read the document and have determined that the document has no direct impact on the Wairoa District Council, nonetheless, it is recommended that the Wairoa District Council (including the Māori Standing Committee) make a written submission in support of the overall document.
- 8.3 Submissions must be received no later than 5.00 pm on Thursday, 20 July 2017.
- 8.4 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee discuss and resolve whether the Māori Standing Committee will make a written submission in support (or not) of the Te Kawa o Te Urewera draft document.

9. WASTEWATER CONSENT STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

- 9.1 The stakeholders group has now visited several different treatment plants including Wairoa, Hastings and Waipukurau in the process of considering the best practicable option for the new consent.
- 9.2 The Project Managers (Neil Cook and Hamish Lowe) will present an update at the next Council Forum on Tuesday, 11 July 2017.
- 9.3 The group is working towards making public presentations by the end of July, beginning of August.

10. MĀORI POLICY UPDATE

- 10.1 At the previous Māori Standing Committee hui (June 2017) it was resolved that the Māori Policy will be updated to reflect the role of the Deputy Chairperson. It was decided that the primary role of the Deputy Chairperson will be to assume the role of the Chair in the absence of the Chairperson.
- 10.2 The Māori Relationships Manager and the Governance Advisor and Policy Strategist (Charlotte Knight) will oversee that the policy is duly updated.

11. SITE BLESSINGS FOR SIGNAGE

- 11.1 By the time of writing this report, numerous site blessings throughout the district were completed, including new boundary signs at the northern entry (Wharerata Hills), southern entry (Kotemāori), War Memorial Park (Sir James Carroll, AFFCO) and Black's Beach (surfing locations).
- 11.2 We once again acknowledge Bill McRoberts, Kuki Green and Kiwa Hammond who conducted the respective site blessing.

12. TE REO MĀORI POLICY SUBMISSION HEARING

- 12.1 Submissions for the Te Reo Māori Policy closed on Friday, 30 June 2017. At the time of writing this report we have received fifteen (15) submissions, all supporting the adoption of the policy. We also received two submissions indicating their wish to speak to their respective submissions.
- 12.2 A submission hearing was being organised and a date of Tuesday, 11 July 2017 was being considered. The Māori Standing Committee resolved (8 June) that K Hammond, H Mita and H Nissen represent the Māori Standing Committee at the hearing.
- 12.3 A significant issue is the potential requirement for a translator to be made available for the hearings and there are submissions that need to be translated before they are put before the Council. Due to this, Governance Advisor and Policy Strategist has requested that the Te Reo Māori Policy hearing be delayed until such time that a suitable date can be agreed on. This will be discussed further at the upcoming Māori Standing Committee hui (13 July).

13. TE MARUATA HUI – 22 JULY 2017

- 13.1 At the previous Māori Standing Committee hui (8 June 2017) it was resolved that K Hammond and S Cooper would represent the Māori Standing Committee at the upcoming Te Maruata hui to be hosted in Auckland at the Sky City Casino.
- 13.2 On 28 June 2017 (during the Effective Meetings and Standing Orders Workshop), S Cooper informed the Chair that she was no longer able to attend the hui and it was decided by those Māori Standing Committee members that T Thornton will replace her.
- 13.3 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee resolve to accept T Thornton as the replacement for S Cooper at the upcoming Te Maruata hui in Auckland (22 July 2017).

14. MANA HUIA LIMITED – MANA TOMLINS

- 14.1 On Friday, 9 June 2017 the Māori Relationships Manager met with Mana Tomlins. Mana has set up a new venture called Mana Huia Limited. The focus of her business is to offer advice and guidance for better utilisation of Māori land.
- 14.2 We have invited Mana to give a short presentation to the Māori Standing Committee at the upcoming Māori Standing Committee hui.



15. STATUTE BARRED RATE ARREARS WRITE-OFF 2009-2010

- 15.1 At the recent WDC Ordinary Meeting (20 June 2017), the Chief Financial Officer (Gary Borg) presented a report to the Council regarding the Statute Barred Rate Arrears 2017.
- 15.2 The purpose of this report was to seek approval of Council to write-off statute barred rates arrears of \$293,306.25 (incl GST) for the year ending 30 June 2010. It was determined that 95.2% (\$279,256.86 – incl GST) of this write-off are rates arrears on Māori freehold land. Ownership structures unique to Māori freehold land prohibit effective collection of rates assessed and rates arrears for Māori freehold land are often unrecoverable.
- 15.3 It was resolved at Council that this matter be referred to the Māori Standing Committee for discussion and consideration. Historically, this procedure has been perceived as an administrative accounting function, however, in view of the nexus between Māori freehold land ownership and uncollectable rates, involvement of the Māori Standing Committee will be important into the ongoing debt management process.
- 15.4 The Economic Development and Engagement Manager will present a report to the Māori Standing Committee. We have also invited the Chief Financial Officer to attend to make a small presentation and to provide clarity around possible solutions to this matter.

16. CONCLUSION

- 16.1 The Māori Relationships Manager will co-ordinate with Māori Standing Committee members regarding the next stage of the Road Naming project.
- 16.2 That the new remuneration for the Māori Standing Committee came into effect on 1 July 2017.
- 16.3 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee resolve to make a written submission in support of Te Kawa o te Urewera draft document, which closes on Thursday, 20 July 2017.
- 16.4 That the Māori Relationships Manager and the Governance Advisor and Policy Strategist duly update the Māori Policy to reflect the role of the Deputy Chair.
- 16.5 It is recommended that the Māori Standing Committee resolve to accept T Thornton as the replacement for S Cooper at the upcoming Te Maruata hui in Auckland (22 July 2017).
- 16.6 That the Economic Development and Engagement Manager submit a report regarding the Statute Barred Rates Arrears.

Signatories

	
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**Wairoa District Council Māori Standing Committee
Wairoa Matangi Rau Takiwā Report**

Paul Kelly
Thursday, 13 July 2017

Ko Whakapunake te Matau a Maui-Tikitiki-a-Taranga te maunga. Ko te Wairoa Hōpūpū Hōnengenenge Matangi Rau te awa. Ko Ngamotu te whenua. Ko Te Rauhinā rāua ko Tapuae ōku tipuna. Ko Te Rauhinā te whare tipuna. Ko Te Aio te whare kai. Ko Te Uri o Te O te hapū. Ko Tapuae rātou ko Te Otane, ko Porohiwi ngā tāngata. Ko Okaka te wāhi okioki. Ko Ngāti Kahungunu te iwi. Ko Takitimu te waka. Ko Paul Kelly tōku ingoa.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Please find my activity report to June 2017.

28/6/2017 - WDC Effective Meetings and Standing Orders workshop

Attended by elected and selected council members. Learnt how to run and behave in formal meetings.

27/6/2017 - WDC Economic Development Committee meeting

Discussed unpaid rates on Māori owned land. The development of Te Matarae Trust. Gathering momentum. Council contributed to this trust. Using Māori owned land for commercial development.

20/6/2017 - HBRC Māori Committee Hui – Ruawharo Marae

I spoke about the ongoing problems at Kihitu/Ngamotu including flooding, rubbish, rats and sewage, which has been a reality for the past 75 years. Asked if the Māori Committee would recommend to the HBRC to look into what can be done to keep an open river bar to stop these problems. Moved by Mike Mohi (Chair) and seconded Duane Culshaw (HBRC MC Wairoa Rep) – Carried.

20/6/2017 – WDC Ordinary Meeting

Attended. Report pending.

18/6/2017 - Whaakirangi Marae Hui (Takiwā)

Attended Marae AGM as MSC representative, spoke about the MSC role and how the WDC can help. Heard how the whānau were having or had problems with gaining Council Consents for the placement of the new building that they have moved next to their marae. The Māori Relationships Manager (Duane Culshaw) was also in attendance and offered to assist with any matters the marae needs.

8/6/2017 - MSC Monthly Hui – Putere Marae

Attended. Report pending.

30/5/2017 - WDC Council Forum

Attended. Report Pending.

25/5/2017 – Napier City Council Māori Policy Workshop

Cr Apiata Tapine (NCC) invited the MRM and members of the MSC to facilitate a workshop regarding the Māori Policy adopted by the WDC. I attended with the MRM, and we facilitated the workshop and discussed the function and purpose of the Māori Policy and how it relates to the WDC. The NCC are looking at adopting a policy for their Māori Consultative Committee. The workshop was well received.

21/5/2017 - Taihoa Marae Hui (Takiwā)

Attended by MRM and myself as MSC rep. We discussed how we could help with tree management on SH2 roadside. Trying to reduce the speed limit on SH2 outside the Marae. Look at a turning area now that double yellow lines are outside the marae.

18/5/2017 - MSC Road Naming Hui 1

The MSC went through the list of street names and checked for spelling mistakes and correctness. Only half the list was completed, the other half will be completed at another hui.

16/5/2017 - WDC Economic Development Committee Meeting

The meeting lapsed due to the want of a quorum. However, a pre-arranged telephone conference took place with Professor Laurenson of Waikato University. He spoke to us about the likelihood of a third School of Medicine being proposed for Waikato University. Concentrating on encouraging rural GP training, and with a lightning of the training schedule.

11/5/2017 - MSC Monthly Hui – Council Chambers

Attended. Report pending

9/5/2017 - WDC Ordinary Council Meeting

Attended. Report pending.

5/5/2017 - River Hui – Wairoa District Council

A special meeting was called by His Worship the Mayor, Craig Little to discuss the condition of the Wairoa river and the bar. The hui was called at the request of Cr Rex Graham (Chairman HBRC) and was attended by two other HBRC Councillors, Cr Paul Bailey and Cr Fenton Wilson. WDC Councillors were also present namely Cr Jeremy Harker, Cr Charles Lambert and Cr Mike Bird. The MSC were represented by Kiwa Hammond (Chair) and myself (Deputy Chair). Also in attendance were the Engineering Manager (Jaimie Cox) and the Māori Relationships Manager (Duane Culshaw). Cr Graham wanted to hear from us the true situation and condition of the river and the bar.

I told the meeting that for some 75 years the situation at Kihitu/Ngamotu has been the same. Every time the bar blocks or partially blocks the paddocks flood causing stock to be lost and having to be moved some times in the middle of the night. All kinds of rubbish that comes down the river ends up at Kihitu/Ngamotu including sewerage discharged on the high tide. Rats move ahead of the rising water and the houses becomes their focus. These are river rats – big ones.

Cr Harker spoke about a time when he was at Kopu Rd in knee deep water on the phone to HBRC, and they told him that according to the computerised monitor the river was not in flood. The monitor is currently situated Awamate on the rail bridge.

The hui identified that not enough was being done by HBRC for the river and the bar. Cr Graham has called for a full report on the matter.

WDC Waste Water Stakeholder Focus Group

Background - The Wairoa wastewater treatment requires re-consenting, with the current consent due to expire in May 2019. The major consent non-compliance issue with the present system and a major issue to be addressed in re-consenting is the recurrence of wastewater overflows into the Wairoa River from manholes and pumping stations during times of heavy rainfall and high river levels.

The purpose of this Stakeholder Focus group is to characterise the issue of uncontrolled overflows from the waste water system in light of available and existing data and to recommend options to manage these issues, namely the best practicable option.

The Stakeholder Focus group will provide valuable input into the project and will ultimately make a recommendation to the Council for their final decision.

Membership

Tangata Whenua x 3

WDC Councillors x 2

Business Representative.

AFFCO Representative.

Community (one youth and one senior) Representatives x2

The first meeting of the Stakeholder Focus group was held at the Memorial Hall on 10/04/2017. The new group was welcomed and introduced. They are:-

His Worship the Mayor of Wairoa, Craig Little, Cr Charlies Lambert and Cr Min Johansen (WDC)

Paul Kelly (WDC MSC)

Jean Cooper (senior citizen)

Gary Mayo (business)

Michelle McIlroy, Naomi Wilson and Katarina Kawana (tangata whenua)

Paul Sullivan (AFFCO)

Beretta Keefe (youth)

WDC Staff and Project team is:

Jamie Cox (Engineering Manager)

Neil Cook and Hamish Lowe (Project Co-ordinators)

Kitea Tipuna (Economic Development and Engagement Manager)

Karen Akuhata (Asset Engineer)

Duane Culshaw (Māori Relationships Manager)

The purpose of Stakeholder Focus Group was explained, it is to get a good cross section of the community of Wairoa to gain feedback from the discussions. Roles and responsibilities were outlined. The group was asked not come with preconceived ideas and no hidden agendas.

An overview of Wairoa's existing wastewater system was described by the project team to familiarise stakeholders with what we have currently. The stakeholder group is to carry out public engagement and get an opinion of what the public thinks. Issues and problems with our current system was discussed and resource consents was discussed and explained also. A suitable name for the group was discussed and it was agreed that a name would come as time goes on.

This meeting was concluded.

The second meeting was convened at the Wairoa Airport lounge, due to a last-minute hiccup with a double-booking issue. The name of the focus group, Te Tini o Rangihoua, was introduced by Māori Relationships Manager, Duane Culshaw. This name will represent the many names and functions of Rangihoua.

A discussion was held around the basics of waste water treatment, reticulation pumping and pipes, discharge and the environment, the contributor to water health within the Wairoa River catchment and an explanation of the consent process and why they are needed. A discussion around Māori wastewater management was briefly touched on. It is planned to revisit this at a later hui.

A discussion took place on how to develop options. Main areas were centred round environmental, recreational, financial and cultural aspects. This turned out to be an in-depth discussion and produced a clear pathway for the future development.

This meeting concluded.

7/3/2017 - Local Government New Zealand Te Maruata Hui

Attended the LGNZ Maruata hui hosted by the Auckland Council. This hui was for elected and selected members, of Māori decent. The WDC was represented by myself, Kiwa Hammond and Cr Charles Lambert. We also noted other Wairoa and Kahungunu representations in attendance such as Allen Smith (Tātou Tātou o Te Wairoa), Cr Apiata Tapine (NCC), Brian Gregory and Paul Sciascia (HBRC MC) and Bayden Barber (HDC).

The day included a great deal of discussion, information sharing, and networking (whanaungatanga). A number of attendees from other local authorities were quite taken with how the Wairoa District Council and the Māori Standing Committees operates and have expressed a desire to visit to learn more as they see (and we already know) Te Wairoa as a unique example of how Māori worldviews and priorities are acknowledged and empowered in a local government context. In saying that there was a great deal to be learned from other district councils and there seems to be a clear willingness to share information that will help local government perform more effectively for their respective communities.

21/2/2017 - WDC Economic Development Committee Meeting

MĀORI LAND DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALISATION PROJECT, was developed and presented by Te Mātārae o Te Wairoa Trust. (The Horizon Trust).

Background -

1. To assist Māori Landowners to develop non-productive and under-producing Māori owned land.
2. To promote best land usage for the purpose of sustainable commercialisation.
3. To develop businesses with a focus on bio-diversity, Matauranga and sustainability by Māori Land owners.
4. To create employment opportunities and on-the-job-training.
5. To improve community well-being.

The committee resolved that it recommend to the Wairoa District Council that it support the Māori Land Development and Commercialisation Project (that support being a financial contribution of \$10,000.00 to the project).

Māori Standing Committee Membership.

Kiwa Hammond - Te Wairoa Hōpūpū (Chair)

Paul Kelly - Te Wairoa Matangirau (Deputy Chairman)

Hereturikōkā Nissen - Ruakituri

Peter Whaanga - Mahia Mai Tawhiti

Sharon Cooper - Waikaremoana.

Whai-ora Maindonald - Te Wairoa Hōnengenenge

Theresa Thornton - Pāhauwera

Henare Mita - Rakaipaaka

Adrian Manuel - Te Wairoa Whānui

We have had six hui this year. Although the Council has resolved to only meet every six weeks, the MSC will still be meeting monthly.

The February hui centred around the selection of a Chairman and recommending to Council the preferred selections for Council representatives on the Māori committee.

The Chairman's position, two nominations were received, being Kiwa Hammond and Paul Kelly. It was resolved that the Chair will be Kiwa Hammond and Paul Kelly (Deputy Chair). The Deputy Chair is a new position within the MSC.

Four Councillors were considered for the MSC. The incumbent's Cr Mike Bird and Cr Hine Flood. Cr Jeremy Harker and Cr Charles Lambert were also considered. Due to the monthly MSC hui being changed from Friday to Thursday, this ruled out Cr Bird and due to an increased workload and commitments to the HBDHB, Cr Hine Flood was ruled out. Thus, Cr Jeremy Harker and Cr Charles Lambert were recommended and subsequently approved by Council.

On Friday, 17/02/2017, I attended the farewell for David Tipoki. David resigned as Māori Relationships Manager and will be returning to Australia. Duane Culshaw will take up temporary duties to cover this role until more formal arrangements are made.

Nō reira.

Kua mutu tāku rīpoata i nāianei. Tēnā koutou katoa.

Nāku noa, nā

Paul Kelly.

MSC Matangirau