

Te Ara Mua o Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana

A scenic view of a coastline. In the foreground, there is a sandy beach with some people walking. The water is a light blue-green color. The middle ground shows rolling green hills with some trees and a small building. In the background, a large, forested mountain rises against a cloudy sky.

Te Ara Mua o Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana has been developed by Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana. It draws on the work of Te Ara Mua developed by the joint partnership forum. The plan signifies the efforts of Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana to meet the aspirations of Māori within the western Bay takiwā.

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INTRODUCTION

Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana was established to enhance and increase the opportunity to contribute to Local Government decision making to achieve better outcomes for Māori, a sustainable environment, and healthy empowered communities. The Forum is made up of representatives of Tauranga Moana iwi and hapū within the Western Bay of Plenty District Council rohe together with the Kaimai and Waihī Beach/Katikati Ward Councillors and the Mayor.

Te Ara Mua o Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana has been developed to provide the means by which Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana will achieve its purpose. This plan provides for Ngā Take Kiko to be identified and categorised for the purpose of creating a work programme for the forum to drive outcomes for Ngā Take Kiko. The aim is to assist Tangata Whenua to form effective relationships with Council so that Ngā Take Kiko are addressed in the work and decisions of Council.

The Forum acknowledges the importance of the Long-Term Plan, Annual Plan and District Plan as major drivers of Council business. Te Ara Mua o Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana aims to inform and influence those plans and processes, as well as operational policy, by way of Ngā Kaihoe and the actions and aspirations outlined within it.

Te Ara Mua o Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana is a living document which will be continually reviewed to ensure it is relevant and appropriate. This can be done through annual discussions. The Forum will develop a robust means of evaluating the performance of this plan to ensure the purpose of the forum is being addressed. The members of the Forum see this plan as a tool that provides strong leadership and direction to Council.

COUNCIL'S STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

Local Government Act 2002

Section	Provisions
Section 4	<i>Treaty of Waitangi</i>
Section 14(1)(d)	<i>In performing its role, a local authority must act in accordance with the principle of providing opportunities for Māori to contribute to its decision-making processes</i>
Section 81	<i>Build capacity to contribute to decision-making</i>
Section 82(2)	<i>Principles of consultation – must have processes for consulting Māori</i>
Schedule 10, Clause 8	<i>Long term planning to build capacity</i>

Resource Management Act 1991

Section	Provisions
Section 6(e)	<i>Defining and having regard for kaitiakitanga i.e. kaitiakitanga means the exercise of guardianship by the Tangata Whenua of an area in accordance with tikanga Māori in relation to natural and physical resources; and includes the ethic of stewardship.</i>
Section 7(a)	<i>Having particular regard to kaitiakitanga</i>
Section 8	<i>Treaty of Waitangi</i>
Section 33	<i>Transfer of powers – where one or more functions, duties or powers can be transferred, including to an Iwi authority.</i>
Section 74A(2A)	<i>Taking into account Iwi management plans when preparing or changing the District Plan.</i>
Schedule 1, Clause 3	<i>Schedule specifically refers to consultation with Iwi authorities</i>

We note that the Resource Management Act is proposed to be replaced by the Natural and Built Environment Act, Spatial Planning Act, and the Climate Change Adaptation Act (yet to be released). These obligations will be updated to reflect the changes in legislation.

Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

Section	Provisions
Schedule 1, Part 1, 14A	<i>Unused Rating Unit of Māori Freehold Land is non-rateable</i>
Part 4	<i>Rating of Whenua Māori</i>

NGĀ TAKE KIKO

ISSUES OF SUBSTANCE FRAMEWORK

Toka Tū Moana provides for Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana and Council to define issues of significance. The issues have been identified and categorised as an Organisational Issue or an Operational Strategic Issue but for the purposes of Te Ara Mua o Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana will be split into operational issues (able to be progressed at a staff level) and strategic issues (requiring decisions at a governance level). The work programme addressed these issues with timeframes, priorities, and budget.



NGĀ KAIHOE

Work Programme

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Expectation	Actions	By who	Budget	Timeframe	Process
<p>Tangata Whenua are actively involved in operational decisions of Council that affect their whenua and the taiao</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning processes must involve Tangata Whenua from the beginning • Resource Management processes must involve Tangata Whenua from the beginning • Adequate information is provided to ensure Tangata Whenua can properly engage with the processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively include appropriate Tangata Whenua in consent processes, including notification processes. • Engage with Hapū and Iwi in the development, review, and implementation of plans. • Support and fund up to four Partnership Forum members per year to undertake Making Good Decisions training and Chairs training or to retain their existing accreditation. • Staff to attend forum meetings to report on action 	<p>Environmental Planning team, Environmental Consents team, Kaupapa Māori team, Utilities team, Tangata Whenua</p>	<p>\$75K per annum</p>	<p>Quarterly reporting</p>	<p>Operational Policy / Long Term Plan</p>

Expectation	Actions	By who	Budget	Timeframe	Process
<p>The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi are acknowledged and protected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles are integrated in all Council planning and training • Tangata Whenua expectations are met regarding Te Tiriti o Waitangi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a system to monitor Council's Tiriti and statutory obligations to Māori and establish the link between all Council policy and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. • Ensure Council is meeting its Tiriti and statutory obligations to Tangata Whenua by implementing a monitoring system. 	<p>Consultant, Kaupapa Māori Team, Council Senior Leadership Team, Tangata Whenua</p>	<p>Budget required</p>	<p>Half yearly reporting</p>	<p>Operational Policy</p>
<p>Marae are healthy and well functioning. Urupā are provided for and protected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marae are supported to be used, sustainable and cared for • Urupā are used, sustainable and cared for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the needs of urupā (provision of land for Urupā, access, and maintenance funding for Urupā). • Investigate the support needed for Urupā and marae particularly those affected by coastal erosion. • Promote and support marae being used as emergency centres during disasters 	<p>Kaupapa Māori Team, Reserves Team, Emergency Management, TKMW, Tangata Whenua</p>	<p>\$55K per annum for Marae</p> <p>Budget required for urupā</p>		<p>Operational Policy / Long Term Plan</p>

STRATEGIC ISSUES

Expectation	Actions	By who	Budget	Timeframe	Process
<p>Tangata Whenua are actively involved in the decisions of Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tangata Whenua are represented in local government and are actively involved in decision making • Tangata Whenua participate and vote in local body elections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate Māori representation on Council committees with voting rights. • Investigate the establishment of Māori wards as part of the review of representation arrangements 	<p>Kaupapa Māori Team, Te Kāhui Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana (TKMW), Elected Members, Tangata Whenua</p>		<p>3-6 yearly</p>	<p>Representation Review</p>
<p>Communities are vibrant, connected, healthy and safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality, sustainable and affordable housing is available • Rates are fair and equitable for Whenua Māori • Whānau are healthy and resilient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide advice and support around planning for papakāinga and Māori housing development. • Hold workshops for Tangata Whenua members of Partnership Forums regarding rating policies and practices including the approach to water metering and apportionment of rates. 	<p>Kaupapa Māori Team, Environmental Consents Team, Tangata Whenua</p>			<p>District Plan</p>

Expectation	Actions	By who	Budget	Timeframe	Process
<p>Cultural heritage, waahi tapu, Mātauranga Māori are recognised and protected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Māori cultural heritage is protected and preserved • Papakāinga is acknowledged as a traditional lifestyle community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Cultural Heritage Strategy • The use of te reo Māori is promoted • Staff to attend forum meetings to report on action 	<p>Kaupapa Māori, Tangata Whenua</p>	<p>Budget required</p>	<p>Half yearly reporting</p>	<p>District Plan</p>