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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Meeting

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Mr C Shenton (Ngāti Kauae/Tauira), **Mr T Steedman**

(Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), **Ms H Benevides** (Ngāti Tamakopiri),

Ms N Wipaki (Ngai te Ohuake), **Ms K Hina** (Ngā Wairiki Ki Uta),

Councillor **Cath Ash**, and His Worship the Mayor, **Andy Watson**, (ex officio)

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The quorum for the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa is 7.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, ie half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Karakia/Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Members' conflict of interest

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

4 Confirmation of order of business and late items

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting. Such matters will be dealt with at the end of this agenda.

5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes

The Minutes from the meeting held on 10 October 2017 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-2

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 10 October be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

6 Chair's report

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

7 Feedback on Komiti's workshop

Discussion item.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 26 October 2017.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous hui.

There were no queries for Council staff raised at the previous hui on 10 October 2017.

10 Update from Council's meetings from October - November 2017

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in October - November 2017' be received.

11 Update from the representative to Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Ms Hiroa will provide a verbal update from the Assets/Infrastructure meeting held on 9 November 2017.

12 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Council Combined Workshop 2 November 2017 - Notes

A memorandum with notes from the joint workshop is attached, along with a revised Statement of the Development of Maori Capacity to contribute to decision making together with a Revised Rates Remission Policy on Maori Freehold Land.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Council Combined Workshop 2 November 2017 - Notes ' be received.
- 2 That the revised Maori Capacity to contribute to decision making [as amended/without amendment] be referred to Council for consideration and inclusion in the draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan.
- 3 That the revised Rates remission policy on Maori freehold land [as amended/without amendment] be referred to Council for consideration and public consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

13 Update on landlocked land

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

14 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

Te Pae Tawhiti is the Manawatu-Wanganui Economic Development Strategy, 2016-40

A verbal update will be provided by the Chair.

15 Update on the 'Path to Well-Being' initiative – December 2017

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – December 2017' be received.

16 Panui/Announcements

17 Late items

As accepted in item 5.

18 Future Items for the Agenda

19 Meeting closed/Karakia

Attachment 1

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Present:

- Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
- Mr Robert Gray
- Mr Charlie Mete
- Mr Terry Steedman
- Ms Jacqui Johnson (standing in for Ms Katarina Hina)
- Mr Chris Shenton
- Ms Naumai Wipaki
- Ms Kim Savage
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- Cr Cath Ash

In attendance:

- Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst / Planner
- Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner
- Ms Christin Ritchie Governance Administrator
- Mr Blair Jamieson Strategy and Planning Community Manager

1 Karakia/Welcome

The meeting was opened at 11.00 am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A two-minute silence was observed from Hilary Huywler (Grant Huywler's mother) and Miroroa Te Kune Blackmore (to whom His Worship the Mayor had conveyed the Queen's Service Medal on behalf of the Governor-General). Cr Peke-Mason noted the family's gratitude for this gesture.

2 Apologies

That the apologies from Mr Thomas Curtis and Ms Tracey Hiroa be received.

Mr Steedman / Mr Mete. Carried

3 Members' conflict of interest

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

No conflicts of interest were declared, however the Chair made mention that a conflicts of interest register should be circulated amongst the members.

Undertaking	Subject	Conflicts register
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To circulate a conflicts of interest register to the members of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

4 Confirmation of order of business and late items

The Chair noted the Order of business would be as set out in the agenda. Cr Ash mentioned the flyer for Project Marton's AGM – this would be included in the Panui (item 19).

5 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	17/IWI/028	File Ref	3-CT-8-2
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That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 8 August 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Gray / Mr Shenton Carried.

6 Chair's report

The Chair advised he would provide his report during consideration of agenda item 15.

7 Feedback on Komiti's workshop

Members discussed the potential for a Northern and Southern Maori Ward. A decision will need to be made as to whether or not to proceed with the request. His Worship the Mayor, mentioned that if members of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa decide they want to go ahead, then the Council has a few options in which to approach this – decline the request, ignore it in the short term, or initiate a poll letting the public decide. Currently, there is a concern among Councillors that they run the risk that a member of the public can force a poll, which could have a negative impact overall. Councillors want guidance from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa as to how they would like to proceed.

Mr Gray stated that he was more concerned about the rates and landlocked land which has been a long time issue, and still not yet resolved. He did not want Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to go backwards in the community if a poll is run, and would prefer to wait at this stage, at least until settlements have all been finalised. He was also concerned that a no vote would strain the relationship between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Council.

Cr Ash, mentioned she was in support of more Maori representation, but is concerned it is a bit too soon. She was also concerned regarding the relationship between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Council.

**The meeting paused for a lunch break at 12.10 pm and reconvened at 12.32 pm*

The Chair noted the strong relationship between the Komiti and the Council and wanted to see it more embedded in structures. He was concerned that the Komiti would be dissolved if the new Wards were established, as well as to who would actually be elected as one of the new councillors. He felt a better option would be to have a Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative on the other Council Committees (Policy/Planning and Finance/Performance), as well as having a Maori Liaison Officer employed by the Council.

Mr Shenton stated that he was not nervous about the relationship between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Council, as the process is dictated by legislation and not the Council. He felt a public-initiated poll could cause a political battle. He was however concerned that, if they waited, they could be missing a good opportunity as the current relationship between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and the Council is a positive one.

Ms Wipaki mentioned that at the Hui, it was discussed that the Wards would not replace Te Roopu Ahi Kaa. It would mean an additional layer of Maori representation and input.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 31 August 2017.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous hui.

There were no queries for Council staff raised at the previous hui on 8 August 2017.

10 Update from Council's meetings from August and September 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. He highlighted the fact that Council and the auditors had signed off the Annual Report for year ending 30 June 2017.

Regarding the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Improvement Plan, -Mr McNeil noted discussions with Whanganui District Health Board regarding the Hospital building in Taihape being used for emergencies and community welfare, as it has its own generator.

Regarding the voluntary targeted rate for ceiling and underfloor insulation, the Council had been asked to consider allowing home insulation costs to be paid off through rates. This would essentially be a form of low interest lending.

Resolved minute number	17/IWI/029	File Ref	3-CT-8-1
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That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in August and September 2017' be received.

Mr Shenton / Mr C Mete Carried.

11 Update from the representative to Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Ms Hiroa was unable to attend the meeting on 14 September 2017

12 Developing Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making

The Komiti noted the outcome of the working group's discussions. In light of the Komiti's considerations about establishing separate Maori Wards, they agreed a joint workshop with Council was the logical next step. Looking ahead to the next item on the agenda, the review of rates remission policy on Maori freehold land, that too could be included in the joint workshop session

Resolved minute number	17/IWI/030	File Ref	3-PY-1-2-3
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1 That the outcome of the Komiti's working party on the Statement on Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision making be received.

2 That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa hold a workshop with Council on 2 November 2017, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm to discuss the Statement on Maori Capacity to Contribute to Decision making and to review the rates remission policy on Maori freehold land.

Mr Shenton / Ms Savage Carried.

13 Review of rates remission policy on Maori freehold land

The Komiti noted the memorandum previously provided to the Policy/Planning Committee. Members wondered whether there was a map of Maori freehold land in the Rangitikei. Council's records would not show this (nor does Maori Land Online) but an enquiry would be made to the Maori Land Court.

Resolved minute number **17/IWI/031** **File Ref** **3-PY- 1-18**

- 1 That the memorandum 'Rates Remission for Maori Freehold Land Policy - Review' to the meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa on 10 October 2017 meeting be received.
- 2 ~~That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa nominatesto be a member of a joint working group with elected members nominated by Council to further consider the review of the rates Remission for Maori Freehold Land Policy, to report back to the Komiti's December 2017 meeting.~~

Mr Steedman / Mr Shenton Carried.

14 Update on landlocked land

His Worship the Mayor commented that this was on hold until he and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa could engage with the Government, which at this stage is yet to be decided. It was suggested that a letter be drafted in the meantime to thank previous ministers for their time.

Resolved minute number **17/IWI/032** **File Ref**

To draft a letter to Ex-Minister Te Ururoa Flavell and Christopher Finlayson to thank them for their time regarding the landlocked land, signed by His Worship the Mayor, and the Komiti Chair.

Mr Steedman / Mr Turia Carried.

15 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

Te Pae Tawhiti is the Manawatu-Wanganui Economic Development Strategy, 2016-40

The Chair provided a verbal update, listing Te Pae Tawhiti's current projects, supported by the Ministry for Primary Industries, the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment and Te Puni Kokiri. However, as yet there was not much specifically in the Rangitikei.

- How we can utilise our land better
- Claim investigations

- Glass eels
- Tourism – Whanganui river and Ruapehu District
- Honey – purchasing 1500 hives
- Nga Rauru has launched a new health product called Smooju, which uses natural Maori Health products
- Providing support for start-up and existing businesses.
- Ruapehu has set up a recruitment agency and tech hub.

Their main focus at present is to look to employ a coordinator to manage these initiatives.

16 Proposed submission to New Zealand Productivity Commission's issues paper on a low emissions economy

Ms Gray spoke to the submission, highlighting:

- The proposed measures for biological emissions at farm level
- The main opportunities to reduce emissions
- How to encourage alternative low-emissions land uses
- The main barriers to sequestering carbon in forests
- Opportunities and barriers to reducing emissions in transport
- Changes required to facilitate renewable source of energy across the economy.
- What our long term vision for a low-emissions economy look like?

Mr Gray suggested that the Komiti look at ways to confront climate change as Maori land owners; most land owners do not know how to quantify the impact their land is having on climate change, whether it be positively or negatively.

Resolved minute number

17/IWI/033

File Ref

3-OR-3-5

That the draft submission 'New Zealand Productivity Commission's issues paper on a low emissions economy' be received.

Mr Shenton / Mr Gray Carried.

17 Earthquake-prone buildings – priority building consultation

Mr McNeill spoke to the report. The system for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings changed on 1 July 2017. The new system prioritises identification and remediation of earthquake-prone buildings that either pose a high risk to life safety, or are critical to recovery in an emergency. Council must consult on whether buildings are priority buildings due to their location, and the potential impact of their failure in an earthquake on people. Specifically, vehicular and pedestrian thoroughfares with sufficient traffic to warrant prioritisation. Priority buildings must be identified and remediated in half the usual time, to

reduce the risks to life safety more promptly. This means that Council must identify potentially earthquake-prone priority buildings in this district within 2.5 years, and building owners must strengthen or demolish earthquake-prone priority buildings within 7.5 years^[1].

Council wants to front foot this process by consulting with building owners in Bulls, Marton, Taihape and Turakina. Public meetings will be held next week in Marton and Taihape.

The Council is also looking to employ its own structural engineer, which will be the most cost effective option for building owners.

18 Update on the 'Path to Well-Being' initiative – July 2017

Resolved minute number 17/IWI/034 **File Ref** 3-CT-8-1

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – July 2017' be received.

Ms Savage / Mr Mete Carried.

19 Panui/Announcements

Project Marton AGM – to be held on 16 October at the Friendship Hall in Marton. Pahia Turia to be the guest speaker.

Mr Steedman mentioned that the Winiata Marae has had its dining room renovations completed, and that they would be inviting Councillors to visit.

20 Late items

None

21 Future Items for the Agenda

No items were identified.

22 Next meeting

Tuesday 5 December 2017, 11.00 am

^[1] From the date the earthquake-prone building notice is issued.

23 Meeting closed/Karakia

Mr Turia provided the closing karakia.

Meeting closed 1.50 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

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Attachment 2



Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

From: Christin Ritchie, Governance Administrator

Date: 20 November 2017

Subject: **Update from Council's meetings in October- November 2017**

File: 3-CT-8_1

This report is to provide the Komiti with an update on issues that have been under consideration by Council over the past two months

An update on progress with Council's Top Ten Projects is attached as Appendix 1.

1 Annual Report for year ending 30 June 2017

- 1.1 The Annual Report was adopted by Council on 5 October 2017. The auditors gave it an unmodified opinion, meaning there were no issues which were of concern to them or required highlighting to the community. A Summary Annual Report (also audited) has been prepared and, like the full report, is on the website and available in the Council's libraries.

2 Local Government Excellence Programme – assessment results and report

- 2.1 Council opted to be involved in the programme as a way of gauging both strengths and weakness in a conscious effort to strive for improvements within the organisation.
- 2.2 The results of the assessment (which took place in March 2017) were announced in October 2017, noting that Council has well-considered strategies, careful financial management and a commitment to service improvement. Council will focus on areas identified as needing improvement, noting that some processes are already in place. A workshop will be held in early 2018.

3 Traffic and Parking Bylaw – deliberations

- 3.1 The Traffic and Parking Bylaw has been adopted except for with section 16 (heavy vehicles) which has been further considered by the Policy/Planning Committee with a recommendation to Councils' meeting on 30 November 2017.
- 3.2 Community Boards and Community Committees are being asked to confirm the current parking restrictions in place.

4 Long Term Plan 2018

- 4.1 Further workshops have been held during the past two months, including sessions on a revised waste management and minimisation plan, activity plans for community wellbeing and community leadership, and the revenue and financing policy.

5 Civil Defence Emergency Management Improvement Plan

- 5.1 Having given consideration to responses during storm events earlier this year, an improvement plan has been developed to improve both capability and awareness.
- 5.2 Conversation with the Whanganui District Health Board over the potential use of the Taihape Hospital Buildings during emergencies has been favourable and a formal arrangement is being drafted to present to Council. A small financial investment may be required from Council to ensure adequate communication is available in and out of the site. Work on collaboration with Brian FM is continuing.

6 Proposed consultation on priority buildings – Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act

- 6.1 Council has completed consultation on priority areas, as is required by the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act and heard oral submissions. Notification was provided to both the affected building owners and occupiers.
- 6.2 Deliberations on submissions will occur at Council's meeting on 30 November 2017.

7 Manawatu Gorge Alternate Route proposals

- 7.1 His Worship the Mayor attended a number of working groups from the Tararua, Manawatu and Palmerston North councils. All three endorsed the alternative route south of the Gorge. His Worship the Mayor has formally supported the working groups collected consensus.

8 Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in October – November 2017' be received.

Christin Ritchie
Governance Administrator

Appendix 1



Memorandum

To: Council

From: Ross McNeil

Date: 17 October 2017

Subject: **Top Ten Projects – status, October 2017**

File: 5-EX-4

This memorandum is an update from the statements provided to the Council's meeting on 28 July 2016 and subsequent months.

1. Mangaweka Bridge replacement

In the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan, Council signalled its preference to build a new bridge to replace the century-old Mangaweka Bridge. It had become apparent that the bridge structure would need to be totally replaced to take the loads required by local farmers and those operations servicing them. As a boundary bridge, costs will be shared equally with the Manawatu District Council but a business case must be accepted by the New Zealand Transport Agency for payment of the Financial Assistance Rate (63% for Rangitikei) without which the project would not be viable. At its meeting on 25 May 2017, the costs for a detailed business case were formally allowed for (which could be met from provision included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan).

The indicative business case has been completed which recommended a new bridge alongside the existing one, with a preference to retain the exiting bridge for pedestrian and cycle traffic. The next stage is the preparation of the detailed business case for the recommended option. A new bridge with a design capacity of 53-80 tonnes has an estimated costing of between \$8 and 10 million.

A submission has been made to the New Zealand Transport Agency for approval (and funding) to proceed with the detailed business case. Both councils have committed their local share. The detailed business case has been tendered to the open market. One tender only was received, from GHD Limited. This met the requirements of the Request for Proposal.

2. Upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions

The consent application remains under consideration by Horizons, which effectively puts the project on hold. Riverlands had expressed interest in a collaborative approach to the upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant but, on further consideration, seems unlikely to make such a commitment. Although Horizons is keen to see the merging of the two discharges, it would be entirely a Council decision to do that. It would mean

withdrawing the current consent application and submitting a new one. The same applies to discussions being held with Horizons about piping Marton's wastewater to be treated at Bulls, thus ending any discharge to the Tutaenui Stream.

This position is unchanged from the last update.

3. Upgrade of the Marton wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions

The initial focus until December 2017 is on acceptable management of the leachate from the Bonny Glen landfill. The Heads of Agreement has been signed between Midwest Disposal and Council; the management plan to define the arrangements for transporting the leachate to Marton, storing it, and releasing it into the waste water treatment plant has been finalised. The document was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 11 August 2016. The storage tanks and pumping system for pre-treated leachate is now in place at the Marton wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). This means that there is now a managed entry of pre-treated leachate into the treatment plant.

Midwest has yet to see a commercially running plant that can demonstrate the efficiency of their preferred option of on-site treatment of leachate. Midwest aimed to have its pre-treatment plant operating by April 2017. However, it seems that the leachate will require further treatment before it can be discharged into a waterway. Council has been specific that the application for the new consent for the Marton wastewater treatment plant will not allow leachate to be accepted. A long list of options and associated high level assessment (pros and cons) was presented at a Council workshop on 5 October 2017. This pointed to piping Marton's wastewater to Bulls with discharge from there as being a preferred option, particularly as it offers the opportunity to offer the service to ANZCO and Ohakea.

MidWest was invited to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 12 October 2017 meeting on 28 September 2017 to outline their plans and preferences for future leachate disposal. While MidWest will be applying to Horizons for a resource consent to discharge fully treated leachate to land during summer months, they have a preference for treated effluent to be accepted at the Marton Wastewater Plant rather than sending it to Palmerston North or Wellington. The implications of this will be the subject of a report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 9 November 2017.

The Advisory Group membership has been reviewed, with a combination of re-appointments and new appointments. The Group met on 3 March 2017. In light of a potential option to pipe effluent from Marton to Bulls, Council has reconsidered the membership of the Advisory Group and is looking to include representation from the Bulls community. This was an item for the Bulls Community Committee's meeting in October 2017. It is intended to have a further meeting of the (enlarged) Advisory Group before the next meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee to gain their view of the business case analysis of options for future treatment of wastewater from Marton and Bulls.

In conjunction with Horizons and local Iwi, an application was made to the Ministry for the Environment Freshwater Improvement Fund to seek financial support for the piping of effluent from the Marton WWTP to the Bulls WWTP. The application was unsuccessful, meaning the feasibility of the project needs further review – not only in terms of the

potential impact on borrowing (and rates) but also in terms of the identification and evaluation of practicable options.

4. Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant to meet the demands from the anticipated housing development

Planning and legal formalities are under way for the 60 lot subdivision at Ratana. This subdivision has been approved as a 'partition' through the Maori Land Court, rather than a subdivision consent under the Resource Management Act. As the land is under multiple ownership, the partition process allows for specific areas (parcels) to be defined and assigned to owners. This is similar to a cross-lease arrangement.

External funding support for the wastewater treatment plant capacity upgrade has yet to be confirmed. However, Te Puni Kokiri, as the social housing funder for this development, is aware of the funding shortfall and discussions are being held with staff from that organisation. An application was lodged recently with the enhanced Tourism Infrastructure Fund based on the substantial number of visitors to Ratana, not just at the January celebrations but frequently at other times of the year. A decision is expected in November. Council budgets do include funding to upgrade the plant to meet future treatment standards.

An update on the subdivision project was included in the Administrative matters report to Council's meeting on 29 September 2016. The Waipu Trust, which is advancing the development, will be seeking an agreement with Council for management and maintenance of the core infrastructure and open space areas associated with the development. Council's legal advisers have prepared a draft agreement.

Planning continues for the wastewater plant upgrade/renewal to meet new conditions of consent. To this end an application was made to the Ministry for the Environment Freshwater Improvement Fund to seek financial support for a land-based treatment option for the Ratana WWTP. This application was successful, meaning that the discharge will be entirely to land with none going into Lake Waipu as is the case now.

A project plan will now be developed, noting that a new resource consent application will need to be lodged with Horizons Regional Council by 31 January 2018 (being 6 months ahead of the 31 July 2018 expiry of the current consent).

This position is unchanged from the last update.

5. Sustainable provision of stock and irrigation water within the area now serviced by the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, extended south to Marton, and provision of a safe, potable and affordable supply to Hunterville town

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) approved the Tutaenui pre-feasibility study, and officials visited on 1 August 2016 to view the area and discuss their views on what a pre-feasibility study should achieve and how it would be best done. This included engaging a

specialist consultancy, and Brian Kouvelis and David Voss were engaged in this regard. Their first task has been to complete concept designs for the reconfiguration of the Hunterville rural scheme and for supply through the proposed Tutaenui scheme. This work is supported by water network modelling. Draft demand profiles have been produced, and these have informed the concept designs. The engineering report is nearing completion.

Horizons Regional Council has completed a GIS resource for the project, i.e. an online viewer that will enable all spatial data (such as climate and soil conditions) to be easily viewed, with layers that can be turned on and off to suit.

450 surveys were sent to properties within the project area, and 73 responses have been received. They show a high preference for additional horticultural production if irrigation water is available. Murray Robinson was engaged to carry out face to face interviews. 25 interviewees were selected, and the results of the interviews presented to the Governance Group's meeting in May. All interviewees were in support of a full feasibility study being carried out and were positive about the impact that additional water could have on their farming operations.

The focus for July-August was finishing the engineering investigation and the economic analysis.

BakerAg have completed Stage 1 of the economic analysis. This was a high-level examination of the findings from Stage 1 of the engineering investigation, and what the availability of irrigation water would translate into for farmers, particularly in the Tutaenui area. A range of water uses was examined in this work. In terms of payback, the most attractive option appears very strongly to be intensive horticulture (for example apples or blueberries). This finding aligns well with both the engineering investigation, which revealed that this is the quantum of water available, and with the demand investigation, which revealed that in the Tutaenui area at least this is the most likely attractive end use for that water. However, at this stage, there is currently sufficient water available to service a 50 ha area. The completed economic analysis will be presented to the Governance Group on 30 October 2017.

Stage 2 of the engineering investigation is now complete, with a presentation being made to the Governance Group on 31 July. At this meeting, a long list of options was presented. The consultants sought feedback and finalised their work on route analysis and costing for the resulting short list of options (for both the proposed Tutaenui Rural Water Supply area and the existing Hunterville Rural Water Supply). This includes the cost of servicing a nominal 50 ha block near the water source as well as the cost of servicing several smaller blocks where farmers have indicated an interest in irrigation water for horticulture. As well as robust information on use of the various sources available, the results of this study will be options for a proposed reticulation layout, with pipe sizings, routes and costings.

From a technical perspective, it appears that Hunterville town can be separated out from the Hunterville Rural Water Supply. However, an analysis is underway to determine the financial implications on the Hunterville scheme of such an outcome.

The final report is scheduled for completion by 30 November 2017. Public meetings will be held following this. Council can look ahead to the potential for a full feasibility study, again with funding support from MPI.

MPI and the Governance Group have agreed to extend the completion date for the project to December 2017.

6. Future management of community housing

Council has committed to examine other options for managing its community housing stock, using one or more specialist organisations with the ability to tap into government financial assistance. The Manawatu Community Trust is the only organisation which has continued to express interest in taking over the ownership and management of all 72 units. However, Council has indicated that the four units at Ratana are to be excluded.

Over the past twelve months the level of occupancy has risen considerably. A further report to Council's meeting on 15 December 2016 showed that, at this level of occupancy, there is a small comparative financial benefit for Council in retaining ownership and managing the housing directly. Forming a Rangitikei-trust is an option to direct management

The Manawatu Community Trust made a presentation to Council at its meeting on 23 February 2017 and is meeting with its legal advisers to discuss some options in an attempt to clarify the issue of ownership. Investigations are in progress on the feasibility of establishing a similar Rangitikei-specific trust or having a committee structure within the Manawatu Community Trust. A presentation was made to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 8 June 2017 on a ten-year plan for the housing (if remaining under direct Council control). A further workshop session was held on 29 June 2017, setting out three scenarios, resulting in a request for a more detailed analysis.

It is intended to present that to the Finance/Performance Committee's meeting on 26 October 2017.

7. Upgrade of Taihape Pool

Major work is required in filtration and heating to get this pool to a satisfactory standard. An expert assessment was obtained and peer reviewed. Initially, there was an assessment that the existing electricity supply to the pool would need upgrading, but on further examination will not be necessary. The costs for the full extent of work were estimated at \$430,000 which took the project beyond the funds committed by Council and the Trust.

There has been a meeting with the Taihape Community Development Trust (which, until September 2017, had a service contract to manage the Pool) and a commitment secured to work on a joint funding strategy to secure the funding gap of \$200,000 to enable the work to be done during 2017. A contingency budget to fund this upgrade has been included in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan, and is an element for community consultation. No application for external funding as yet been submitted.

The tender was issued on 13 April 2017. Under delegated authority, at its meeting on 11 May 2017, the Assets/Infrastructure Committee awarded the contract to Ian Coombes Limited for \$374,900 (including contingencies). Work is progressing well and is expected to be completed well before the intended the start of the 2017/18 swimming season, 6 November 2017.

With the Taihape Community Development Trust electing not to exercise a right of renewal of the management contract for the Swim Centre, tenders were called for managing the Swim Centre for the next two years. At its meeting on 12 October 2017, Council awarded the contract to West End Aquatics Limited (which currently manages the Marton Swim Centre).

8. Bulls multi-purpose community centre

Community feedback was sought at the public launch of the project on 8 August 2016, and as a consequence the design has been modified to provide a larger auditorium, a wider stage, and additional toilets. The funding implications from these changes were considered by Council at its meeting on 29 September 2016. The total cost of the facility is likely to be \$4.36 million but the rate-funded loan (for \$1.6 million) will not increase. The required additional funding will come from corporate sponsorship, a higher target for local community funding and sale of further surplus Council property in Bulls or use of financial reserves. The architects suggested a mesh-style exterior cladding to lighten the look: subject to confirming the price, this change in the building appearance has got strong support. However, this brings the estimated cost very close to the budget. Before proceeding to the detailed design and specification, a value management workshop was held on 31 January 2017 to review what savings are available from alternative products and systems. The objective was to lower the design estimates by at least 10%. The actual savings outcomes achieved were 18.7%. As the detailed design and specification will cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000, it is critical to avoid substantial revision of that further in the process.

Agreement has now been reached with the Joint venture (JV) partners (who own the whole former Criterion Hotel site) in regard to the area to be purchased by Council – including the retention by the JV partners of the civic square area (so Council does not need to purchase it) which will be subject to enduring control by the Council. A geotech assessment and the site survey have both been completed.

The application to Lotteries' Community Facilities Fund was submitted by the due date, 31 August 2016. In December the Fund decided to grant \$500,000 although it will not be paid before 23 November 2017 and the Fund administrator will require evidence that the balance of remaining funds has been raised for the project, a copy of the final construction contract, a copy of the building consent, confirmation of the project start date, estimated completion date and that the project is as submitted in the grant request.

A funding application was lodged with the Dudding Trust; it will be discussed further in the coming funding round. Additional funding applications have been submitted to Lotteries Significant Projects Fund and the Four Regions (PowerCo) Trust. The outcome of these applications is unlikely to be known until at least mid-2017.

During the Annual Plan consultation, work on investigating the legal saleability of surplus properties was paused. The information centre/bus stop at 113 Bridge Street has no impediment to sale and it will be offered for sale through an open tender process in accordance with Council policy on the sale of surplus property. Such a sale will be conditional on allowing Council to continue using the site as now until the new facility is available. (The sale is being managed by Property Brokers). Properties proposed for sale, but not flagged for disposal in the initial discussions with the community, were an item in the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan

Preparations for the local fund-raising campaign are well advanced. A newsletter was distributed to every property in Bulls outlining the background to the project, its current status, and the next stages of the development. The Give-a-little page has been launched. The potentially significant source of funding from selling (on commission) the FM radios (providing information about the aircraft and Base facilities) during the Ohakea Air Show was declined because Council would have had to purchase the radios. The Mayor has had a number of discussions with likely corporate sponsors. Local and corporate funding and pledges now exceed \$81,000, with the target being \$350,000.

At its meeting on 29 September 2016 Council resolved to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans and tender documents, and, subject to budget, invite tenders for the construction of the new facility when at least 70% (\$1.19 million, including at least \$105,000 in local community funding from the Bulls community) of the external funding is secured by way of grants from external agencies, local community funding and corporate sponsorship. This does not commit Council to continuing the project. Detailed design is not essential for other funding bids but it must be complete before the Lotteries grant will be paid. It will take about three months to complete.

The design, costings and proposed property sales associated with the proposed Centre were the focus of an Annual Plan consultation meeting held in Bulls on 8 March 2017. The preparation of detailed plans and specifications to support a tender process for the Centre's construction were put on hold pending the close of the submission period for the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. The majority of those submitting on this matter favoured continuation, and Council has resolved accordingly.

The funding application to the Lotteries Significant Projects Fund was completed and submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs. The application presented the proposed Bulls Community Centre project as part of a District-wide town centre development programme, and references the proposed Marton City Centre and Taihape town hall/service centre development projects. The Department confirmed that the application will proceed through to assessment and then to the Committee for a funding determination. However, the decision, released earlier this month, was unfavourable. Rangitikei's project was considered not to demonstrate regional or national significance in the way that the Hunterwasser Gallery in Whangarei or the Sergeant Art Gallery in Whanganui.

The preparation of detailed plans and tender documents will cost around \$125,000. At its meeting on 25 May 2017, Council confirmed its previous decision for the Chief Executive to commission detailed drawings and specifications. However, this commission was delayed because there of a potential shortfall of \$1 million, with government, philanthropic and

corporate funding less than envisaged. Ways of bridging this gap without additional ratepayer cost was explored, including discussions with relevant Ministers.

During August there was discussion with senior officials in Internal Affairs and, as a result, a supplementary application was made to the Lotteries Community Facilities Fund (which closed 31 August 2017) to cover the present shortfall of the 70% external funding target. In addition, an application was made to the enhanced Tourism Infrastructure Fund for \$300,000 to recognise the use of these new facilities by visitors on SH-1 and SH-3. A decision is expected in November.

On that basis work to prepare the detailed drawings and specifications is now proceeding. At its October meeting, the J B S Dudding Trust approved a grant of \$200,000 for the project.

9. Development of Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site in Marton for Council's administration centre and the town library

Possession was gained on 31 August 2016. A meeting has been held with building owners and businesses in this area and an opportunity provided for them to see inside the buildings.

Following a call for Expressions of Interest, Opus was engaged to assist in preparing a heritage assessment and concept development, not just for the Council's site, but more generally within the Broadway precinct between High Street and Follett Street. The Opus team visited Marton on 23 November 2016 to undertake preliminary site investigations and discuss their initial thinking. The project was completed just before Christmas and 'rough-order' cost estimates provided for four options –

- retain, strengthen and refurbish;
- retain all facades, with new facility behind;
- retain, strengthen and refurbish Davenport; retain facades of Cobbler B and Abraham and Williams, with new facility behind, demolish Cobbler B and replace with new one storey build;
- demolish all and construct new facility.

In all cases, a structure at IL4¹ rating for the Civil Defence function is envisaged on the Cobbler A site.

The costs have now been peer-reviewed. Given the high community interest, the three main options were included within the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan to inform the community and invite their views.

The Marton heritage precinct concept was shared before Christmas with building owners who showed interest in progressing it. The objective in this part of the project is to develop

¹ i.e. Importance Level 4, which denotes buildings that must be operational immediately after an earthquake or other disastrous event, such as emergency shelters and hospital operating theatres, triage centres and other critical post-disaster infrastructure. Clause A3 of the Building Code defines the significance of a building by its importance level (IL), which is related to the consequences of failure. There are five levels of importance, considered by the importance of the building to society:

a heritage precinct plan which could be submitted for funding in the Government's Heritage Earthquake Upgrade Incentive Programme (EQUIP). Draft terms of reference for a Marton Heritage Panel have been prepared, which is attached for consideration. The Ministry has expressed interest in a precinct application.

In some places collaboration to regenerate urban centres has been formalised through an approach known as the 'Precinct Model'. This will be explored with property owners. A preliminary action is to gather information about spending by Marton residents in Marton and in nearby centres. It had been intended that this work is completed by the end of May but it is a larger task than anticipated and will not be complete before September/October

A meeting for Marton business/commercial property owners was held on 1 March to provide an overview of the information to be presented in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. The public meeting on 13 March for the draft Annual Plan provided a focus for presenting the concepts associated with the proposed Marton Civic Centre and heritage precinct. Attendees were encouraged to submit their views on the ideas presented in the consultation document.

The majority of submitters on this topic wanted Council to continue investigating options for the site, but views were evenly split between those who wanted the heritage character of the corner retained and those who favoured demolition and a completely new building. The logic of this is for Council to focus on two specific options – retaining all street facades and building new behind these and demolishing all three buildings and erecting a new one. Understanding the different costs (including the potential for lotteries support for the heritage approach) is a critical part of this next stage. Retaining the linkage between Council's own buildings and those privately owned in the Marton civic centre is being maintained as likely to present the best case for external funding.

At its previous meeting, Council requested a concept design with costings on retaining all the facades and building new behind them, demolishing all buildings and erecting an entirely new building, with regard to the impact on the Broadway streetscape and opportunities for external funding support. In addition, Council asked for scoping and costing an upgrade of buildings on the Marton Library site and the Marton Administration site so that they are fit for purpose as a reference point for the investigations on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams Buildings site. This work has progressed more slowly than envisaged but will be given priority before the end of the year. In addition, there may be scope to submit an application to Lotteries Environment and Heritage grant programme for funding to undertake a feasibility study on establishing the Marton Heritage Precinct as a collaborative initiative between private building owners and Council. This will be investigated and, if possible, a funding application will be lodged for the next funding round, which closes in February 2018. Typically, Lotteries will require that at least 1/3 of the project funds have been secured prior to considering any application for funding.

10. Taihape civic and community centre

As noted in previous commentaries, this is the least conceptualised town centre complex – but its location, on the Town Hall site, has previously found strong support.

Council has previously anticipated that, early in 2017, the Taihape community would be asked to say where their preferred site is for the new amenity block on Memorial Park (approved following the consultation process for the 2016/17 Annual Plan). That facility will have provision for a second storey, which may be part of finding a long-term solution for those organisations currently using the former Taihape College buildings on Rauma Road. That discussion will provide an opportunity to think in more detail the nature of the facility on the town hall site and the extent to which the current building can be an integral part of that. Both these issues were explored at a joint meeting between Council and the Taihape Community Board on 3 November 2016 and with the users of the Rauma Road facilities on 14 November 2016.

The Annual Plan consultation meeting for Taihape (22 March) focused on the need to identify the preferred site for the proposed amenity block and encourage community views on the future of the Memorial Park grandstand. The Council resolved that a rethink as to identifying and assessing the viable options for amenity/grandstand/recreational facilities on Memorial Park was required given the lack of consensus evident from those submitting to the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

At its meeting on 25 May 2017, Council requested that a project brief and timeline be prepared to guide the identification and assessment of viable options for amenities/grandstand/recreational facilities on the Park, and that the process engage user groups and the wider community, taking a long-term view of needs, opportunities and funding. A draft project brief was discussed with the Assets/Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 8 June 2017. The Committee agreed that a view from the Taihape Community Board (which met on 14 June 2017) about the nature, scope and process for the project was essential prior to Council finalising the project brief.

However there was no consensus at the Board meeting about the scope of the project. While the Board resolved to ask that the Taihape grandstand decision be set aside and that the project focus on where the new amenities block is to be located, there was an opposing view favouring dealing with the grandstand first, and a further perspective that any review should take a broader view about developing the Park. What all views had in common was getting going. On that basis, the draft project brief was revised and adopted at Council's June 2017 meeting.

Cr Gordon is leading this project, which is currently focussed on information gathering. Healthy Families Whanganui-Rangitikei-Ruapehu has been added to the list of key stakeholders. Documenting the nature and extent of use of the Park is now in progress.

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Top ten projects – status, October 2017' be received.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Attachment 3



Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

From: Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst

Date: 16 November 2017

Subject: **Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Council Combined Workshop 2 November 2017 - Notes**

File: 3-OR-3-4

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The aim of the combined workshop was to share views about stronger engagement with Iwi/Maori, increased participation by Iwi/Maori in Council processes and to find ways to improve collaboration between Iwi/Maori and Council – recognising that the timing of Treaty settlements meant the nature of relationships would be likely to differ.
- 1.2 Those present acknowledged strong relationships between Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Council (both elected members and staff) at present. There was a consensus that it has taken considerable time and effort to get to this point.

2 Separate Maori Wards

- 2.1 The establishment of separate Maori Wards was a potential mechanism for improving Maori engagement with Council. The statutory provisions meant there could be two such Wards in the Rangitikei, or two Councillors elected from a single Maori Ward. Council could not change that.
- 2.2 There were mixed views expressed. Some considered that, if implemented, Maori Ward Councillors would mean more influence by Iwi/Maori over Council decisions. Others noted being Maori and Iwi were different things – those elected to Maori Wards could not represent the different Iwi in the Rangitikei. By law they were required to represent to the interests of the District as a whole.
- 2.3 Those who were not in favour were concerned about the potential to cause damage to existing relationships between Iwi and Council, or distort perceptions of those relationships as the poll required by legislation might expose or incite racism in the community (as it had in other parts of the country). There was the possibility of inconsistency for Iwi whose rohe straddled boundaries with neighbouring councils
- 2.4 Those who were in favour viewed Māori wards as being an additional layer to representation, and potentially encouraging participation. On this basis, it would show leadership to propose this change now, even though it would probably fail.

3 Representation on Council Committees

- 3.1 There was general agreement that having a representative from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa (with full speaking and voting rights) on Council Committees was a useful tool, and could be expanded from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee to include the Policy/Planning Committee and the Finance/Performance Committee.
- 3.2 However, there needed to be improved support and training given to such appointees so they understood how the Committees functioned.

4 The role of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

- 4.1 There was a consensus that the Komiti was, and should continue to be, a vital mechanism for Iwi/Maori and Council – irrespective of whether separate Maori Wards were established in the future. It had been where key issues such as land-locked land and rates remission had been discussed and progress made.
- 4.2 However, although in place for two decades, the Komiti's role was not widely known or understood. It was largely reactive at present, so there was a need for Komiti members to make a concerted effort to convey what they wanted to achieve and how Council could help.
- 4.3 If separate Maori Wards were established, those Councillors could be appointed as members of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

5 Iwi Liaison Officer

- 5.1 Having a dedicated Iwi/Maori Liaison Officer was seen as another level of engagement, and help give effect to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's strategic plan. The meeting discussed different options for this role – including creating an entirely new role, or whether an existing staff member would take on the role as a portfolio. The option of using an external person was raised but there was a consensus that this would not necessarily be the best option.
- 5.2 There was general agreement that, if such a role was created, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa would have a role in the selection process.

6 Next steps

- 6.1 Council to look at inviting representation from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa on the other Council Committees, to start work towards establishing an Iwi/Maori Liaison Officer role in conjunction with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, and to revise the statement on Development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making and the policy on rates remissions for Maori freehold land (reflecting the proposals in the Te Ture Whenua Maori Bill).
- 6.2 Council would not take a formal vote on establishing separate Maori Wards.

7 Recommendation

- 7.1 That the memorandum 'Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and Council Combined Workshop 2 November 2017 - Notes ' be received.

Ellen Webb-Moore
Policy Analyst

Appendix 1

DEVELOPMENT OF MĀORI CAPACITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING POLICY

Policy Title: DEVELOPMENT OF MĀORI CAPACITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING	
Date of Adoption: 9 March 2009	Resolution for LTCCP: 09/RDC/233
Review Date: none	
Statutory reference for adoption: Local Government Act 2002 schedule 10	
Statutory reference for review: none	
Included in the LTP: yes	
Date Amended or Reviewed	Resolution
Included in the LTCCP draft 2009: 9 March 2009	09/RDC/098
Adopted in the LTCCP 2009: 25 June 2009	09/RDC/233
Reviewed at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa 14 February 2012	12/IWI/006 12/RDC/029
Adopted in the LTP 2012: 28 June 2012	12/RDC/104
Reviewed at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa October 2014	14/IWI/045
<u>Reviewed at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa</u> <u>December November 2017</u>	

Introduction

Council is committed to working with Maori and Tangata Whenua to build internal capacity and capability, not least to support the requirements given effect to by the Treaty Settlements.

Clause 8 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires that the Council outline any steps it might take to foster the development of Māori capacity building to contribute to its decision-making processes, over the period covered by this plan.

The key provision in the Local Government Act 2002 regarding the Council's relationship with Māori is section 81, which requires all councils to fulfil three primary tasks:

- 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 documentation to Māori for the purposes of the above two paragraphs.

The Memorandum of Understanding: Tutohinga

The Memorandum of Understanding, initially signed in 1998, recognises the fundamental role of Iwi in the District and the essential partnership between Iwi and the Rangitikei District Council. The key mechanism for delivering on the partnership intent of the Memorandum is Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, a standing advisory committee of the Council. Tangata Whēnua of the District are represented on the Komiti, as is the Ratana Community. Komiti members are regularly briefed on Council matters and specifically offered a lead role in reviews of policies/statements of particular relevance to Māori. Members of the Komiti are also provided with a training budget in order to build capacity and capability among the group

To give effect to the intent of the Memorandum of Understanding: Tutohinga, the Council and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa are committed to looking for more effective ways to ensure that Māori are well informed, have an ability to have input into processes and, when they do so, understand the reasons for the Council's response. A ~~pilot~~ Māori community development programme, was undertaken during 2011-2014, and provided for facilitated Hui of iwi/Hapu from the northern rohe to pre-caucus before Komiti meetings. A budget is allocated for the Māori Community Development Programme and is to be distributed by the Komiti in accordance with its own processes. This programme is designed to increase the capacity of Māori to contribute to local decision-making, and strengthen relationships between iwi organisations/marae and Council (including through the development of individual MOU). As a result, Council developed a policy for unlocking Māori landlocked land and a policy to recognise iwi/hapu interests in Council-owned land that is declared surplus.

The Memorandum of Understanding: Tutohinga is subject to review at the same time as each Representation Review. ~~So the~~ The last review was in 2012 and the next will begin in ~~August~~ 2018¹.

Strategic Planning

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa has adopted a strategic plan which is subject to regular review. This plan identifies a number of actions to achieve three goals – building stronger relationships between Council and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, building stronger relationships between Council and Iwi, hapu, whanau and Māori communities, and building cultural awareness.

Every three years, Council adopts the Long Term Plan, supplemented annually with an Annual Plan. Council will ensure that there is an annual opportunity for iwi to engage with Council's strategic planning process, including the schedule of capital and renewal works, major programmes, policy review development etc.

¹ In between these times of comprehensive review, the Komiti may recommend changes to its membership to reflect the needs and views of Iwi/hapu of the District.

Council will also ensure that other tributary strategies – for example, arts, heritage, and economic development – receive particular input from iwi/hapu and from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Council will welcome the opportunity to receive the strategic and other management plans from iwi/hapu in order to ensure alignment of its own strategies and plans where possible and appropriate, and with particular reference to the requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Iwi Liaison Officer

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa suggested that this new ~~This~~ role would ~~exists to~~ facilitate effective communication with Tangata Whenua and manage relationships in order to assist with the development and analysis of Council policy. Implementing and potentially reviewing Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's strategic plan forms part of this role. Details are currently being worked out.

~~Building on current strategies~~ Representation

One of the early components of the Representation Review is consideration whether one or Māori wards should be established in the District. Assuming the current statutory provisions remain in force, Council will continue to refer this matter to the Komiti for its consideration at each Representation Review. At the most recent review, in ~~August 2011,~~ 2017, the Komiti did not make a recommendation on this proposal. Instead it resolved that the future of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa as an advisor group be considered against the value of direct relationships between Iwi and Council.

~~Further workshop discussion has~~ This clarified that this is not an 'either-or' question but one of establishing complementary relationships, understanding both the potential advantages and disadvantages of both. The Komiti advocates that Te Roopu Ahi Kaa achieves a sense of tribal accountability, which is important for a district with multiple iwi. The Komiti is ~~are~~ therefore in agreement that Maori Wards would not negate the need for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa. Council expects this discussion to be ongoing and to develop as the relationship between Council and iwi organisations in the district matures.

In 2017, Council decided ~~the decision was made to invite~~ ~~enable a member of~~ Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to nominate one of its members to be a member of ~~sit on~~ the Assets/~~and~~ Infrastructure Committee with full voting rights. ~~Meeting.~~ This arrangement will be extended in 2018 to include representation on the ~~worked well and has been extended to enable further representation on other Council Committees including~~ Policy/~~Planning and~~, Finance/~~and~~ Performance Committees. ~~and Audit Risk.~~ This is viewed by the Komiti as being a form of meaningful participation in Council business.

The Post Treaty Settlement Environment

Finalisation of Treaty claims is a significant development in the Rangitikei. The Council is aware that in a post-settlement phase, iwi with Mana Whēnua have obligations to all people in the rohe.

Ngati Apa's claim is the first claim to be settled in the District and so is of particular significance to the District. It has resulted in addressing a number of longstanding grievances that some Iwi and Hapu in our District have had with the Crown. The settlement will also result in commercial and cultural redress that is likely to change the business, and cultural landscape within the region. Council will seek to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with Ngati Apa which supports the realisation of these benefits and Ngati Apa have also expressed interest in seeking closer working relationships with Council.

Ngati Rangi is quickly approaching settlement and the Taihape's claims are anticipated in the near future. ~~At present the Taihape claim is proceeding. Settlement is some time away but, Once these settlements are complete, when this is done, they are it is also likely to promote stronger working relationships with Council, particularly in the economic and industry space.~~ The impacts of the Settlements/Acts on Council's business, resourcing levels and processes are not fully known at this stage. ~~Council will need to review its position on fostering Māori participation in decision-making in the near future.~~

The Iwi Advisory Komiti is an opportunity for Iwi/hapu without the capacity to engage independently to engage in a relationship with Council. However, the Iwi Advisory Komiti does not pre-empt the opportunity for individual Iwi/hapu to have a direct relationship with Council.

~~Council is committed to working with Māori and Tangata Whēnua and to build internal capacity and capability, not least to support the requirements given effect to by the Treaty Settlements. In addition to commitments contained elsewhere in this statement, Council will:~~

- ~~• Continue to allocate a budget for a Māori Community Development Programme to be distributed by the Komiti in accordance with its own processes. This programme is designed to increase the capacity of Māori to contribute to local decision-making, and strengthen relationships between Iwi organisations/marae and Council (including through the development of individual MOU).~~

~~Continue to provide a training budget for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa and encourage and support this to be used strategically to build capacity and capability – perhaps to bring keynote speakers to the District and/or to provide training for Komiti members in local government processes.~~

Appendix 2

RATES REMISSION FOR MAORI FREEHOLD LAND

Date of adoption by Council	1
Resolution Number	
Date by which review must be completed	2024
Relevant Legislation	Local Government Act 2002 s102 and 108
Statutory or Operational Policy	Statutory
Included in the LTP	No

1 Introduction

1.1 The policy provides for the fair and equitable collection of rates from Māori freehold land, recognising that certain Māori-owned freehold lands have particular conditions, features, ownership structures or other circumstances determining the land as having limited rateability under legislation. This policy also acknowledges the desirability of avoiding further alienation of Māori freehold land.

1.2 Māori freehold Land is defined by section 5 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 as “land whose beneficial ownership has been determined by the Māori Land Court by freehold order”. Only land that is the subject of such an order may qualify for remission under this policy.

Note: The policy applies to unsold land affected by the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967, which provided for Māori land owned by not more than four persons to be changed to General land. While this amendment was repealed in 1973, those blocks that had been changed remained as General land and therefore could be subject to compulsory sale to recover rate arrears.² The onus for identifying this status to the Council lies with the land owners.

1.3 Some provisions exist within the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 exempting land from rates; these are as follows and apply automatically to land of this nature:

- Land that does not exceed 2 hectares and that is used as a Maori burial ground.
- Maori customary land.
- Land that is set apart under section 338 of Te Ture Whenua Maori Act 1993 or any corresponding former provision of that Act and—

¹ This policy was first adopted 15 July 2004 (04/RDC/154), was reviewed 29 June 2006 (06/RDC/193) and 25 June 2009 (09/RDC/233)

² Te Puni Kokiri is currently working with the owners of the remaining titles to make them aware of the status of the land. In addition, Te Puni Kokiri and the Māori Land Court intend undertaking a programme to identify all Māori land titles affected by the Amendment and communicating this status of the titles to the current owners.

- (a) that is used for the purposes of a *marae* or meeting place and that does not exceed 2 hectares; or
- (b) that is a Maori reservation under section 340 of that Act. Maori freehold land that does not exceed 2 hectares and on which a Maori meeting house is erected.
- Land used for the purposes of a Kohanga Reo educational establishment.
- Maori freehold land that is, for the time being, non-rateable by virtue of an Order in Council made under section 116 of this Act, to the extent specified in the order.

2 Objectives

The objectives of this Policy is to provide rates relief for Māori freehold land to recognise, support and take account of:

- the use of the land by the owners for traditional purposes;
- the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands;
- avoiding further alienation of Maori freehold land;
- facilitating any wish of the owners to develop the land for economic use;
- the presence of Wāhi Tapu that may affect the use of the land for other purposes;
- the importance of the land in providing economic and infrastructure support for marae and associated papakainga housing (whether on the land or elsewhere);
- the importance of associated housing in providing Kaumātua support and enhancement for Marae;
- the importance of the land for community goals relating to:
 - the preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment;
 - the protection of outstanding natural features; and
 - the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.
- matters related to the legal, physical and practical accessibility of the land;
- land that is in and will continue to be in a natural and undeveloped state.

3 Conditions and Criteria

A. Unoccupied Land

3.1 Maori freehold land which is unoccupied qualifies for a rates remission if at least one of the following criteria is met:

- Wāhi Tapu is present that may affect the use of the land for other purposes. (A rates remission will be considered on a property or part of a property where the use of that property is affected by the presence of Wāhi Tapu).
- The site is used for preservation/protection of character or coastline, has outstanding natural features, significant indigenous vegetation and habitats

of indigenous fauna. Applications under this criterion need to be supported by an existing Department of Conservation or Regional Council Management Plan, or other supporting evidence (e.g. in the Department of Conservation Coastal Management Plan for the area).

- The site has accessibility issues - if it is difficult to legally, physically or practically access a property. Examples of accessibility issues are:
 - The property is landlocked by properties owned by other people/entities.
 - Access is legally available by paper road or easement but the road does not exist.
 - A road ends or passes a property but a river, ravine, cliff or other impediment prevents practical access.
- The site is in a natural and undeveloped state, and will continue to remain in such state.
- The land is placed under Ngā Whenua Rahui (conservation covenant)

3.2 The land may be in multiple ownership (defined as two or more owners).

3.3 Occupation for this policy is where a person/persons do one or more of the following for their significant profit or benefit (except if the land and its housing is used to contribute to the Kaumātua support and enhancement of the Marae):

- leases the land to another party, or
- permanently resides upon the land, or
- de-pastures or maintains livestock on the land, or
- undertakes significant commercial operations.

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B. Economic Development

3.5 Maori Freehold land which has previously been unoccupied and is about to undergo development, is undergoing development, or has undergone recent development shall be entitled to a remission of rates.

3.6 The length and degree of remission will be decided by having particular regard to the impediments to development suffered by any given piece of land and/or the ownership group or management entity thereof, the value of the economic activity compared with the value of the land, and to the extent to which the development will enhance the capacity of the land/ownership group to pay rates into the future.

C. Papakainga Development

3.7 Papakainga development implemented through the provisions of the Rangitikei District Plan and supported by a development plan shall be entitled to a remission of rates for the period of such development and a further period before and after the development up to a maximum period of 5 years.

- 3.8 The length and degree of remission will be determined having particular regard to the characteristics of the development and to the extent to which the development will maintain and enhance the capacity of Maori to live on their traditional lands and embrace their culture and traditions.

4 Exclusions

- 4.1 As a general principle rates will be payable on Maori Freehold Land where:
- a) The land contains a habitable dwelling and is occupied as a permanent residence.
 - b) The land is leased to an external party
 - c) The land is used for the personal use of one of the owners

5 Process of Application and Consideration for Rates Remission under this policy

Applications

- 5.1 On application to the Rangitikei District Council, consideration will be given for the remission of rates on Māori freehold land under this policy.
- 5.2 The application for rates remission under this policy shall include:
- details of appropriate contacts;
 - details of property and occupancy;
 - the condition(s), as listed in Section 3 of this policy, under which the application is made;
 - any relevant information to support the application, such as historical, ancestral, cultural, archaeological, geographical or topographical information;
 - details of the financial status of the land supported by full financial statements;
 - a copy of any agreements or licenses to operate on the land; and
 - a declaration stating that the information supplied is true and correct and that any changes in circumstances during that period of rate remission will be notified to the Council.

6 Consideration of Applications by Māori Land Rates Remission Committee

- 6.1 All applications for rates remission under this policy shall be considered and decided upon by the Māori Land Rates Remission Committee. The Māori Land Rates Remission Committee is to consist of three Council members and three Tangata Whenua, nominated by Te Roopu Ahi Kaa..
- 6.2 Any decision as to whether any land or part thereof meets or continues to meet the qualifying criteria shall be made by the Māori Land Rates Remission Committee.

Six Year Duration

- 6.3 Any remission of rates granted under this policy will generally apply for a six-year period.
- 6.4 All remissions are reviewed every six years. The last review was 2015, therefore, the next review will be 2021.
- 6.5 If the use of a property changes within the period the owners will notify the Council immediately and the remission status of the property will be reviewed.
- 6.6 Any changes of rates remission status will be effective from the date the property use changed.

Right of Appeal to Full Council

- 6.7 If an applicant considers the decision of the Māori Land Rates Remission Committee is not correct they may appeal to the full Council.

7 Māori Land Rates Remission Committee can consider properties without Application by Owners (i.e. Committee-generated Applications)

- 7.1 If a property could apply for a rates remission but the owners have not applied for the remission, the Committee can consider the granting of a remission of rates under the criteria outlined in section 3 of this Policy.
- 7.2 An example of the situation where this Committee-generated application could apply is where the presence of an unregistered urupa is publicly known but an application has not been made as the owners are geographically dispersed.

8 Rate and Penalty Arrears Write Off

Intention to Write Off Rate Arrears and Penalties

- 8.1 For a number of landlocked properties considerable rate arrears have accrued over the past decade due to an inability of the property to sustain the rates assessed. Council intends to write off these arrears, on a case-by-case basis, once the Committee has approved a Māori land rate remission for individual properties.

Committee can recommend arrears write off to Council

- 8.2 When considering a Māori land rate remission the Committee is to assess any rates and penalty arrears on the property. If these arrears have resulted from the inability of the property to sustain the rates, the Committee is to recommend to Council that the arrears be written off.

9 Right to change conditions and criteria

- 9.1 The Council reserves the right to add to delete or alter in any way the above conditions and criteria from time to time.

- 9.2 When making such changes Council will follow its consultation policy and ensure affected parties are engaged in the change process.

10 No postponement of rates

- 10.1 Nothing in this policy is to be taken as providing or implying a policy providing for the postponement of rates on Māori freehold land.

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Attachment 4

Memorandum

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

DATE: 22 November 2017

SUBJECT: **Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – December 2017**

FILE: 3-CT-8-1

1 Background

- 1.1 The aim of this memorandum is to provide the Komiti with an update on the actions and progress of the Path to Well-Being Initiative.

2 Youth Development Programme

- 2.1 Councils focus over the past two months has been concentrated around the review and redevelopment of its Youth Programme and Offerings across the district. Following the review Council has developed the Youth Transitional Blueprint 2017/2018 Report (being accepted and endorsed by the Policy & Planning Committee) which is focused around the provision of three relevant, safe and supportive spaces for Rangatahi development. Budget has been allocated towards three spaces, one being in Taihape (for further development), a new space in Marton township (opening 25th November at 285 Broadway), and sourcing a space to develop in Bulls. These spaces will include social, educational, recreational and social services related areas through our partnerships.

3 Treasured Natural Environment Group

- 3.1 The Treasured Natural Environment Group is working together to develop a range of events throughout the Rangitikei for Conservation week which runs from 14 – 22 October 2017. Events are in the early stages of planning from Bulls up to Taihape.

4 Funding

- 4.1 An update on all funding applications is summarised in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The funding application for the Youth Development Partnership Fund to target at risk female youth was unsuccessful.
- 4.3 The application for Les Vincent's memoir to the Earle Trust was unsuccessful.
- 4.4 There have been no funding applications submitted during this reporting period.
- 4.5 Funding has been successful for:
 - Healthy promotion Agency - Community Partnerships Fund –Free swimming lessons for children under 5 in Taihape (to match the sponsorship provided in Marton) was successful

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – December 2017' be received.

Nardia Gower
Governance Administrator

Ref for Council decision	Fund	Project description	How much	Desired outcomes and milestones	Lead Agency	Council role	Policy Team Role	Final report due
2016/17 Annual Plan	MPI Irrigation Assessment Fund	Pre-feasibility study for Tutaenui Community irrigation/Stockwater Scheme	\$75,000	Part of strategic water assessment programme	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Jul-17
LTP	Community Facilities Fund, Lottery	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre (\$750,000 applied for)	\$500,000	To develop the centre in Bulls	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Following project completion
2016/17 Annual Plan	Community Action on Alcohol partnerships Fund	Youth development programme in the District (\$10,000 applied for)	\$10,000	Funding for activities; after school, holiday and evening events	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Dec-17
LTP	Four Regions Trust (formerly Powerco Trust)	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre (\$200,000 applied for)	\$50,000	To develop the centre in Bulls	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Mar-18
PPL 9 Feb 2017	Four Regions Trust (formerly Powerco Trust)	Drinking fountains in parks (\$21,598 applied for)	\$5,000	Increased access to drinking water.	Te Oranganui	Support Agency	Contributed to application, implementation of RDC portion of project through Parks and Reserves Team.	Mar-18
17/PPL/044	KiwiSport	Swim-4-All 2017/18 (\$10,000 applied for)	\$5,000	For the swim programme in the 2017/18 season	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	May-18
17/PPL/044	Community Action on Alcohol partnerships Fund	Training for youth workers and volunteers (\$5,700 applied for)	\$5,700	Youth development programme in the District	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Dec-17
Council March 2017	Mid-Sized Tourism Facilities Fund	Public toilets in visitor hotspots	\$140,000	Toilets in Mangaweka, Bulls River ¹ , Papakai Park and Bruce Reserve	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Dec-17

¹ This location was declined.

17/PPL/044	COGS	Swim-4-All 2017/18 (\$10,000 applied for)	\$4,000	For the swim programme in the coming season	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Sep-18
LTP	JBS Dudding Trust	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre	\$200,000	To develop the centre in Bulls + ongoing support to libraries	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful
17/AIN/045	Pub Charity	Drinking fountains in parks	\$6,844	Increased access to drinking water.	RDC	Lead	Contributed to application, implementation of RDC portion of project through Parks and Reserves Team.	Oct-17
17/AIN/046	Lion Foundation	Drinking fountains in parks	\$3,500	Increased access to drinking water.	RDC	Lead	Contributed to application, implementation of RDC portion of project through Parks and Reserves Team.	Oct-17
LTP	Significant Projects Fund - Lottery	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre	\$2,000,000	To develop the centre in Bulls	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Not successful
17/PPL/077	Community initiatives fund	Rangitikei Heritage for the publication of an historical memoir	\$2,000	Publishing memoir	RDC	Lead	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Jul-18
17/PPL/078	Earle Trust	Publishing of Les Vincent's memoir	\$8,000	Publishing memoir	RDC	Lead	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Not successful
17/PPL/077	Community initiatives fund	The feasibility of re-locating a church/community hall in Whangaehu.	\$2,500	Feasibility study	RDC	Lead	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Jul-18
17/PPL/078	Whanganui Community Foundation	Swim 4 All (applied for \$10,000)	\$4,000	To run the Swim 4 All programme.	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Contributed to application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder.	Sep-18

17/PPL/086	Youth in Civil Defence	Camp for 10 youth to learn more about civil defence	\$5,000	To implement Council's youth development proposals	RDC/ Horowhenua DC	Joint lead agency	Supported the preparation of the application, joint reporting, support for implementation	Submitted August 2017
17/PPL/086	Ministry of Youth Development Partnership Fund	Support up to 20 young girls to navigate teenage years. Mentoring/skills	\$16,600	To implement Council's youth development proposals. Provide support for at risk female youth	RDC/ St Andrews Church	Joint lead agency, fundholder	Supported the preparation of the application, joint reporting, support for implementation	Not successful
17/PPL/086	Tourism Infrastructure Fund	Ratana – footpaths, kerb and channel, bus parking, wastewater upgrade	\$425,000	Upgraded toilet facilities for Ratana	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Submitted September 2017
17/PPL/089	Health Promotion Agency Community Partnership Fund	Support for the Swim for All Programme. Free swimming lessons for Taihape	\$5,000.00	Children up to 4 years of age will have access to free swimming lessons in Taihape (as is already the case with sponsorship in Marton)	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	15-May-18
LTP	Community Facilities Fund – Lottery – supplementary application	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre	\$500,000	To develop the centre in Bulls	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Submitted early September
LTP	Tourism Infrastructure Fund	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre	\$300,000	To develop the centre in Bulls	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Submitted early September
	Upcoming							
LTP	Whanganui Community Foundation	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre	tbc	To develop the centre in Bulls	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	To be determined	
2016/17 Annual Plan	Ethnic communities development fund	Youth/Samoan development programme in the District	tbc	To implement Council's youth development proposals and support Samoan community	RDC	Lead agency to be decided	To be determined	Open for EOI
	3/05/2017	Confirmed	\$910,700					