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TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 11 August 2026
Time: 11.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

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

Tumuaki: Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)

Nga mema: Dr Heather Gifford (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti), Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake), Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri), Dr Mike Paki (Ngā Ariki Turakina), Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangi), Mr Jordan Winiata-Haines (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki), Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa), Ms Gaylene Nepia (Ngāti Kauae Ngā Tauira), Cr Coral Raukawa, Cr Alan Buckendahl, HWTM Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 11 August 2026 at 11.00am.

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1 Karakia / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 9 June 2026** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting - 9 June 2026**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 9 June 2026 **[as amended/without amendment]** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED: TE RŌPŪ AHI KĀ MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Tumuaki: Dr Heather Gifford (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti)

Tumuaki Tuarua: Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)(online)

Nga mema: Ms Marj Heeney (Ngāi Te Ohuake),
Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa)
Dr Mike Paki (Ngā Ariki Turakina)
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri) (online)
Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangi)(online)
Cr Alan Buckendahl
HWTM Andy Watson

Manuhiri: Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mr Pa Rima Tamaiparea-Puki, Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
Ms Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers

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1 Karakia / Prayer

Dr Gifford opened the meeting at 11.07am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/030

That the apologies received from Cr Raukawa, Ms Hiroa, Mr Winiata-Haines, and Ms Nepia be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Ms G Taiaroa/Dr M Paki. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/031

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 19 May 2026 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Dr H Gifford/Dr M Paki. Carried

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

CDEM Matters

Members were advised that discussions had taken place with Horizons Regional Council regarding emergency management planning for Rātana. Officers confirmed that the appropriate HRC contact had subsequently been connected with Jordan to support ongoing coordination.

Northern and Southern tour of Marae in the District

An update was provided on hosting Council within the southern rohe. Members noted that no further correspondence had been received. It was advised that Ms Savage had requested the

relevant contact details, with 17 September identified as the preferred date for the southern tour. The proposed date was noted, subject to confirmation with the southern members. It was also agreed that Mr Tamaiparea-Puki would be included in the arrangements.

The meeting concluded the item with whakawhanaungatanga, during which members formally welcomed and introduced Mr Tamaiparea-Puki to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/032

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

Dr M Paki/Ms K Savage. Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes

7.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes were taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/033

That the minutes of Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting held on 14 April 2026 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms K Savage. Carried

8 Chair's Report

9.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui June 2026

No chair's report was presented due to an apology from the Chair.

9 Reports for Information

10.1 Mayor's Report - May 2026

The Mayor provided an update on a number of strategic matters affecting the district and the wider local government sector.

Central Districts Water

The Mayor acknowledged the leadership shown by iwi in the establishment of Central Districts Water, noting that their contribution had been well received and reflected within the Statement of Expectations.

Local Government Reform

The Mayor provided an update on the Government's proposed local government reform programme, advising that the proposed timeframes present significant challenges and are unlikely to allow sufficient time for a comprehensive process. It was noted that considerable engagement is underway between councils to understand each authority's preferred approach.

The Mayor outlined the Government's proposal to replace the current territorial authority and regional council structure with unitary authorities. Members noted that extensive public communication and engagement will be required throughout the process.

It was confirmed that the reform process is being driven by central government irrespective of whether individual councils support the changes.

Members expressed concern regarding the potential loss of local representation, particularly for communities such as Rātana. It was noted that while a future Rangitikei Community Board may be established, its powers would ultimately be determined by the governing unitary authority, which may be centred on a larger urban area.

The anticipated efficiencies of amalgamation were also discussed. Members noted that there is limited evidence demonstrating that amalgamation alone will deliver financial savings and expressed concern that local communication and responsiveness could diminish under a larger governance structure.

Members also discussed the uncertainty associated with the forthcoming general election and the potential implications should there be a change of Government. It was noted that the Opposition had indicated it would not adopt a formal position until later in the year. The Mayor advised that discussions are continuing with neighbouring mayors and a range of stakeholders to better understand potential options and implications.

Relationships with Mana Whenua

Members discussed the implications of local government reform for relationships between councils and iwi. Questions were raised regarding Civil Defence Emergency Management partnerships and the future representation of communities such as Rātana.

Members expressed concern that Māori perspectives may be diminished under the Government's proposed reforms and discussed recent Government announcements limiting decision-making by non-elected members on council committees. It was also acknowledged that independent appointments, including Audit and Risk Committee members, are affected by these changes.

Members expressed sadness at the prospect of Rangitikei being amalgamated and concern that smaller communities could lose influence within a larger authority. The Mayor encouraged both individual members and iwi groups to provide written submissions to Council outlining their views and guiding principles. It was noted that Rātana is well placed to provide this perspective, although other iwi groups may require additional support.

Discussion also considered the importance of maintaining relationships with Rangitikei District Council while recognising that neighbouring councils may have differing approaches to iwi partnerships. Members observed that communities of interest are influenced by factors such as

shopping patterns, healthcare access and river catchments. It was also acknowledged that previous attempts to establish broader regional iwi arrangements have proven challenging.

Local Water Done Well

Members sought clarification on the governance structure proposed under the Local Water Done Well programme.

The Mayor advised that Central Districts Water is a separate legal entity and is expected to remain unaffected by local government amalgamation. Members discussed how future ownership arrangements would operate under any new governance structure.

Members were advised that local government amalgamation is not expected to occur before CDW is established on 1 July 2027. It was noted that the legislation establishing CDW is already in place, whereas legislation relating to local government amalgamation has yet to be enacted.

The meeting adjourned at 12.03 pm and resumed at 12.17 pm.

Members discussed the opportunity for Te Rōpū Ahi Kā to prepare a collective position paper and, if required, convene an extraordinary meeting of approximately 30 minutes to endorse its position. The Mayor encouraged TRAK to articulate the principles that should guide any future governance arrangements and identify preferred partnership options ahead of the August deadline.

The Mayor concluded by providing feedback from a recent health hui, noting that the engagement had advanced discussions positively, particularly in relation to healthcare outcomes for Taihape.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/034

That the Mayor's Report – May 2026 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Ms M Heeney. Carried

10.2 External consultations and reform update - May 2026

Officers provided an overview of the proposed National Environmental Standards for Papakāinga.

Members were advised that the proposed standards are intended to provide a nationally consistent planning framework for papakāinga development, with the aim of making it easier to establish housing on Māori land.

It was noted that the National Environmental Standards are expected to come into effect ahead of the wider Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms. Officers also clarified that the proposed standards apply specifically to Māori land.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/035

That the report External consultations and reform update – May 2026 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Dr M Paki. Carried

10.3 Project Update Report - April 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/036

That the report 'Project Updates Report – April 2026' be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

10 Discussion Items**11.1 Marae Development Fund - discussion**

Members considered correspondence and recommendations received from Ngāti Tamakōpiriri outlining a proposed process for marae funding.

Discussion focused on the recommendations contained within the correspondence. Members expressed unanimous support for the first recommendation.

Members also discussed the proposed two-year funding approach. While acknowledging the intent of the proposal, members agreed that every marae should have the opportunity to apply for funding during each funding round.

The reporting requirements associated with the funding programme were acknowledged. Members discussed opportunities for Council and Te Rōpū Ahi Kā to provide support to marae prior to the application closing date. It was suggested that Council representatives or TRAK members could visit marae to assist with the preparation of funding applications.

Members also expressed a preference for marae funding to become an agenda item at the TRAK meeting immediately preceding the opening of the funding round. This would allow the Committee to review the funding guidelines, raise awareness of the process, and provide an opportunity for marae representatives and members of the public to attend and seek guidance.

It was further suggested that applicants submit supporting documentation in advance to a nominated Council contact to assist with reviewing applications and ensuring all required information is included before formal submission.

Members agreed that the objective should be to establish a supportive, transparent, and equitable funding process, with clear guidance provided on application requirements, supporting information, and key deadlines.

Resolved minute number 26/IWI/037

That the report Marae Development Fund – discussion be received.

Ms M Raukawa/Dr M Paki. Carried

The meeting closed at 12.40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti held on 11 August 2026.

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Chairperson

ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1

Unconfirmed

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7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meetings****Author:** Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor**1. Reason for Report**

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

2. Decision Making Process

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

Attachments:

1. Follow-up Actions Register [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
	7-Oct-25	Organise a northern and southern tour of Marae in the District for 2026. Piki Te Ora to coordinate to northern and Kim to coordinate with southern marae.	Katrina/Kim	Northern complete. Southern tour scheduled for 17th September.	In progress

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8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui – August 2026

Author: Piki Te Ora Hiroa, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The chair may provide a tabled or verbal report.

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui – August 2026 be received.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Updated Marae Development Fund Guidelines

Author: Rima Tamaiparea-Puki, Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report seeks confirmation from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti of the updated Marae Development Fund Guidelines for the 2026/27 year.

2. Context

- 2.1 The Marae Development Fund Guidelines set out the guidelines, eligibility and process associated with distribution of the Marae Development Fund.
- 2.2 As part of the 2025/26 funding process, changes to the process were agreed:
 - That there should be a clear opening and closing date.
 - That there was an item on the TRAK agenda the month before opening to allow the Komiti to review the guidelines for that financial year.

3. 2026/27 Funding Round

- 3.1 A total of \$16,867 is available in the Marae Development Fund for 2026/27.
- 3.2 Officers have suggested a number of updates to the Marae Development Fund Guidelines for consideration. There have been some administrative changes, to better align with how the fund operates in practice, including the addition of opening and closing dates.
- 3.3 The proposed opening dates are 28 August 2026 – 1 November 2026.
- 3.4 The applications would then be considered by TRAK at their meeting on 8 December 2026.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Marae Development Fund is provided for within the existing budget. There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 The impact on Council's risk is considered low.

6. Strategic Alignment

- 6.1 The Marae Development Fund aligns with Council's strategic framework of being a trusted partner with iwi and working collaboratively to improve community wellbeing.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

- 7.1 There are no further mana whenua implications identified.

ITEM 9.1**8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration**

8.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

10. Decision Making Process

10.1 This report is not considered significant under Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Attachments:

1. **Marae Development Fund Guidelines** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1

That the report Update Marae Development Fund Guidelines be received.

Recommendation 2

That the Komiti approves the updated Marae Development Fund Guidelines.

Marae Development Fund Guidelines

INCLUDES:

- Application Form
- Project Completion Form



Marae Development Fund Guidelines

Under the Local Government Act 2002, the Rangitikei District Council (Council) is obliged to consider how it will meet current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure and how it can foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of council.

These guidelines will contribute to that purpose by supporting the ability of mana whenua and Māori in the District to engage with Council and to maintain appropriate infrastructure for their communities in a cost-effective and efficient way.

Mana whenua, through whakapapa as ahi kaa in Rangitikei are responsible for Marae preservation, maintenance and development.

The Marae Development Fund is Council's commitment to respond to the needs and aspirations of mana whenua with respect to Marae. It will contribute to a guarantee of the protection of the culture and heritage embodied in Marae facilities and relationships.

These guidelines and procedures for the operation of the Marae Development Fund are in alignment with our Māori Response Framework.

Resources & Infrastructure

Understanding the importance in caring and maintaining resources for future generations. Council will work with Iwi/ Hapū and the Rātana Community and others to ensure:

- Ongoing support is delivered by Council to assist iwi/hapū, marae, and the Rātana Community to achieve their aspirations.
- Appropriate infrastructure in place for service delivery at Marae and rural Māori communities.
- Resources are taken care of for the future generations.

The Fund

~~From 2011/12 the~~ Council's Long Term Plan contains an annual funding allocation base of \$15,000 (increased by inflation each year).

The Fund is administered by the Group Manager – ~~Democracy and Planning~~Strategy, Community & Democracy.

Funding is ~~determined recommended allocation~~ by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā. Other relevant Council staff are the "Strategic Advisor:- ~~Mana Whenua~~".

Council will connect Marae with other funders and stakeholders and provide support towards cross sector collaboration to support short, medium and long term aspirations of all ~~Marae~~marae.

The objectives and levels of funding are determined by considering identified issues that affect the Marae in the District. The initial objectives will target Health and Safety matters, including fire and earthquakes. ~~The assessments will be used to obtain quotes based on expert information that takes into account the specifications of each task and to allocate funding to a schedule of works to address needs in a coordinated manner. In these cases a signed agreement will be produced between respective Marae trusts and Council to deliver building services, installation of specialised equipment and management systems to meet compliance, under the project management and oversight of Council.~~

Eligibility for the Fund

To be eligible for the Fund, the applicant Marae will:

- Be a Marae within the Rangitikei District, as defined by the Council boundary.
- Have the capacity to make the required contribution to the cost of the work to be carried out.
- ~~Deposit the Marae contribution to Council for the work before equipment is ordered and before work commences (if financial).~~

- iv. Seek Council's support in funding coordination, project management and oversight, including coordination between the building services and any suppliers.
- v. Submit all invoices/quotes for services, materials and equipment by contractors and suppliers to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā. ~~to be approved based on inspection to confirm that the work is of the correct standard.~~
- vi. Any ~~other~~ applicant, as approved by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.
- vii. Following the completion of the work a report needs to be provided back to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā reporting on how the funds were used, if this is not provided no further application can be accepted from that Marae.

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Marae Development Fund
Project Completion Form

0800 422 522 (24 hrs)
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Section 1 — Project & Contact

Marae name:

Project title:

Application No.:

Primary contact person:

Phone:

Email:

Section 2 — Delivery Summary

Approved scope (from application/approval):

What was delivered (brief narrative):

Start date:

Completion date:

Variations from scope (if any) and reasons:

Council inspections / sign-offs completed ☐ Yes ☐ N/A

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Section 3 — Outcomes & Benefits

Health & Safety / compliance outcomes:

Infrastructure improvements (what changed):

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Notes for Applicants

- This fund supports marae development with an emphasis on health & safety and core infrastructure.
- Applications are invited and assessed by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, with recommendations to Council.
- A Project Completion Form must be completed and provided to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā. Non submission ~~may will~~ affect future eligibility.

Section A — Marae Details

Marae name:

Physical address:

Postal address:

Primary contact person:

Role:

Phone:

Email:

Legal Entity: (e.g., Marae reservation under Te Ture Whenua Māori Act administered by the Māori Land Court)

Evidence attached:


☐

Governing charter/constitution

☐

Māori Land Court record (or equivalent)

Authorised signatory for this application:

Name:

Role:

Signature:

Date:

Section B — Eligibility

☐ The marae is located within the Rangitikei District boundary.

☐ The marae **has capacity to contribute** to the project costs.

Contribution amount (NZD):

Contribution % of total project:

Source of contribution: (e.g., savings, other funders)

☐ The marae agrees to submit all **invoices to Council** for ~~approval~~ **project completion reporting**.

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Marae Development Fund
Application Form

Section C — Project Details			
Project title:			
Project location (on marae):			
Project type:			
☐ Health & Safety	☐ Earthquake	☐ Fire Compliance	☐ Infrastructure
☐ Accessibility	☐ Other: (Please specify)		
Project summary (what will be done and why):			

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Section D — Budget & Quotes

Total project cost (GST incl/excl – specify):

Council funding requested (NZD):

Marae contribution (NZD):

Other funding (secured / pending):

Quotes / estimates attached: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3

Supplier 1:

Supplier 2:

Supplier 3:

Preferred supplier and rationale (value, capability, availability):

**Section E — Timeline**

Readiness to start (month/year):

Expected start date:

Milestones and dates:

Expected completion date:

Section F — Delivery & Oversight

Project lead (marae representative):

Project lead (marae representative):

Council engagement needs - e.g., building services, inspections (if applicable):

Health & Safety plan provided (if required): ☐ Yes ☐ N/A

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Section G — Declarations & Agreement

By signing, the marae confirms

1. All information is true and correct;
2. The marae meets the eligibility criteria;
3. The marae will submit invoices/quotes to Council for ~~approval~~ projection completion reporting;
4. The marae will provide a Project Completion Form (Accountability Report) to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā;
5. Any unspent funds will be managed in accordance with Council direction;
6. The marae consents to reasonable use of project information for accountability, reporting and public transparency.

Authorised signatory:

Name:

Role:

Signature:

Date

Please include the following attachments:

☐ Legal Entity Evidence	☐ Additional supporting letters 
☐ Quotes/Invoices	☐ Budget spreadsheet
☐ Site plan/photos (if applicable)	☐ Other: (Please specify)
☐ Health & Safety plan (if required)	

Office Use Only:

Application No.:

Date received:

Completeness check: ☐ Pass ☐ Follow-up needed

Notes:

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Community access/benefit:

Photos attached: ☐ Before ☐ After**Section 4 — Financial Reconciliation**

(Complete and attach supporting invoices/statements. Council will verify against invoices submitted for approval.)



Item / Supplier	Approved budget (NZD)	Actual (NZD)	Variance	Note
Total approved				
budget: Total				
actual spend:				
Variance (underspend/overspend) and				
explanation: Marae contribution paid to				

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Council (date/amount):

**Other funding received
(amount/source):**

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Section 5 — Declarations

I confirm that:

- All information in this accountability report is true and correct.
- The project has been completed in accordance with the approval, with any variations noted above.
- All invoices were submitted to Council for approval/inspection prior to payment.
- We understand that failure to provide this report may affect eligibility for future rounds.

Authorised signatory:

Name:

Role:

Signature:

Date

Attachments checklist:


☐ Copies of key invoices

☐ Any warranties/manuals

☐ Before/after photos

☐ Media/communications (If any)

☐ Compliance certificates/sign-offs

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General information

Council is taking a strategic approach to Marae development. Individual applications are not considered under these guidelines. However, all enquiries are welcomed from all Marae constituents on any Marae development issue. Advice is available as to the process required to benefit from these guidelines.

These guidelines are dynamic and will apply to the issues that are identified through ongoing Council strategic processes as affecting Marae. In each round prioritisation decisions will consider the capacity of a Marae to engage with these guidelines; and what Council may need to consider doing to enhance the capacity of Marae to engage with these guidelines.

Process for Applications

In September / October each year the Group Manager ~~Democracy and Planning~~ Strategy, Community & Democracy (or delegate) will bring a paper to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā seeking applications to this fund. The komiti need to consider all the applications and provide a formal recommendation from the komiti to Council to consider.

Final approval is given by way of a formal ~~recommendation to~~ resolution by Council ~~from Te Rōpū Ahi Kā, based on a schedule of tasks and the costings, for work to be funded under these guidelines.~~

The komiti can make recommendation to Council, that any unspent funds at the end of the financial year be carried over to the next financial year.

For any further information or questions, please contact in the first instance,

Jo Manuel Pā Rima Tamaiparea-Puki

Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua
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Other funding to consider

Fund		Applied for ✓
Lotteries – Community Organisations Grant Scheme	www.communitymatters.govt.nz	
Pub Charity	www.pubcharitylimited.org.nz/grants	
Lion Foundation	www.lionfoundation.org.nz	
JBS Duddings Trust	www.publictrust.smartygrants.com.au/JBSDudding	
Four Regions Trust	www.fourregionstrust.org.nz	
NZCT – New Zealand Community Trust	www.nzct.org.nz	
Lotteries – Community Facilities Fund	www.communitymatters.govt.nz	
Whanganui Community Foundation	www.whanganuicommunityfoundation.org.nz	
Tindell Foundation	www.tindall.org.nz	

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10 Reports for Information

10.1 Report of the Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua

Author: Rima Tamaiparea-Puki, Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This report provides an update of key activities and engagement undertaken by the Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua during the reporting period. It highlights engagement with mana whenua; support provided across relevant Kaupapa and significant events and milestones providing an overview of relationship development and ongoing collaboration.

2. Updates

- 2.1 On Thursday 4 June, Councillors and Council Officers participated in a Hīkoi mō Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa to Te Hou Farms, Whangaehu Marae, Harakeke Berries and Kauangāroa Marae.
 - 2.1.1 The visit to Te Hou Farms enabled attendees to see first-hand how Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa Developments Limited and Āti hau Whanganui Incorporation are collaborating in farm production. Lunch at Whangaehu Marae served product from the farm.
 - 2.1.2 Attendees at Harakeke Berries took away a punnet of strawberries each. The visit concluded at Kauangāroa Marae. The Chair of the Marae Committee spoke about how their wharekai needs an overhaul and the difficulties in securing funds because of its position in a flood zone.
 - 2.1.3 Kauangāroa Marae expressed their preference for Council to move with Whanganui and Ruapehu District Councils with regards to Head Start pathway.
- 2.2 On Monday 22 June, saw a pōwhiri held in Council Chambers for the induction of the new Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua, Pā Rima Tamaiparea-Puki.
- 2.3 On Tuesday 30 June, a Citizenship Ceremony was held at Te Matapihi where 19 people from Samoa, Wales, the Philippines and England receive their citizenship certificates. It was an honour to participate and celebrate the diverse backgrounds of the new citizens to our community.
- 2.4 The Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua met with:
 - 2.4.1 Te Kaitohu Aporei Māori for Manawatū District Council, on Thursday 9 July. The hui provided an opportunity to connect and visit the areas in which they work.
 - 2.4.2 Te Poutoko Māori for Palmerston North District Council, on Thursday 16 July. The hui provided an opportunity to connect and visit the areas in which they work.

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2.4.3 A representative of Kauangāroa Marae, on Friday 24 July. The primary discussion was the replacement of finger signs for the marae, concerns about the speed past the marae, the correct spelling of 'Whanganui' on signs and placement of a 'Tangi' sign on both sides of the marae.

2.4.4 A representative of Ōpaea Marae, on Thursday 30 July. This hui provided an opportunity to connect, build relationships and listen to the aspirations and future development plans of the marae.

2.5 On Wednesday 1 July, details for Tini Waitara Marae and Parewahawaha Marae were notified that work would move forward about their marae signage.

2.6 The Strategic Advisor – Mana Whenua provided support to two hui regarding Mana Whakahono ā Rohe, one with Mōkai Patea (8 July) and one with Ngāti Rangi (24 July).

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications.

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

4.1 There are no impacts on strategic risks associated with this report.

5. Strategic Alignment

5.1 A trusted partner with iwi is a community outcome in Council's strategic framework. This report has strong alignment with Council's strategic framework.

6. Mana Whenua Implications

6.1 Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to facilitate participation by Māori in its decision-making processes, to consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to participate, and to provide relevant information

6.2 Mana Whenua implications are noted throughout this report.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

7.1 There is no climate change impacts or considerations relating to this item.

8. Statutory Implications

8.1 The activities and engagement outlined in this report are undertaken in accordance with section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002, which requires the Council to facilitate participation by Māori in its decision-making process, to consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to participate, and to provide relevant information.

9. Decision Making Process

9.1 There are no decisions required as a result of this report and the report is for information only.

Recommendation

That the report Report of the Strategic Advisor - Mana Whenua be received.

10.2 Update on RMA Reform**Author:** Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager**Authoriser:** Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy**1. Reason for Report**

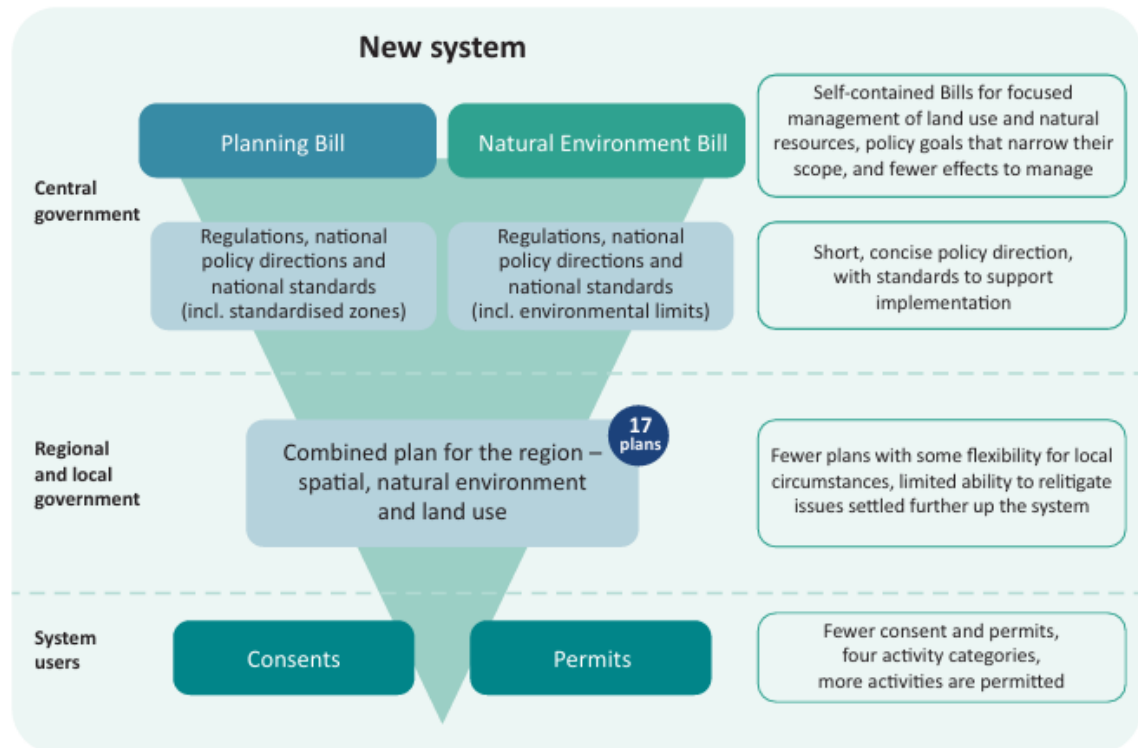
- 1.1 To provide an update to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā on the Resource Management Act (RMA) Reform.

2. Context

- 2.1 The reform of the New Zealand planning system has been a priority for this Government. This reform has been done in three phases.
- 2.2 Phase One was the repeal of the Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act which were enacted by the previous Government.
- 2.3 Phase Two was the enactment of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, advancing amendments to the RMA, and progression of National Direction packages 1-4.
- 2.4 Phase Three is the replacement of the RMA with a new two-Act framework (which will consist of the Planning Act and Natural Environment Act).
- 2.5 The Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill were released for public consultation on 18 December 2025. The submissions period for these Bills closed on 13 February 2026. Rangitikei District Council (Council) submitted on both of these Bills, although its focus was more on the Planning Bill due to tight timeframes and the fact that this is the piece of legislation of more functional relevance to Council out of the two.
 - 2.5.1 Council's submission on the Planning Bill can be viewed on our website here: [RDC submission on Planning Bill](#)
 - 2.5.2 Council's submission on the Natural Environment Bill can be viewed on our website here: [RDC Submission on Natural Environment Bill](#)
- 2.6 On 20 July 2026, the select committee released its reports on the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill. At the time of writing this update, officers are still working their way through the select committee's reports.

3. DiscussionBrief overview of the new planning system:

- 3.1 Under the proposed new planning system, the Government will replace the RMA with a two-Act system. The Planning Act will lay out the framework for how land can be used and developed. The Natural Environment Act will focus on managing the use of natural resources and protecting the environment.
- 3.2 The Government has indicated that the new planning system will remove 'unnecessary' compliance barriers. Decision-making under the new planning system has been described as working like a 'funnel'. Goals and direction will be set at the top, then national directions and standards will narrow what's up for debate at the Regional Spatial Plan and Land Use and Natural Environment Plan levels. This 'funnel' is shown in the diagram below.



Source: Former Ministry for the Environment, 2025. Better planning for a better New Zealand: Overview of New Zealand's new planning system.

High level overview of some of the Select Committee's Recommendations:

3.3 Māori and Te Tiriti o Waitangi matters:

- No reinstatement of an RMA-style principles clause (section 8 of the RMA). Select committee maintained the 'treaty settlement approach' i.e. Crown to work with iwi (if they wish to do so) to seek agreement on how their treaty settlement redress or arrangements will operate with the same or equivalent effect – 2 year timeframe from Royal Assent.
- Iwi authorities must be provided with copies of draft national instruments.
- Minister must 'seek comment' rather than 'consult' iwi authorities on a draft summary of national instruments.
- Membership of Regional Spatial Planning Committee and Secretariat - At least one member must have and understanding of Te Ao Māori or Māori development.

3.4 No change recommended to the basic structure of the new system. Still two separate Bills.

3.5 Relatively minor amendment to the Planning Bill's purpose.

3.6 Some minor changes to some of the Planning Bill's 'Goals' to make their intent and direction clearer.

3.7 Some minor amendments to the management of effects (i.e. effects not to be considered).

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- 3.8 Requirements around the registration of Permitted Activities have been clarified (i.e. registration of activities only when required or allowed by national standards).
- 3.9 Range of activities able to breach environmental limits has been expanded.
- 3.10 Some amendments to the development, content etc of Regional Spatial Plans and Land Use Plans.
- 3.11 Minor clarifications in relation to Regulatory Relief.

Mana Whakahono ā Rohe Agreements:

- 3.12 Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements are provided for under Part 5, subpart 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). They are a binding statutory arrangements that provide for a more structured relationship between an iwi authority (or a combination of iwi authorities and hapū) and a local authority (or several local authorities).
- 3.13 These agreements were initially to be retained in the new planning system. However, following the release of the select committee reports, the Government announced its intention to no longer provide for Mana Whakahono ā Rohe. The Government has instead indicated that they will replace Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements with another form of 'iwi participation agreements'. Details of the replacement agreements are currently unknown.
- 3.14 Council is continuing to work with iwi who have initiated Mana Whakahono agreements as these are considered to be valuable for continuing to build and maintain relationships.

Timeframe for Transition:

- 3.15 Second Reading, Committee of the Whole and the Third Reading of the Bills will progress quickly. Enactment date is to be confirmed but will likely be late-August/early September 2026.
- 3.16 The transition timeframe, although slightly extended following the select committee process, is still relatively tight. A diagram (prepared by Simpson Grierson, August 2026) is attached which shows the possible transition timeline and includes a rough comparison to the Simplify Local Government reform.
- 3.17 Of note, the transitional arrangements for resource consents will commence one month following Royal Assent. Officers are still working through the implications of this requirement and how to best implement it.

Regional Spatial Plan Development:

- 3.18 Council officers are in the early stages of working with the other local authorities in the Manawatū-Whanganui Region on how we can work together effective to prepare a Regional Spatial Plan.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 5.1 Changes to Government legislation are transformational:

5.1.1 The reform of New Zealand's planning system is transformational. Council manages this risk by keeping up-to-date with this reform as it continues to progress.

5.2 Insufficient capability and capacity to fulfil agreed commitments:

5.2.1 Local Government in New Zealand is going through a period of significant change which is placing additional pressure on Council's limited resources. Council must prioritise how that resource is utilised to ensure that key projects are delivered and Council meets its statutory obligations.

6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 The reform of New Zealand's planning system has implications for Social, Economic, Environmental and Cultural Wellbeing as well as Council's commitment to being a Trusted Partner with Iwi.

7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 The Komiti is asked to share the reform information within their networks.

8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

8.1 There are no climate change impacts associated with this report.

9. Statutory Implications

9.1 Council will perform relevant functions as specified under the new planning system once the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill are enacted.

10. Decision Making Process

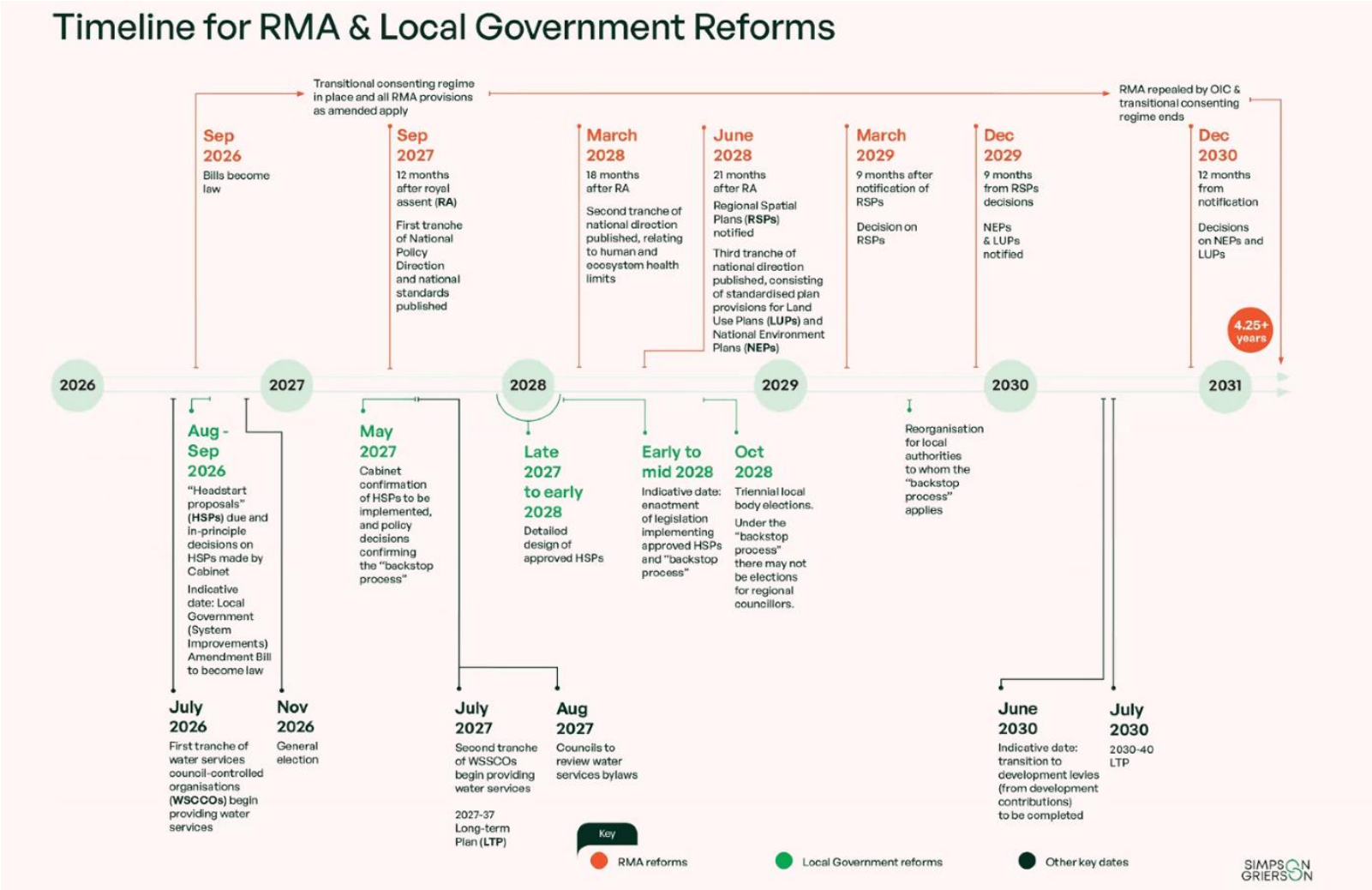
10.1 There are no decision-making processes associated with this report as it is for information purposes only.

Attachments:

1. Possible Timeline for Planning System Transition and Local Government Reform Diagram [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report Update on RMA Reform be received.



Source: Simpson Grierson, via a Taituarā webinar for local government, 3 August 2026.

10.3 Mayor's Report - July 2026**Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

Kia ora koutou,

Following the adoption of our Annual Plan at the Council meeting on 25 June we are now into our new Council financial year as at 1 July.

Planning for this year will be subject to many changes forced on us by Government and world inflationary pressure. We all know the hardships of diesel/petrol/chemical cost increases. The cost increases on Council will be challenging. Roothing asphalt for example has increased by up to 45%. So this year it will be a struggle to reduce costs in this environment with rates pegging in mind.

Good business practice is to look at the environment we operate in. There are some positives – we have a rural based local economy and the prices for beef/lamb/mutton are exceptional. Who would have thought that cull ewes could be worth in excess of \$200 a head. The sheep and beef breeders on our hill country blocks are able to pay back debt and reinvest. Wool over the last few years has bounced back into profitability. Our fattening farmers also have seen increased returns if they have a bank relationship that enables them to fund capital purchases for store stock. Dairy continues to be well placed. On the downside, forestry is a challenge especially following huge areas that are harvested with little to no profit after recent wind damage and cropping has shown flat returns in an environment of increased diesel and fertiliser costs. A number of companies are under pressure and it is sad to see the impending closure of Malteurop after 46 years of business. Malteurop takes barley grown locally and barley sourced from Timaru, refined in Marton to produce malt for the beer brewing industry. Increased cartage costs have been significant along with the New Zealand wide reduction in beer consumption. Locally 14 people will lose their jobs, these are great people/families that we need to support to find new employment. Other companies and contractors are also under similar pressures at the moment. Affordability for residents is a real challenge, food prices, fuel, council rates, insurance costs and interest rates are taking a huge toll.

The Government has seen the amalgamation of councils and amalgamation of Government ministries as one of its solutions to offset these rising costs and pressures. This may well be the case in the long term but the challenges will be in the short term establishment and loss of local voice. So where is the Rangitikei at regarding amalgamation?

On 2-3 July we had what is known as a Zone meeting in Napier. This is a gathering of councils spread from Wairoa/Gisborne to Tararua and New Plymouth to Horowhenua and all councils in between. The focus on the Zone meeting was based around these reform changes, ie. amalgamation of councils. In this report I have asked our attending Councillors Dave Wilson Deputy Mayor, Fi Dalgety, Diana Baird and Graeme O'Fee to report back giving their impressions from across the wider region. I also invite them at this meeting to express their views.

Council will decide at this meeting whether we will be part of a "Head Start" application process to Government reforms. I think it is unlikely, time simply has not allowed a considered position and most other councils are in a similar position. However, that is yet to be decided and the background and detail is included in this Order Paper.

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On 21 July I attended the Manawātū-Whanganui Regional Leadership Group meeting in Palmerston North. This followed another set of changes to Local Government in the Resource Management Act (RMA) process. I include Minister Bishop's letter as an attachment concerning changes to the Mana Whakahono ā Rohe provisions in the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill, i.e. the RMA. Mana Whakahono ā Rohe is a legislative agreement under the present RMA that describes how Iwi and councils will work together in resource management. Recently Rangitīkei has had interest from several Iwi to formalise new Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements. These recent approaches have been generated for two reasons –

1. Any amalgamation would result in a transfer of these agreements, if formed, to the new entity. We have a good Iwi track record/relationship and the concern here is that the new council may reconsider relationships in a different way.
2. Iwi across Aotearoa New Zealand have seen the Government direction as being against Tiriti principles and want to formalise agreements now while legally binding in the future, i.e. they don't trust the current Government.

So Minister Bishop is legislating to remove the existing rights/provisions in the legislation to effectively limit Iwi say on any RMA process. It is important to continue with our existing relationships both within Te Rōpū Ahi Kā and with individual Iwi. We can continue to develop these Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements while realising that they may hold no legislative position. It is also good business sense since the Iwi asset base across New Zealand is in the vicinity of \$12.5b with commercial land valuations in excess of probably \$120b. They will be the significant investment force in the future.

I also append to this report Councillor Jeff Wong's Passenger Transport Committee reports and I invite him to provide any further feedback and take any questions.

Now for some community great news!

1. On 30 June we had yet another Citizenship Ceremony signing in 19 new citizens to New Zealand and our district. These are special and really emotive ceremonies and to see people crying to be welcomed into our country as a safe space/refuge is very moving.
2. At the time of writing this on Friday 24 July I have just attended a morning tea shout for a young woman, Jayden, celebrating her first years work at UPVC a window company in Bulls. This employment through the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs is such a success. The morning tea was recognising a small but growing company who took the time and patience to train a young person. To the team at UPVC I thank you.
3. Equally I congratulate Taihape who held an auction on 27 June at the Utiku Rugby Clubrooms to raise funds that will be split between the Memorial Park Bridges/Walkway and the Taihape Grandstand Restoration. Thanks to the many people who provided auction items, prizes or who bid excessively on the night - I understand that around \$28,000 was raised within a couple of hours.

Chief Executive Performance Committee

We have a small formal committee responsible for the Chief Executive's performance review. Cr John Hainsworth is retiring from that Committee to be replaced by Cr Diana Baird as an appointment made under Section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002.

Administration Matters

The districts of Palmerston North, Manawatū, Rangitīkei and Ruapehu have relationships with the Defence Forces on or near their boundaries. Included in this report is the draft Statement of Intent renewing that formal process. It is incredibly important that we have these relationships and they are imbedded formally in process.

LGNZ 2026 AGM Remits

There are nine remits Council needs to put a position forward on.

Remit 1 – Priorities for Dog Control Act Reform

That LGNZ advocates to government for the reform of the Dog Control Act 1996 to provide councils with more effective powers and tools to undertake their dog control responsibilities including –

- Greater scope for earlier intervention
- Stronger consequences for non-compliance
- Better ability for councils to set minimum requirements for dog owners – including for desexing and containment

Remit 2 – Improved Regulation of Vape Retailers

That LGNZ advocate to central government for legislative change to provide territorial authorities with greater regulatory and enforcement powers over vape retailers, including the ability to control the location, density, operation, advertising, product visibility and compliance standards of vape stores within their districts.

Remit 3 – Financial Support for Government Reform Implementation Costs

That LGNZ advocate to central government to provide specific targeted financial support to councils to implement the operational and governance changes that are proposed through the legislative reform programme, for example Simplifying Local Government and RMA reforms.

Remit 4 – Removal of Representation Review requirements during Simplifying Local Government Reform

That LGNZ advocate to the Government, on behalf of its members, for compliance relief from the upcoming representation review requirements in light of the significant reforms proposed through the Simplifying Local Government programme and the recent Head Start pathway, which may render any review undertaken before the 2028 elections redundant.

Remit 5 – Devolution of Place-Naming Authority to Territorial Authorities

That LGNZ advocate for legislative changes to devolve authority for officiating geographic place names from the Minister for Land Information to local authorities.

Remit 6 – Enhanced role for Government in supporting subnational diplomacy

That LGNZ advocate to government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to formalise and increase its role in supporting subnational diplomacy including developing clear policy and capability to support and grow local government's contribution.

Remit 7 – Bulk Funding of Transport Activities

That LGNZ calls on government, opposition parties and NZTA to support a move to bulk funding for basic and repeatable transport activities, thereby acknowledging the efficiency and financial gains and reduction in funding risk, this change would provide to local government, and supports a trial of this proposed bulk-funding approach for the 2027-2030 funding round amongst a group of councils which have demonstrated strong performance in delivering public transport services and/or maintaining transport infrastructure.

Remit 8 – Improving LTP Audit Requirements

That LGNZ advocate to government for improvements to the efficiency, proportionality and cost-effectiveness of audit requirements for Long Term Plans and Consultation Documents, including –

1. Greater proportionality in audit requirements, ensuring that audit effort is aligned with council size, complexity, risk and materiality; and
2. Reducing duplication across audit stages, particularly where similar information and assumptions are subject to repeated review; and
3. Improving standardisation, transparency and cost control in audit delivery, to reduce rework and improve consistency across the sector, and to constrain excessive or escalating audit fees through greater transparency of audit pricing and benchmarking of costs across the sector.

Remit 9 – A Fairer Approach to Uneconomic Transport Infrastructure Funding

That LGNZ advocate for a fairer approach towards uneconomic transport infrastructure, where either NZTA commits to co-funding this infrastructure if councils remain legally obligated to own and maintain it, and/or the Government provides clearer guidance and support for councils downgrading or ceasing service to low traffic volume areas.

Passenger Transport Committee Meeting – report from Cr Jeff Wong

- The Horizons Regional Council Passenger Transport Committee Meeting was held on 16th June (agenda appended to this report).
- Whanganui launch revised 'high frequency' bus routes with 110% increase over same period last year.
- Fees free month and high fuel costs contribute to the increase but continued increase after fees resumed.
- Off peak times use of smaller buses to improve optics of not running large buses with few passengers often suggested but costs of running significantly larger fleets not economic.
- National Ticketing Solution scheduled for Manawatu Whanganui in third quarter of 2027.
- Horowhenua proposed bus service postpone to Y4 LTP along with increases in Rangitikei PT services.

Mayor's Engagements**June 2026**

12	Attended Meeting with Hospice Palmerston North Attended Presentation of Community Volunteer Award to Gary Johnson in Taihape
14	Attended Local Government Reform Public Meeting at Scotts Ferry

15	Attended online meeting re upcoming Zone 3 hui in Napier Attended Headstart Pathway Discussion with Whanganui District Council Mayor & CE Attended LGNZ Online Briefing on Amalgamation Attended Youth Council Meeting
16	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Online Hui Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended monthly meeting with Comms Staff Attended monthly meeting with Economic Development Staff Attended Marton Community Meeting on Local Government Reform
17	Attended Mokai Patea Iwi Chairs Hui for outline of Local Government Reform Attended meeting at Ratana with developers Attended Bulls Community Meeting on Local Government Reform Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting
18	Attended online Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group meeting Attended BA5 at Property Brokers Rangitikei Attended Koitiata Public Meeting on Local Government Reform
19	Attended Bulls & District Community Trust AGM Attended LGNZ Infrastructure Reference Group online Meeting Attended Civil Contractors NZ Manawatu-Whanganui Branch Meeting
20	Attended field sale at Ratana Attended Mangaweka Volunteer 22Fire Brigade Honours Night
22	Attended Powhiri for Pa Rima Tamaiparea-Puki – Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor Attended Premier Screening of We Were Just Children at Nga Tawa School Attended Marton Water Strategy meeting with staff
23	Attended tri-weekly catchup with CDW Board Chair Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting with MSD Regional Commissioner Attended online LGNZ briefing from Minister of Local Government Attended Defence Hub – Mayor’s Event Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
24	Attended Memorial Park User Group Meeting
25	Attended Council Meeting Attended Finance/Performance Worskhop Attended Council Workshop
26	Attended LGNZ Briefing National Council (morning session) Attended CDW Joint Shareholders’ Committee Meeting

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	Attended Mayors Meeting with CDW Board Chair Attended meeting with Maycroft Construction Attended LGNZ Briefing National Council (afternoon session)
27	Attended Brass Band concert at St Stephens Church Attended Taihape Rugby Club auction
29	Attended Zone 3 co-chair online meeting Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended site visit to meet Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Placement in Bulls Attended online Head Start meeting with Ruapehu District Council Mayor & CE Attended weekly Head Start meeting with staff Attended Arohanui Hospice meeting in Palmerston North Attended KiwiRail Freight Connect event in Palmerston North
30	Attended online Head Start meeting with Tararua District Council Mayor & CE Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

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1	Attended Council Workshop
2	Attended LGNZ Online Briefing : Partnering with Iwi through Head Start Attended Zone 3 LGNZ Sector Meeting in Napier
3	Attended Zone 3 LGNZ Sector Meeting in Napier
5	Attended Community Planting Day at B&C Dams
6	Attended CE Performance review meeting with Committee Chair and Consultant Attended weekly Head Start meeting with staff Attended CE Performance Review meeting with Chief Executive Attended Youth Council workshop
7	Attended meetings with ratepayers Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
8	Attended Mayoral Forum Workshop Attended hui with Ngai Te Ohuaka/Ngati Whitikaupeka/Ngati Tamakopiri to initiate the Mana Whakahono a Rohe process Attended Taihape Grandstand Restoration Group meeting
9	Attended LGNZ online briefing : Lessons from UK local government amalgamations Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended monthly Economic Development Meeting with staff Attended Mokai Patea Services/Taihape Health Matariki Kaumatua Hakinakina Attended Matariki Staff Awards Evening

13	Attended weekly Head Start Meeting with staff Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting to discuss Head Start
14	Attended tri-weekly meeting with CDW Board Chair Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
15	Attended monthly Governors Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team Attended monthly Comms Meeting with staff Attended Chief Executive Performance Committee Meeting
16	Attended Meeting with Mayors Ford & Gilmore Attended BA5 Meeting – Te Kai Whaka Ora Marton Youth Trust
17	Attended monthly meeting with Police and staff
18	Attended Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade Honours Night
20	Attended meeting with Acting Chief Executive Attended meeting with Department of Corrections Community Liaison advisor Attended meeting with ratepayers
21	Attended meeting with District Monitor staff Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	Attended Regional Chiefs Head Start online hui with MCERT Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Leadership Group Meeting
23	Attended weekly Head Start Meeting with staff Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting at Proliant Health & Biologicals in Feilding Attended Council Workshop Attended Manawatu Rangitikei Federated Farmers function and debate
23	Attended UPVC Windows Bulls to celebrate MTFJ placement's 12 month anniversary Attended Mana Whakahone a Rohe meeting with Ngati Rangi
27	Attended meeting with Chief Executive
28	Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs fortnightly online meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
29	Attended Four Regions Trust AGM Attended BA5 NZ Squash Open Launch at Regent on Broadway
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend weekly Head Start Meeting with staff To attend Council Meeting and Council Workshop
31	To attend LGNZ online AGM To attend Whangaehu Community Hall Fundraiser Evening

ITEM 10.3**Attachments:**

1. Draft Statement of Intent between the NZ Defence Force, PNCC, MDC, Rangitīkei DC and Ruapehu DC [↓](#)
2. Letter from Minister Bishop - proposed changes to Mana Whakahono a Rohe provisions - July 2026 [↓](#)
3. Elected Members Attendance Register [↓](#)
9. Elected Members Attendance Register

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – July 2026 be received.



STATEMENT OF INTENT

Between
NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE
and
PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL
and
MANAWATU DISTRICT COUNCIL
and
RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
and
RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

1. Purpose

The New Zealand Defence Force (Defence), Palmerston North City Council (PNCC), Manawatu District Council (MDC), Rangitikei District Council and Ruapehu District Council recognise they have many interests in common given the location of Linton Military Camp, NZ Defence College, Ohakea Air Force Base and Waiouru Military Camp within Central New Zealand, and that there will be mutual benefits from collaboration and co-operation.

This Statement of Intent records the intention of the parties to work together to:

- Maximise the business opportunities within Central New Zealand associated with Defence activities and investment.
- Ensure defence personnel and their families become an integrated part of their local communities.
- Recognise the contribution of Defence to the regional economy

- Facilitate opportunities that enable Defence to contribute to their local communities.
- Acknowledge the place of Defence within the Central New Zealand and the contribution it makes to community life.
- Acknowledge the role of PNCC, MDC, RDC and RDC as co-advocates for Defence issues pertaining to central and local government infrastructure policy, planning, growth and development.

2. Objectives

The parties intend to work collaboratively in the following areas of mutual strategic interest:

2.1 Strategic planning and policy

Engagement on planning matters that affect the operations of Defence and on government policy where there is a local impact.

2.2 Infrastructure provision and development

Identify opportunities where Defence could be involved in development of infrastructure projects in Central New Zealand.

Identify and address infrastructure issues to facilitate development of Defence in the Manawatu.

Improve the physical connectivity of Defence bases with their local communities.

2.3 Economic development

Develop a shared strategy for growth of Defence operations and jobs.

Identify ways that businesses can recognise the contribution of Defence to the local economy.

Identify opportunities for businesses to locate to the Central New Zealand to leverage the strategic strength of Defence.

Develop the Central New Zealand as a hub of capability development for Defence and Defence-related activities.

2.4 Community facilities and development

Provide opportunities for the public to engage with Defence and showcase their activities to lift the profile of Defence in the community.

Provide a welcoming environment for Defence personnel and their families to Central New Zealand.

Identify and address any barriers to Defence personnel being integrated into the local community such as access to services and affordable housing.

2.5 Events

Hold events that recognise the special place that Defence has in the Central New Zealand and the contribution it makes to the region.

2.6 Communication

Proactive communication and sharing of information by all parties regarding strategic policy and planning and infrastructure provision and development that directly or indirectly supports Defence activities.

2.7 Annual Plan

The parties will prepare a joint Annual Plan to guide the deliverables outlined in the Statement of Intent.

3. Co-ordination and Liaison

The parties will hold three meetings per annum to deliver on this Statement of Intent and review progress.

Each party will appoint a relationship champion from within their staff to actively manage and promote the relationship and achievement of collaborative outcomes.

Each party recognises and respects the local relationships between PNCC, MDC, Rangitikei District Council and Ruapehu District Council, Linton Army, NZ Defence College, Ohakea Air Force and Waiouru Military Camp.

4. Commitment

Nothing in this Statement of Intent diminishes the full authority of any party, or constrains or obligates any party, financially or otherwise.

The parties do not intend this statement of intent to create legal obligations.

5. Term

The term of this Statement of Intent is ten years from the date of signing with a further right of renewal of ten years and ongoing thereafter, upon mutual agreement.

This Statement of Intent is subject to revision or renewal by mutual agreement of the parties.

Any party may terminate this Statement of Intent at any time by giving written notice to the other parties.

Dated this day of July 2026

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ATTACHMENT 1

Signed for and on behalf of New Zealand Defence Force

Signed for and on behalf of Palmerston North City Council

Signed for and on behalf of Manawatu District Council

Signed for and on behalf of Rangitikei District Council

Signed for and on behalf of Ruapehu District Council

Hon Chris Bishop

Attorney-General
Minister of Housing
Minister for Infrastructure
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
Minister of Transport
Associate Minister of Finance



21 July 2026

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Tēnā koe

Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill: proposed changes to Mana Whakahono ā Rohe provisions

I am writing to regarding changes the Government intends to make to the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill currently before Parliament. Local authorities will continue to lead the delivery of the resource management system under the new legislation, and I wanted to let you know about this intended change that will impact you directly.

The Government intends to amend the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill to remove the provisions that would have saved existing and initiated Mana Whakahono ā Rohe in the new planning system.

The Bills as introduced provided that existing Mana Whakahono ā Rohe, and ones initiated before the Bills are enacted, would transfer into the new system, subject to modifications to reflect the scope of the new legislation. The Government has reconsidered that approach.

The Government now intends to progress amendments so that existing and initiated Mana Whakahono ā Rohe will not transfer into the new planning system. Instead, the Bills will provide for a new instrument scoped to the new system that will be known as 'iwi participation agreements'.

Iwi participation agreements will enable iwi authorities and local authorities to record how iwi authorities will participate in the iwi participation processes provided for in the Natural Environment Bill and Planning Bill where those processes are the responsibility of local authorities. They may also record processes for engagement where required to give effect to relevant Treaty settlement redress.

This proposed approach will ensure that participation arrangements in the new system are aligned with the scope and design of the Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill. Local authorities will have the discretion to enter into these agreements if requested to by an iwi authority – in contrast to Mana Whakahono ā Rohe that must be entered into if iwi authorities initiate them.

I acknowledge that some iwi authorities, hapū, and local authorities have invested significant time and resource in negotiating or implementing Mana Whakahono ā Rohe. I also acknowledge that this proposed change may be disappointing for parties who expected existing or initiated arrangements to transition into the new system. The Government's intention for the change is to provide a clearer and more consistent framework for iwi participation under the new legislation.

My officials at the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport are available to discuss with you how the new participation agreements are likely to work. For further information, please contact Clare Maihi (clare.maihi@mcert.govt.nz)

Ngā mihi nui

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Cc: Simon Court, Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

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Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Baird	Buckendaht	Dalgety	Field	Hainsworth	Hiroa	O'Fee	Raukawa	Sharland	Wong
23-Oct-25	Inagural Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
30-Oct-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
12-Nov-25	CCS Meeting	CB					PR						
13-Nov-25	Council Workshop	CB	CB	PR	PR	CB	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
19-Nov-25	Taihape CB	PR											PR
25-Nov-25	Ratana CB	PR							PR				
27-Nov-25	Council Workshop	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR
27-Nov-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR
2-Dec-25	ERWS	PR		PR									PR
3-Dec-25	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
8-Dec-25	HRWS	PR				PR		PR					
11-Dec-25	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-Dec-25	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
18-Dec-25	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
29-Jan-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
4-Feb-26	Santoft DMC	PR								PR			
9-Feb-26	Hunterville RWS	PR				AP		PR					
9-Feb-26	Hunterville CC	CB				PR							
10-Feb-26	TRAK meeting	PR			PR						AP		
10-Feb-26	Ratana CB	PR							PR				
11-Feb-26	Taihape CB	PR		PR									PR
12-Feb-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
12-Feb-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
18-Feb-26	Marton CC	CB	PR					PR					
18-Feb-26	Bulls CC	PR								PR		PR	
19-Feb-26	Turakina CC	PR					PR					PR	
25-Feb-26	Council Meeting	CB	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
3-Mar-26	Erewhon RWS			PR									PR
3-Mar-26	Omatane RWS	PR		PR						PR			
5-Mar-26	Assets/Infrastructure Workshop	PR	PR	AT	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
12-Mar-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
12-Mar-26	Policy/Planning Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR
12-Mar-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
19-Mar-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	AP	PR	PR	PR
23-Mar-26	Youth Council Meeting	PR			PR						PR		
2-Apr-26	Assets/Infrastructure Meeting	AP	PR	AT	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
2-Apr-26	Risk/Assurance Workshop	AP	PR	AT	AT	PR	AT						PR
2-Apr-26	Finance/Performance Meeting	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR						AP	PR
8-Apr-26	Hunterville CC	AP				PR							

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Baird	Buckendahl	Dalgety	Field	Hainsworth	Hiroa	O'Fee	Raukawa	Sharland	Wong
9-Apr-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
9-Apr-26	Council Workshop	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
13-Apr-26	Hunterville RWS	AP				PR							
14-Apr-26	TRAK meeting	AP	PR		PR								
14-Apr-26	Ratana CB	AP							AP				
15-Apr-26	Taihape CB	AP		AP									PR
15-Apr-26	Marton CC	AP	AP					PR					
16-Apr-26	Turakina CC	AP										PR	
20-Apr-26	Youth Council Meeting	AP					PR				AP		
22-Apr-26	Bulls CC	AP								PR		PR	
23-Apr-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
29-Apr-26	Community Grants Committee	PR				PR						PR	PR
30-Apr-26	Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund	PR						PR		PR		PR	
30-Apr-26	Assets/Infrastructure Workshop	PR	PR	AT	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
30-Apr-26	Finance/Performance Workshop	PR	PR	PR	AT	PR	AT	AT	AT	AT		PR	PR
6-May-26	Council Meeting - AP Hearing	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
7-May-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
7-May-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-May-26	Youth Council Meeting	PR					PR				PR		
20-May-26	Creative Communities Meeting	PR					PR						
21-May-26	Council Meeting - AP Deliberations	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR
21-May-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR
28-May-26	Assets/Infrastructure Meeting	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
28-May-26	Risk/Assurance Meeting	PR	PR			PR			AP				PR
28-May-26	Finance/Performance Meeting	PR	PR	PR		PR						PR	PR
3-Jun-26	Hunterville CC	PR			PR								
8-Jun-26	Hunterville RWS	CB				AP		PR					
9-Jun-26	TRAK meeting	PR			PR				AP		AP		
9-Jun-26	Erewhon RWS	PR		PR									PR
9-Jun-26	Ratana CB	PR							AP			AT	
15-Apr-26	Taihape CB	PR		PR									PR
10-Jun-26	Marton CC	CB	PR					PR					
11-Jun-26	Council Meeting		PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-Jun-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-Jun-26	Chief Executive Performance	PR	PR	AT	AT	PR	AT		AP	AT	AT	AT	AT
11-Jun-26	Turakina CC	PR					PR					PR	
15-Jun-26	Youth Council Meeting	PR					PR				PR		PR
17-Jun-26	Bulls CC	PR								PR		PR	
25-Jun-26	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR

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25-Jun-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR
25-Jun-26	Finance/Performance Workshop	PR	PR	PR		PR						AT	PR
1-Jul-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
6-Jul-26	Youth Council Workshop	PR					PR						
8-Jul-26	Santoft DMC	AP								PR		PR	
15-Jul-26	Chief Executive Performance	AT	AT			AT		AP	AP				
23-Jul-26	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR

Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM

10.4 External Consultations Update

Author: Janna Harris, Corporate Planner

Authoriser: Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager

1. Reason for Report

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

2. Context

Consultations Council has recently submitted on

- 2.1 Since the last Te Rōpū Ahi Kā meeting, Council has submitted on the following consultations:

- New Provision added to Emergency Management Rule: Forms of Declaration,
- Information Disclosure for Water Services – Minor Amendments, and
- Guidance to regulations for Groups of Activities for Councils' planning and reporting.

- 2.2 These submissions can be found on Council's [website](#).

Consultations Council proposes to submit on

- 2.3 The updated list of current opportunities to submit on consultations run by external agencies is attached (Attachment 1). This attachment contains further information including links to the relevant websites for all current consultations.

- 2.4 Council intends to submit on the following consultations that are open for submission:

- Proposed changes to modernise NZTA services (closes on 12 August), and
- Manawatū-Whanganui targeted speed limit reviews (closes on 19 August).

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. Council submits on external consultations within existing budgets.

4. Impact on Strategic Risks

- 4.1 Changes to Government legislation are transformational

- 4.1.1 Changes in legislation can result in significant changes for local government. Council mitigates this risk by keeping track of all potential changes and takes opportunities to submit on consultations that will affect Council or our community.

5. Strategic Alignment

- 5.1 Some consultation topics have the potential to impact the types of services Council delivers, which could impact Council's ability to deliver our strategic priorities.

ITEM 10.4**6. Mana Whenua Implications**

- 6.1 The Komiti is asked to advise of any mana whenua implications associated with the topics available to submit on.

7. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

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

8. Statutory Implications

- 8.1 There are no statutory implications associated with this report.

9. Decision Making Process

- 9.1 There are no decision-making processes associated with this report. This report is for information purposes only.

Attachments:

1. **External Consultations - May 2026** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'External Consultations Update' be received.

Current and Upcoming Consultations

Name of Initiative	Agency Engaging	Due Date	Description	Proposed RDC Action
Currently Open for Submissions				
Voluntary Nature and Carbon Markets: Domestic Scheme Endorsement Criteria	Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport	7 August	MCERT has developed a draft document with criteria for the domestic endorsement process, and the qualifications and experience required to make an assessment contributing to scheme endorsement decisions. The document is technical, mainly intended for voluntary market scheme operators and assurance practitioners, but will also be of interest to stakeholders interested in market integrity.	None
Proposed changes to modernise NZTA services	NZTA Waka Kotahi	12 August	NZTA is seeking feedback on feedback on proposed changes to modernise NZTA services so more services can be delivered online or flexibly by: allowing people to use a secure digital driver licence on their mobile device; making driver licensing services simpler, faster, and more available online; removing the need to display some physical licences and vehicle labels where compliance can be checked electronically.	None
Land Valuation Proceedings Amendment	Parliamentary Counsel Office	14 August	Key amendments include: establishing a single land valuation tribunal to replace the many land valuation tribunals throughout New Zealand, providing for a panel from which people will be assigned to a sitting of the tribunal or the High Court, and further changes for clarification.	None
Resilience principles for investment decision-making	Commerce Commission	14 August	The principles being developed are those that would need to be considered when developing businesses cases, and for the Commission when evaluating resilience initiatives.	None

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Corruption Risk Assessment Tool	Serious Fraud Office	14 August	The Counter Fraud Centre at the Serious Fraud Office is developing a Corruption Risk Assessment Tool to support agencies, and potentially other entities, to proactively identify and assess insider threat risks presented by the nature and function of their organisations and provide guidance and education to support the mitigation of those risks.	None
Manawātū-Whanganui region speed reviews	NZTA Waka Kotahi	19 August	Four speed limit changes are proposed to improve safety. Two of the four speed limit changes are proposed for State Highway 1, south of Taihape.	Submit
Environmental Reporting Amendment Bill	Parliament Select Committee	20 August	The amendments would restate the purpose of the Act to clarify its intended use and outcomes of reporting, reduce the frequency of synthesis reports, strengthen the mechanisms for data collection and set data collection standards, and add drivers and outlooks as required components of environmental reports.	None
DZ NZS 3604 Timber-framed buildings	Standards New Zealand	25 August	Proposed changes include: new and updated framing solutions for three-storey construction, improved guidance on thermal performance, updated foundation solutions for moderately expansive soils and liquefaction-prone sites, clarification of requirements for stairwell framing and isolated internal masonry walls, and rationalisation of timber sizes and grades to align with materials commonly available.	None
Capital markets reform	Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment	25 August	MBIE is seeking views on what the Government's priorities for change should be, where New Zealand should aim to position itself in the global competition for capital, and what steps are needed to respond to digital and AI-related innovation in financial products and markets.	None
Building Amendment Bill	Parliament Select Committee	15 November	Amends address inefficiencies in the building system that increase costs, delay delivery, and constrain performance, including through the clearer allocation of roles, responsibilities, and risk.	None

11 Meeting Closed