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TAURANGA MOANA / TE ARAWA KI TAKUTAI PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Komiti Whakariterite Kōrero

PF9

**Thursday, 2 May 2019
Council Chambers
Barkes Corner, Tauranga
10.00am**

Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum

Panui Notice of Meeting No PF9

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Forum Members:

Reon Tuanau (Tauranga Moana), Joint Chairperson
Tony Wihapi (Te Arawa Ki Takutai), Joint Chairperson

Garry Webber (Mayor)
Mike Williams (Deputy Mayor)
Grant Dally
Mark Dean
Mike Lally
Peter Mackay
Kevin Marsh
David Marshall
Margaret Murray-Benge
John Palmer
John Scrimgeour
Don Thwaites

Carlton Bidois (Ngati Ranginui)
Raiha Biel (Tapuika Iwi Authority)
Tiki Bluegum (Ngai Tamawhariua)
Elva Conroy (Ngati Tuheke)
Matire Duncan / Verna Ohia-Gate (Nga Potiki)
Maria Horne / Liam Tapsell (Ngati Whakaue)
Roland Kingi / Gail Skerrett-White (Ngati Pikiao)
Nessie Kuka (Ngai Tuwhiwhia)
Bob Leef (Ngati Taka)
Wiremu Matthews (Ngai Tamarawaho)
Buddy Mikaere / Rehua Smallman / Pahu Akuhata (Ngati Pukenga)
Riki Nelson (Ngati Te Wai)
Hemi Paki (Ngati Tauaiti)
Julie Shepherd (Te Runanga o Pirirakau)
Maru Tapsell (Waitaha)
Horace Te Moni (Ngati Rangiwewehi)
Kevin Tohiariki (Te Whanau o Tauwhao)
Tania Turner (Ngati Whakahemo)
Manu Wihapi (Tuhourangi)

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Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum - Terms of Reference

Purpose:

Better outcomes for Māori, a sustainable environment and healthy empowered communities.

Te Pae Tawhiti/Vision:

A district where the environment is protected and enhanced; people and communities are healthy, prosperous and empowered.

Te Kaupapa/Mission:

Our relationship is an "equal partnership" recognising the strength of working together to achieve better outcomes for our communities.

Ngā Tikanga/Principles:

- Courageous, committed, proactive and evolving
- Good faith, mutual respect and understanding
- Effective management / Kaitiakitanga
- Effective governance / Rangatiratanga.

1. Form and Membership

- (a) A Forum shall be established to address issues and leverage opportunities relating to Māori
- (b) Iwi and hapū that have interests within the territorial boundaries of Council are entitled to have one primary representative on the Forum. Should the primary representative be unavailable to attend any meeting, an alternate may substitute and be accorded the same rights as the primary representative.
- (c) His/her Worship the Mayor together with all Western Bay of Plenty District Councillors shall comprise Council representation on the Forum.

2. Selection of iwi and hapū representatives

- (a) Iwi and hapū representatives shall be determined by those iwi and hapū who have representation on the Forum. Iwi and hapū shall advise Council of their respective representatives by providing the following;
 - (i) Minutes of an advertised hui-a-iwi/hui-a-hapū where a resolution was passed appointing a representative to the Forum; or
 - (ii) A letter of appointment from the Chairperson of an iwi or hapū governance entity that has the authority to appoint iwi/Hapū representatives (where such a governance entity exists).
- (b) Once membership on the Forum has been confirmed in accordance with clause 2(a) above, representatives shall be re-validated every three (3) years, at the same time as local body elections and in accordance with the criteria set out in these Terms of Reference. The position of Chairperson shall be decided at the first meeting of a new triennium.

- (c) If iwi/hapū wish to replace their representative on the Forum prior to the end of the three year term of a sitting representative, the process outlined in 2(a) above applies.

NB: If Council is notified that a primary representative for an iwi or hapū has been appointed by way of both 2(a)(i) and 2(a)(ii) and that representative is not the same person, the person appointed by way of 2(a)(i) shall be recognised as the representative for that iwi or hapū.

3. Functions

The Forum shall:

- (a) Develop an annual work programme from Te Ara Mua.
- (b) Monitor the implementation of Te Ara Mua with prioritised actions and identify funding requirements.
- (c) Recommend actions to enhance Māori capacity and capability that will contribute to Council's decision making processes for inclusion in the development of the Long Term Plan.
- (d) Ensure that Council's legislative obligations to Māori are met by providing monitoring and oversight of those obligations (see Schedule B for relevant legislation).
- (e) Build Council understanding about Treaty of Waitangi settlements (including statutory acknowledgments) and identify their implications for Council (including decision making processes).
- (f) Where it deems it necessary, make recommendations to Council and its committees.

4. Meetings

- (a) Official meetings of the Forum shall be held bi monthly. Meetings may be held in the Chambers of Council or at any other venue that the Forum may decide upon.
- (b) His/Her Worship the Mayor shall be the Chairperson for the inaugural meeting of the Forum. Thereafter two Chairpersons, one from Tauranga Moana and one from Te Arawa, shall be selected from among the iwi and hapū representatives at the conclusion of the inaugural Meeting to chair subsequent meetings.
- (c) The role of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall alternate between Tauranga Moana and Te Arawa each meeting. This is to reflect the mana of the respective iwi and hapū that those Chairpersons represent.
- (d) The Chairpersons are invited to participate in the workshops of all Council Committees. The workshops provide an opportunity to give Council direction on important matters. Having iwi and hapu members participate in those workshops enables Council to meet its statutory obligations outlined in Schedule B of these Terms of Reference.
- (e) The Group Manager Policy, Planning & Regulatory Services shall be responsible for resourcing the Forum together with relevant staff members.
- (f) The Forum does not preclude individual iwi or hapū from working with Council on matters of their own concern or from progressing Mana Whakahono-a-Rohe agreements in accordance with the Resource Management Act, nor does it preclude iwi and hapū representatives or Council representatives from holding workshops outside of official meetings of the Forum on issues specific to an iwi, hapū and whānau.
- (g) The members of the Forum may agree to appoint representatives from among their membership to external representation forums (such as the SmartGrowth Combined Tangata Whenua Forum).

- (h) Agenda material that is specific to the kaupapa of the Forum can be provided by either iwi and hapū or Council.

5. Quorum

In order to ensure the validity of proceedings at a meeting, the minimum number of attendees required is 50% Elected Members and 50% iwi and hapū representatives. Resolutions of the Partnership Forum (except those covered by the Dispute Resolution clause at 8 below) shall be passed if a majority of members are in favour.

6. Dispute Resolution

- (a) In the event that a dispute arises in terms of the meaning/operation of these terms of reference the members will resolve the matter amongst themselves.
- (b) In the event that a dispute arises in terms of the decision making powers of the Partnership Forum the members will resolve the matter amongst themselves.
- (c) Disputed issues under 8(a) and 8(b) above, shall be put to the Forum as a resolution to be voted on. The resolution is passed if it is supported by at least 80% of the members.
- (d) Dispute resolution processes shall take account of Ngā Tikanga/Principles of these terms of reference.

7. Review of Terms of Reference

The Māori Relationships and External Adviser and the Workforce Development and Cultural Adviser accept the responsibility for reviewing the Terms of Reference and recommending updates as deemed necessary. The Forum must agree to any changes to the Terms of Reference.

Agenda for Meeting No. PF9

		Pages
	Present In Attendance Apologies	
PF9.1	Minutes of Meeting No. PF8 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum Held on 19 February 2019 A copy of the minutes of Meeting No. PF8 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 19 February 2019 is attached. Recommendation <i>THAT the minutes of Meeting No. PF8 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 19 February 2019 are confirmed as a true and correct record.</i>	7-15
PF9.2	Presentation from STEMfest Representative/s from STEMfest will be in attendance to present to the Forum.	
PF9.3	Draft Environment Strategy Attached is a report from the Senior Policy Analyst dated 17 April 2019.	16-24
PF9.4	Te Ara Mua Review Representative/s from the Te Ara Mua Review Working Group will be in attendance to update the Forum regarding progress of Te Ara Mua and to seek input into future actions.	

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

**Minutes of Meeting No. PF8 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa
Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 19 February 2019
in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner
commencing 10.00am**

Present

Iwi Representatives

Anthony Wihapi (Ngati Moko) (Co-Chairperson), Reon Tuanau (Ngai Te Rangi) (Co-Chairperson), Te Awa Anderson (Ngati Whakahemo - Alternate), Carlton Bidois (Ngati Ranginui), Raiha Biel (Tapuika Iwi Authority), Tiki Bluegum (Ngai Tamawhariua), Matire Duncan (Ngā Potiki), Maria Horne (Ngati Whakaue), Roland Kingi (Ngati Pikia), Nessie Kuka (Ngai Tuwhiwhia), Bob Leef (Ngati Taka), Buddy Mikaere (Ngati Pukenga), Riki Nelson (Ngati Te Wai), Hemi Paki (Ngati Tauaiti), Julie Shepherd (Te Runanga o Pirirakau), Kevin Tohiariki (Te Whanau o Tauwhao) and Tania Turner (Ngati Whakahemo)

Councillors

Mayor G J Webber (Deputy Chairperson), G Dally, M Dean, M Lally, P Mackay, D Marshall, M Murray-Benge, J Palmer and M Williams

In Attendance

P Tapsell (Workforce Development and Cultural Advisor), C Nepia (Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor), K Hill (Utilities Manager), C Ertel (Asset and Capital Manager), E Watton (Policy and Planning Manager), M Leighton (Senior Policy Analyst) and M Parnell (Governance Advisor)

Others

Two members of the public and as mentioned in the minutes.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Scrimgeour and Members Elva Conroy (Ngati Tuheke) and Manu Wihapi (Tuhourangi) and an apology for lateness from Buddy Mikaere (Ngati Pukenga).

Resolved: Mr Tuanau / Mr Kingi

THAT the apologies for absence from Councillor Scrimgeour and members Elva Conroy and Manu Wihapi and for lateness from Buddy Mikaere be accepted.

The meeting opened with a karakia from Mr Tuanau and a mihi from Mayor Webber.

PF8.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. PF7 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum Held on 20 December 2018**

The Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum considered the minutes of meeting no. PF7 of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum held on 20 December 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

Mr Bob Leef raised issues regarding Tahataharoa and was advised that this Forum was not the correct place to raise these issues.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Ms Duncan

THAT the minutes of the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa Ki Takutai Partnership Forum meeting PF7 held on 20 December 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

PF8.2 **Infrastructure Update**

The Partnership Forum received a verbal update from the Infrastructure staff regarding Te Puke and Katikati Wastewater Treatment Plan Discharge consent renewal and the Eastern Stormwater Catchment Management Plan.

The Utilities Manager spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised the following regarding the Te Ohu Waiora - Katikati Wastewater Discharge Alternatives:

- Who the members of the reference group were and that they had last met in January 2019.
- The group had been set up to look at alternatives to disposing of wastewater into local water ways.
- The group assessed cultural values, community needs, health and wellbeing of water bodies and economic viability for the community.
- Cost was not a driver in the assessment of alternatives at this stage.
- A continuum of beneficial reuse was discussed.
- The group would like assistance in ring-fencing areas that were culturally significant to Māori so they could be discounted as options for disposal of wastewater to land.
- The Utilities Manager had learned much from the process they were engaged in and had found much respect between parties.
- Concerns were raised about the land based solution and the water table being contaminated with treated water.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- Staff were commended for their work in this area and the process followed to date.
- Members of the reference group commented that they had been happy with the outcomes and that they were happy for a land based solution from a cultural perspective. There was also a greater understanding of the issues from a cultural perspective.

In response to questions, staff confirmed the following:

- Resource consents from the Regional Council had been tightened regarding bacteria in the water. Discharge at the moment was not drinking quality but well within the guidelines of the resource consent.
- The plant treating water would continue to be upgraded so the quality of water would always be improving.

10.32am

Mr Bidois entered the meeting.

- Cultural impact studies would be completed regarding alternate solutions for Katikati.

The Utilities Manager spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised the following regarding Te Puke Wastewater Discharge Alternatives:

- The reference group in Te Puke had started six months after the group in Katikati.
- The main issue for the Te Puke group was discharge into the Waiari stream.
- Who the members of the reference group in Te Puke were and that they had last met in February 2019.
- 63 sites had initially been identified as potential wetland areas.
- Treatment of waste water occurred on the top level of the soil so land that was largely clay was not suitable for this purpose.
- Council would prefer to use its own land to dispose of waste water but was not opposed to working in long term partnership with private land owners.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- It needed to be considered that there were limitations on being able to export fruit that had been watered with treated water.
- Central Government was driving a standard for waste water that could be upheld by environmental protection groups.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- There were complications associated with Rangiora Industrial Park being required to deal with their own waste but this option was being explored.
- The role of the reference groups was to explore all possible options and comprehensively report back to Council.
- It was clarified that although staff formed part of the reference groups, they were not voting members and that the final decision regarding these alternatives would be made by Council.

- While cost of alternatives was not being considered at this stage, it would be included in all decision making documents. The reference groups were currently focused on finding the best outcomes for communities and not just the most affordable.

10.55am Mr Mikaere entered the meeting.

- The reference groups were looking at solutions for bio-liquids not bio-solids.

10.59am Ms Shepherd left the meeting

- The Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant had won an award.
- Existing alternative options in Tauranga were not being considered.
- A resource consent had been applied for to keep the Te Puke Wastewater Treatment Plant operational as the consent would lapse in six months. This was a process driven application and did not mean that alternatives presented by the reference group would not be seriously considered.

11.04am Ms Shepherd entered the meeting.

- The Te Puke Alternative Wastewater reference group had been established in 2015 and had endeavoured to engage with as many parties as possible regarding the topic.
- There was no pre-treating of wastewater at homes. Bio-solids were removed and the grey water pumped away.
- The group could look at geothermal options in the area.
- Staff would check to see if there were any geothermal options in the area.

The Asset and Capital Manager gave an update on the Eastern Stormwater Catchment Management Plan. She spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised the following:

- The background and purpose of the Catchment Management Plan were explained.
- A summary of the feedback received was provided.
- Public notification was expected around August 2019 with submissions closing in November 2019.

Members of the Forum commented that a cultural monitoring plan that all hapū and iwi could feed into would be more economically viable than each individual hapū or iwi monitoring each point.

In response to questions, staff advised at industrially zoned properties would be required to apply for consent for their own stormwater.

Resolved: Ms Duncan / Ms Horne

THAT the verbal update from the Infrastructure staff be received.

11.25am The meeting adjourned for morning tea.

11.43am The meeting reconvened.

Public Forum

Resolved: Ms Kuka / Ms Turner

THAT the meeting be adjourned for the purpose of holding a public forum.

Mr Lance Waka of Ngati Ruahine introduced himself to the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum and explained his concerns about water quality in the Western Bay of Plenty District Council area.

Staff advised that Ngati Ruahine had not taken the opportunity to take a seat in this forum and explained to Mr Waka how the iwi might go about doing this.

Resolved: Mayor Webber / Mr Tuanau

THAT the meeting be re-convened in formal session at 11.54am.

PF8.3 Te Ara Mua Nga Kaihoe (Work Programme) Update

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor dated 4 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda. The report was taken as read, and the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised the following:

- The actions that had been completed through Te Ara Mua were outlined.
- Staff were looking for direction as to when Te Ara Mua should be reviewed next.
- It was noted that the budget for many of the Te Ara Mua actions had been increased in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, which was specifically allocated to support papakainga, the healthy whare programme and care of Marae in the district.
- The Marae Toolkit would be continually reviewed to make sure it was relevant and useful.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- There had been a previous joint effort by Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council to map sites of significance for iwi and hapū in the region but there had been difficulties keeping this information confidential when ratepayers would make Official Information Requests questioning the significance of sites.
- It was important the cultural heritage was preserved. Proactivity was required regarding the District Plan.

- There was a discussion about the size of designated sites of significance and whether a ridgeline could be considered one site.

12.14pm Mr Bluegum left the meeting.

12.16pm Mr Bluegum entered the meeting.

- It was suggested that rather than mapping the exact locations of sites of significance, that some areas be designated "hot spots" for cultural significance.

12.20pm Mr Mikaere left the meeting.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- The Partnership Engagement Agreement approved at the previous meeting related to operational matters and Mana Whakahono was a central government tool particularly regarding the Resource Management Act.
- The Māori language app was being designed by Kiwa Digital. They had also developed similar apps for the Waikato Regional Council and a Council in the South Island, providing a good template to work from. The app would be tailored to the needs of this Council and there would be opportunity for the Forum to give feedback regarding the app.
- A Rangitahi forum was best progressed by iwi and hapū.
- A candidate had been selected for the TUIA Programme. Her name was Te Manaws Tumoana from Te Arawa and she was the first female candidate we have had participate in the TUIA programme. She would receive mentoring from the Mayor and insight into the workings of Local Government.
- There was some funding available to help iwi and hapū map sites of significance.
- Sites of significance should be registered with Heritage New Zealand.
- Council's Resource Management Manager would be best suited to provide more detailed advice about the cultural heritage protections within the District Plan and how these can be strengthened, particularly in light of upcoming work to review the District Plan.
- The Western Bay of Plenty District Council had committed to sending two people per annum to the Making Good Decisions Course.

12.26pm Councillor Murray-Benge left the meeting.

Resolved: Mr Bidois / Councillor Williams

THAT Nessie Kuka and Julie Shepherd be enrolled in the Making Good Decisions Course for 2019.

12.27pm Mayor Webber left the meeting.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- Work is being carried out to assess the suitability of the Hot Springs Road site that had been identified as a potential Urupā site for Ngai

Tamawhariua. This work had only just been commissioned, Council will keep Ngai Tamawhariua up to date as the work progresses.

12.29pm Ms Duncan left the meeting.

- A workshop regarding the sites of significance could be organised for the Partnership Forum.

12.32pm Ms Duncan entered the meeting.

- In a discussion regarding the review of Te Ara Mua, it was agreed that it was a living document and needed to be reviewed as soon as possible.

Resolved: Ms Turner / Mr Bluegum

THAT the Māori Relationships and Engagement Advisor's report dated 31 January 2019 titled "Te Ara Mua Ngā Kaihoe (Work Programme) Update" be received

Resolved: Mr Tohiariki / Mr Kingi

THAT a review of Te Ara Mua be initiated prior to the 2019 Local Government elections and staff organise a workshop for this purpose.

The Chairperson took a moment to introduce Te Awa Anderson who was the Community Constable in Te Puke. He was in attendance at the meeting to meet local leaders.

PF8.4 **Upcoming Consultation**

The Partnership Forum considered a report from the Policy and Planning Manager dated 4 February 2019 as circulated with the agenda.

12.46pm Councillor Lally left the meeting.

Members of the Forum commented that this forum and Te Ara Mua directly linked Māori to Council processes and was an opportunity to be informed of issues as they arose.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- A Special Consultative Procedure of a month was required for the Long Term Plan amendment and the document had to be adopted by 30 June 2019.
- Elected Members and staff had organised seven events around the district to discuss the Annual Plan, the amendment to the Long Term Plan and several bylaw reviews.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- Lack of enforcement of bylaws was causing public arguments and Council did not appear to want to take responsibility.
- Te Puna has issue with rubbish for reserves.

In response to questions, staff advised the following:

- Once these items were adopted staff could run workshops with the Partnership Forum to update them of any substantial changes to the bylaws.
- There was not currently a consultation event organised for Pukehina but this could be considered.
- Submissions could be received in written and verbal form. There would also be a more formal style event running over two days in the Council Chamber that submitters could register to attend and present at.
- A workshop could also be organised to seek feedback from the Forum. This would need to be done during the prescribed consultation period. Members were also invited to speak to their submissions at the Have Your Say events at the Council Chambers.
- Staff would distribute the dates for the Have Your Say Events to Forum members.

Resolved: Mr Kingi / Mr Tohiariki

THAT the Policy and Planning Manager's report dated 4 February 2019 and titled Upcoming consultation be received.

Resolved: Mr Kingi / Mr Bluegum

THAT the Partnership Forum requests staff organise workshops that Forum members may give feedback to during the Have Your Say events and also after adoption of the Annual Plan, amended Long Term Plan and various bylaws to advise Forum Members of changes.

Riki Nelson requested to speak to the Tauranga Moana / Te Arawa ki Takutai Partnership Forum regarding iwi, hapū and whanau aspirations and made the following points:

- He noted the vision and mission of the Forum as presented on page 3 of the agenda.
- He advised that Māori were over-represented in many negative societal aspects such as youth suicide and unemployment.
- He believed that the Forum needed to focus more on outcomes for Māori people.
- He explained how Ngati Te Wai had contributed to the review of the Reserves and Facilities Bylaw.
- He proposed a workshop with local parliament members to discuss better outcomes for Māori people in this district and funding for this purpose.

Members of the Forum made the following comments:

- Councillor Williams challenged members of the Forum to consider running for election and offered to mentor anyone who was interested.
- It was suggested that hapū be given the opportunity to present to the Forum moving forward.

1.08pm Ms Shepherd left the meeting.

1.09pm Mr Leef withdrew from the meeting.

Resolved: Mr Bidois / Mr Kingi

THAT a workshop with local Ministers of Parliament be convened for the purpose of discussing Māori aspirations.

1.13pm Mr Kingi left the meeting.

There being no further business, Mr Bluegum closed the meeting with a karakia at 1.14pm.

PF8

TAURANGA MOANA/TE ARAWA PARTNERSHIP FORUM

Draft Environment Strategy

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to present the outline of the Draft Environment Strategy.

Recommendation

- 1. THAT the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 17 April 2019 and titled Draft Environment Strategy be received.*



Jodie Rickard
Senior Policy Analyst

1. Background

As part of the work programme of the Policy and Planning Team for 2018 to 2019, Council approved development of an Environment Strategy.

The Strategy has been developed from reviewing the existing information Council has, examining the national direction, and considering what actions Council will take over the next 3 years.

2. Guidance from planning documents

The documents below have guided the draft strategy development

2.1. Te Ara Mua Desired Outcomes and Actions

Whanaungatanga:

Desired Outcomes:

Maori Values are reflected in the built and natural environment.
Opportunities are provided for mahinga kai and wahi rongoa.

Actions:

- Review and improve the extent to which Maori values are represented in the built and natural environment, and advocate these views amongst other organisations who also work in the environment.
- Investigate needs of mahinga kai and wahi rongoa and way in which Council can contribute to meeting those needs – including the use of Council parks and reserves.

Oritetanga and Kaitiakitanga:

Desired outcomes:

Support Kaitiakitanga obligations to the environment having due regard to the importance of land and water resources.

Tangata Whenua are involved in the development of reserve management plans.

Actions:

- Hold a workshop for Tangata Whenua members of the partnership forum regarding Council's role in relation to the natural environment.
- Take account of iwi and hapu management plans in relation to their kaitiaki role for the environment.
- Advocate for Council to develop a policy that decreases energy use by Council and its communities.
- Support hapu and iwi to map cultural heritage sites and sites of significance within iwi and hapu management plans.
- Cultural heritage in all its forms should be acknowledged, including art, whakapapa, story boards, tikanga exercises and activities.

2.2. Iwi & Hapu Management Plans

A review of iwi & hapu management plans has been undertaken. This has included:

- a review of "Effective Use and Recognition of Iwi and Hapu Management Plans", prepared for Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Tauranga City Council by Conroy and Donald, May 2017.
- A review of Iwi and Hapu Management Plans lodged with Council.
- A review of research being conducted by GNS Science: "Verifying How Natural Hazards are Incorporated into Iwi and Hapū Management Plans and their Implementation", March 2019.

The iwi and hapu management plans consistently address protection of waahi tapu, sites of significance and traditional practices, and discharges to water. Iwi and hapu seek active involvement in Council projects, recognition of values and interests and capacity building to enable participation.

3. The Strategy

3.1. Vision

The Vision of the Draft Strategy comes from Western Bay's community outcomes. The vision is:

A Clean, Green, Valued, Environment.

3.2. Areas of Focus

The Areas of Focus are:

- Natural Environment
- Sustainable Living
- Climate Change Action

3.3. Approach

As part of the Strategy development, Council is looking to take a holistic approach to actions to achieve environmental outcomes. The proposed approach is adapted from the Maori health model Te Whare Tapa Wha. This allows for actions to be balanced to ensure

Manaaki Tinana:

Caring for the physical health of the environment

Manaaki Hinengaro:

Sharing and valuing knowledge about the environment

Manaaki Wairua:

Protecting sites of natural and cultural significance

Manaaki Hononga:

Fostering strong and effective working relationships, and encouraging collective responsibility

The approach guides the way Council carries out its work.

3.4. Goals

The goals are:

- Using resources wisely
- Increasing biodiversity
- Connecting people with the natural environment
- Protecting important natural and cultural areas
- Having a lighter footprint
- Making decisions to address the impacts of climate change

3.5. What Council currently does

Council funds and supports work that achieves environmental outcomes. These activities are:

- Funding for environmental projects (part of community matching fund).
- Environmental education.
- Environmental monitoring and protection lot monitoring.
- Incentives and rules for environmental protection and enhancement through the District Plan.
- Protection (through rules) of sites of cultural and natural significance through the District Plan.
- Natural Hazards mapping, modelling and management through the Natural Hazards Charter (in partnership with Tauranga City Council and Bay of Plenty Regional Council)
- Investment in walking and cycling.
- Funding for sustainability and environmental initiatives (through things like Envirohub community service contract).
- Education on waste management (worm composting workshops, envirochallenge, Para Kore etc).
- Kerbside rubbish and recycling proposal
- Continued programme of upgrades to wastewater treatment plants

Under the draft strategy, these actions will continue. The priorities and amount of funding available is reviewed every 3 years through Council's Long Term Plan.

3.6. New Actions Council will take

The actions below will be delivered in line with the strategy approach.

Action 1. Develop a waste education plan

What does Council currently do?

Council already fund waste education work, including education in schools, through the waste levy.

What comes next?

The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan sets a target of 2945 tonnes of waste to be diverted from landfill, through education and communications.

To achieve this target, a clear plan for education and communications is needed.

Action 2. Develop a walking and cycling action plan

What does Council currently do?

Council has a walking and cycling strategy, developed in 2009. This strategy essentially led to the development of the district-wide network, including the Omokoroa –Tauranga cycleway, and Paengaroa to Rotorua connection, and links at Waihi Beach.

From 2019 Council has a specific budget of \$400,000 per annum to develop the walking and cycling network.

What comes next?

The new walking and cycling action plan will update the 2009 strategy, and will prioritise work and funding.

Action 3. Develop a water conservation programme

What does Council currently do?

In 2019 Council completed the water metering project, so every property that is connected to Council's water supply now has a water meter. This means usage and be tracked and managed.

In 2018 Council ran a pilot programme to support households to understand their water use and how they could reduce that use. Households were invited to have a water consultation, carried out by a trained professional who showed the householder how to read their meter, how to check for leaks, how to fix minor leaks and how to reduce their water use.

The pilot programme received good feedback from householders that took part.

What comes next?

This action is to review the outcomes from the pilot programme, consider any changes, assess the costs and benefits and make a recommendation for an ongoing water conservation programme.

Action 4. Review Council's stormwater strategy and bylaw, to include water quality outcomes

What does Council currently do?

Council is currently finalising its comprehensive stormwater consents. These are consents issued by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council that apply to a water catchment area, and set out how stormwater will be managed in that catchment.

What comes next?

The consents have conditions that require Council to improve the quality of the stormwater discharge.

Council will do this by reviewing its stormwater strategy to include water quality improvements, and by introducing a stormwater bylaw to prevent contaminants entering the stormwater network.

Action 5. Develop a programme to implement "Green / Blue" network plans along natural corridors

What does Council currently do?

Council provides funding for projects that protect the District's biodiversity, such as fencing, riparian planting, pest control and environmental monitoring.

Council also incentivises protection of habitats through the District Plan. Through the protection lot rule, property owners can receive an additional subdivision 'right' if they permanently set aside an area of their land that has high ecological value. These areas are then covenanted as protection lots.

What comes next?

The actions mentioned above are sometimes delivered in isolation from water quality actions or cultural heritage protection. The idea of a green / blue network plan is to develop a detailed plan for a catchment area that includes how stormwater will be managed, cultural heritage, ecological enhancement and walking / cycling connections into one plan. This plan can then be implemented over a number of years. It can also be used to develop ecological linkages between protection lots, and other protected areas such as land in QE11 covenants or DoC land.

These plans need to be considered within or alongside the work that Regional Council, landowners, iwi / hapu and industry are doing with catchment management plans. It may be appropriate for the network plan and actions to be 'owned' by another organisation (including an iwi or community group) with WBOPDC contributing towards its implementation.

The priority plan is the gullies network within the Omokoroa Urban Growth Area.

Action 6. Work with tangata whenua on mapping cultural heritage sites

What does Council currently do?

Council has a list of Significant Historic Heritage Features in the District Plan. These Features are safeguarded from disturbance or destruction, and inappropriate development by rules in the District Plan.

Not all significant features are included in the District Plan list. There are sites of significance to tangata whenua that are not included. Council and tangata whenua need to work together to determine the best way to protect these sites and their stories.

What comes next?

Council and tangata whenua are progressing work to determine the best way to recognise and protect significant and sensitive cultural heritage sites. Funding is available for the mapping of cultural heritage sites, and Council is working with the Tangata Whenua Partnership Forum to review the District Plan rules that give historical and cultural heritages sites protection.

Action 7. Develop an open space network plan

What does Council currently do?

Council has a Recreation and Leisure Strategy that sets out how much reserve land (parks, domains, sportfields, neighbourhood parks etc) the District has now, how much it expects to have in the future, and what that land is likely to be used for. Council then plans to purchase land so that the amount of land available for use meets the needs of the district's growing population.

What comes next?

Council is reviewing the Recreation and Leisure Strategy. Through this work we will develop a plan of what parks and open space land is available and where, look at any gaps there might be, and plan to fill those gaps. This work will look at many types of open space and reserve land. It will include areas with high historic and ecological significance, and areas that provide access to waterways and the coast.

Action 8. Develop a corporate sustainability plan

What does Council currently do?

Council works to manage energy and resource use efficiently through specific projects, such as the upgrade of a wastewater treatment plan which might include the use of smart technology to reduce running costs.

What comes next?

Council will develop a corporate sustainability plan. This plan will be based on Council's energy audit and measuring the use of other resources to get an understanding of where reductions can be made. The corporate sustainability plan will sit alongside the Corporate Plan and will guide the way Council does business.

Action 9. Deliver a community-based sustainability programme

What does Council currently do?

Council provides funding for a number of projects and initiatives that encourage the sustainable use of resources, such as worm composting workshops, Para Kore (Marae based rubbish and recycling initiative) and Sustainable Backyards month.

What comes next?

Through Envirohub we will run a pilot programme called Sustainable Neighbourhoods, to engage households in how to have a lighter footprint, and to understand what their priorities are and how those could be supported.

Action 10. Implement the Tahataharoa restoration plan*What does Council currently do?*

In partnership with Pirirakau and Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tahataharoa has been purchased. This is a culturally significant headland at the mouth of the Wairoa River. The partnership intends to regenerate the site as wetland, provide walking and cycling connections and protect its cultural heritage.

What comes next?

A restoration plan is being developed. Once this plan is finalised it can be implemented over a number of years, with work funded from the Councils and other sources.

4. Next Steps

The Draft Environment Strategy will form the basis for engagement on the environment in the next Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031. The final Strategy will be adopted as part of that Long Term Plan.

A timeline is attached on the following page:

Date 17 April 2019

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