



Te Ara Mua - The Pathway Forward

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Developing Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making

We recognise the importance and special place of Tangata Whenua within our communities and the additional responsibilities that the Local Government Act places on us to develop the capacity of Māori to take part in local government decision-making processes.

Equally, we acknowledge the journey that is required to develop positive and purposeful relationships with Tangata Whenua that can sustain us into the future.

We have a number of mechanisms for engagement and to involve Tangata Whenua in our decision-making processes. We will continue to review and improve them to ensure ongoing effectiveness.

We will continue to work with iwi and hapū to provide for their representation aspirations.

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Our Takawaenga Māori team

This team initiates, builds and maintains our relationship with Tangata Whenua and Māori, and strengthens our organisation's ability to appropriately engage with Māori through exposure to and training in kawa (protocols), tikanga (customs) and te reo (the Māori language).

Tangata Whenua engagement guidelines

Our Tangata Whenua engagement guidelines have been developed to assist staff in engaging with Tangata Whenua.

For further information

Find out more detail by reading Te Ara Mua on Council's website www.westernbay.govt.nz/TeAraMua

