



# **AGENDA** Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 12 December 2023, 10.30am

# Ordinary Council

12 December 2023 10:30 AM



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### **Whakataka te hau**

#### ***Karakia to open and close meetings***

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease the winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease the winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Let the breeze blow over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Kia hī ake ana te atakura	Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air
He tio, he huka, he hauhu	A touch of frost, a promise of glorious day
Tūturu o whiti whakamaua kia tina.	Let there be certainty
Tina!	Secure it!
Hui ē! Tāiki ē!	Draw together! Affirm!

### **Nau mai e ngā hua**

#### ***Karakia for kai***

Nau mai e ngā hua	Welcome the gifts of food
o te wao	from the sacred forests
o te ngakina	from the cultivated gardens
o te wai tai	from the sea
o te wai Māori	from the fresh waters
Nā Tāne	The food of Tāne
Nā Rongo	of Rongo
Nā Tangaroa	of Tangaroa
Nā Maru	of Maru
Ko Ranginui e tū iho nei	I acknowledge Ranginui above and
Ko Papatūānuku e takoto ake nei	Papatūānuku below
Tūturu o whiti whakamaua kia	Let there be certainty
tina	Secure it!
Tina! Hui e! Taiki e!	Draw together! Affirm!



**Date** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes – 31 October 2023**

**Approved by:** S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3232680

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### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held at 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, 31 October 2023.

### **Matters arising**

### **Appendices/Attachments**

Document: 3219531 [Minutes Ordinary Council meeting 31 October 2023](#)



**Date:** Tuesday, 31 October 2023, 10.30am  
**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford  
**Document:** 3219531

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<b>Present</b>	Councillors	C L Littlewood	<i>Chairperson</i>
		N W Walker	<i>Deputy Chairman</i>
		M J Cloke	
		A L Jamieson	
		D H McIntyre	
		S W Hughes	
		D M Cram	
		B J Bigham ( <i>zoom</i> )	
		D L Lean	
<b>Attending</b>	Mr	S J Ruru	Chief Executive
	Mr	M J Nield	Director – Corporate Services
	Mr	A D McLay	Director – Resource Management
	Ms	A J Matthews	Director – Environment Quality
	Mr	D R Harrison	Director – Operations
	Mrs	M G Jones	Governance Administrator
	Mr	C Woollin	Communication Advisor
	Mr	F Kiddle	Strategy Lead

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.30am

**Apologies:** Were received and sustained from Councillor Davey, noted Councillor McIntyre as late.

Littlewood

## 1. Confirmation of Ordinary Minutes 19 September 2023

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held at Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Tuesday 19 September at 10.30am

Littlewood/Walker

**2. Confirmation of Minutes Operations and Regulatory Committee 10 October 2023**

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 9am
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Cram/Walker

**3. Confirmation of Minutes Policy and Planning 10 October 2023**

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 10 October 2023 at 10.30am
- b) adopted the recommendations therein.

Bigham/Littlewood

**4. Confirmation of Minutes Executive Audit and Risk Committee 24 October 2023**

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the minutes of the Executive Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Port Taranaki Boardroom, 2/8 Bayly Road, New Plymouth on Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 10.00am
- b) adopted the recommendations therein

Cloke/Williamson

**5. Future for Local Government - Way Forward**

- 5.1 Mr S J Ruru – Chief Executive spoke to the members to seek endorsement of a proposed position in relation to the future for Local Government Panel final report recommendations.
- 5.2 Chair C L Littlewood to communicate the recommendations of the members to the FFLG panel.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) noted this report and the issues identified

- b) adopted the recommended Te Uru Kahika position in relation to each of the seventeen FFLG Panel recommendations, as summarised in Attachment A, as the Taranaki Regional Council position on the recommendations and agrees that these should be used by the Chair to guide her voting at the LGNZ Special General Meeting
- c) delegated authority to the Chair to vote at the Local Government NZ Special General Meeting scheduled to be held on 11 December 2023 to consider the position to be adopted in relation to each of the seventeen recommendations made by the Future for Local Government Panel in its final report
- d) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- e) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Williamson/Littlewood

## **6. Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee - Revised Terms of Reference**

- 6.1 Mr M J Nield spoke to the memorandum requesting the members consider and adopt the Revised Terms of Reference for Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee
- 6.2 An amendment was made to recommendation b)

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the *Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee - Revised Terms of Reference* memorandum
- b) adopted the *Revised Terms of Reference for Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee August 2023* subject to an agreement on the quora being changed to one (1) member from each council
- c) noted the appointment of Councillors Lean and Cloke to the Yarrow Stadium Joint Committee
- d) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- e) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Littlewood/Hughes

**7. Confirmation of Iwi Appointments for the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan**

- 7.1 Mr S Ruru spoke to the memorandum advising the members this item will be left on the table as to date notification of representatives had not been received from Ngā Iwi o Taranaki.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the *Confirmation of Iwi Appointments for the Taranaki Regional Council's 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan*

**8. Proposed 2024 Meeting Schedule**

- 8.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum, informing the Members of the proposed council and committee meeting schedule for 2024.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the *Proposed Taranaki Regional Council Meeting Schedule 2024* and attached meeting schedule
- b) noted the dates of the various Ordinary and Committee meetings.

Littlewood/Hughes

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting on 27 June 2023 2023 for the following reason/s:

The matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* are as follows:

**Item 17 - Confirmation of Public Excluded Ordinary Council Minutes -19 September 2023**

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and [section 7](#) (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

**Item 18 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Operations and Regulatory Minutes –10 October 2023**

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and [section 7](#) (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.



Item 19 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Executive Audit and Risk Minutes – 24 October 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and/or enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice, commercial activities.

Littlewood/McIntyre

There being no further business, Chairperson C L Littlewood, declared the Ordinary Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council closed at 11.16am.

**Confirmed**

**Taranaki Regional**

**Council Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C L Littlewood**



**Date:** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **Operations and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 21 November 2023**

**Approved by:** A J Matthews, Director - Environment Quality  
S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3232682

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### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the Minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 9.00am
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.

### **Matters arising**

### **Appendices/Attachments**

Document: 3224473 [Operations and Regulatory Minutes 21 November 2023](#)



**Date** 21 November 2023, 9.00am  
**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford  
**Document:** 3224473

<b>Present</b>		D M Cram M J Cloke M G Davey D H McIntyre D L Lean N W Walker C L Littlewood D Luke Ā White R Buttimore	<i>Chairperson</i>    <i>(joined via zoom 9.36am)</i> <i>ex officio</i> <i>ex officio</i> Iwi Representative Iwi Representative ( <i>zoom</i> ) Iwi Representative
<b>Attending</b>	Mr Ms Mr Mr Mr Ms Ms Mr Mrs Mr Mr	S J Ruru A J Matthews A D McLay D R Harrison J Glasgow L Millar V McKay C Woollen M Jones V Turner N Heslop	Chief Executive Director - Environment Quality Director - Resource Management Director - Operations Compliance Manager Manager - Resource Consents Manager - Environmental Assurance Communications Adviser ( <i>zoom</i> ) Governance Administrator Scientist - Air Quality Programme Lead - Towards Predator Free Taranaki

**Karakia:** The meeting opened with a group karakia at 9.00am.

**Apologies:** Were received and sustained from, Councillor Hughes and P Muir Littlewood/Davey

1. **Confirmation of Minutes Operations and Regulatory Committee 10 October 2023**

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held on 10 October 2023 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Walker/Cloke

## 2. Resource Consents Issued under Delegated Authority & Applications in Progress

- 2.1 Ms L Millar spoke to the memorandum to advise the Committee of consents granted, consents under application and of consent processing actions since the last meeting.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority.

Cloke/Littlewood

## 3. Consent Monitoring Annual Reports

- 3.1 Ms V McKay spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with an update on the five tailored monitoring reports.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the five compliance monitoring reports listed in table 1
- b) noted the recommendations therein.

Littlewood/Walker

*(F Kiddle Joined meeting)*

*(M Ritai Joined Meeting 9.10am)*

## 4. Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non Compliances and Enforcement Summary 15 September 2023 to 26 October 2023

- 4.1 Mr J Glasgow spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with a summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period 15 September 2023 to 26 October 2023.

### Recommended

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non- Compliance and Enforcement Summary – 15 September 2023 to 26 October 2023*
- b) received the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 15 September 2023 to 26 October 2023, noted the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority and adopted the recommendations therein.

Davey/Walker

**5. Towards Predator-Free Taranaki Project**

- 5.1 Mr D Harrison introduced Mr N Heslop who spoke to the memorandum and gave a presentation on the progress of the *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*
- b) noted the progress achieved in respect of the urban, rural and zero density possum projects of the *Taranaki Taku Tūranga Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project*.

Davey/Walker

(9.42am - R Buttimore left meeting)

**6. Changes to the Duration of Consents Related to Freshwater – New Analysis**

- 6.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the Committee to inform of the developments in the regional sector's thinking of the changes to the maximum duration available for freshwater consents.

(one media representative joined meeting at 9.54am)

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Changes to the Duration of Freshwater Consents – New Analysis*
- b) noted that one immediate impact of the Natural Built Environment Act is that, for resource consent applications lodged from 24 August 2023, clause 39 of Part 6 Schedule 12 of the *Resource Management Act 1991* introduces additional restrictions on consent duration, such that:
  - (i) the consent authority may grant the affected resource consent for a fixed period or require that it expire by a fixed date; and
  - (ii) in either case, the duration of the consent must not exceed 5 years after when rules in the region's first Natural and Built Environment Plan take legal effect
- c) noted that when relevant rules in the region's first Natural and Built Environment Plan will take legal effect at this stage is estimated to be 30 June 2032
- d) requested that, when processing affected resource consent applications, Council officers consider (alongside all other relevant matters) the most up to date estimate of the Taranaki region's Natural Built Environment Act date and the benefits of avoiding an unmanageable number of resource consents expiring on the same date

- e) noted that recommendations b), c) and d) supersede recommendations b), c), d) and e) in the *Changes to the Duration of Consents Related to Freshwater* memorandum (#3193096) presented at the 29 August 2023 meeting of the Operations and Regulatory Committee
- f) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- g) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Cloke/Littlewood

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Operations and Regulatory Committee Meeting on Tuesday 21 November 2023:

Item 11: Public Excluded Operations and Regulatory Minutes – 10 October 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and [section 7](#) (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Littlewood/Davey

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor D M Cram, declared the public meeting of the Operations and Regulatory Committee closed at 10.03am.

**Operations and  
Regulatory**

**Committee Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D M Cram Chair**



**Date** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **Policy and Planning Committee Minutes – 21 November 2023**

**Approved by:** A D McLay, Director - Resource Management  
S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3232685

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### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Tuesday 21 November 2023
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.

### **Matters arising**

### **Appendices/Attachments**

Document: 3224208 [Policy and Planning Minutes 21 November 2023](#)



**Date** 21 November 2023  
**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford  
**Document:** 3224208

<b>Present</b>		C S Williamson B J Bigham D M Cram D H McIntyre A L Jamieson C L Littlewood N W Walker E Bailey M Ritai G Boyde  L Gibbs	Chairperson <i>(zoom)</i>    <i>(ex officio)</i> <i>(ex officio)</i> Iwi Representative <i>(zoom)</i> Iwi Representative Stratford District Council <i>(left meeting at 11.45)</i> Federated Farmers
<b>Attending</b>	Mr Mr Ms Mr Ms Mr Mr Miss  Mr Mrs Miss Mr Mr Ms Ms Ms	S J Ruru A D McLay A J Matthews D R Harrison L Hawkins F Kiddle C Woollin A Smith  F Kiddle M Jones N Chadwick T McElroy B Levine B Zieltjes A Norhyati A Collins	Chief Executive Director - Resource Management Director - Environment Quality Director - Operations Planning Manager <i>(zoom)</i> Strategy lead Communications Advisor Science Communications Advisor <i>(left meeting at 11.02)</i> Strategy Lead <i>(joined meeting at 11.37am)</i> Governance Administrator Executive Assistant Manager Science and Technology Scientist Land and Soils Team Lead Freshwater and Coastal Scientist Freshwater Scientist water Quality

2 media representatives in attendance *(one left meeting at 11.52am)*

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.30am.



**Apologies:** Were received and sustained from Councillor Hughes, C Filbee - South Taranaki District Council and B Haque - New Plymouth District Council.  
Williamson/Walker

**1. Confirmation of Minutes Policy and Planning Committee 10 October 2023**

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Policy and Planning Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held at 10.30 on 10 October 2023 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Cram/Boyde

**2. Freshwater Update**

- 2.1 Ms L Hawkins spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an update of the Freshwater Implementation project.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the October 2023 update on the freshwater implementation programme.

Walker/McIntyre

**3. Taranaki State of the Environment Lakes Monitoring Programme**

- 3.1 Ms A Matthews introduced T McElroy who spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with an overview of the new state of the environment lakes monitoring programme and the current state of health for the region's lakes.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum Taranaki State of the Environment Lakes Monitoring Programme
- b) noted the findings and recommendations therein.

Williamson/Walker

**4. Prioritisation of Fresh Water Land Plan Development**

- 4.1 Ms L Hawkins gave a presentation and spoke to the Memorandum to seek endorsement from the committee of the proposed development of a Freshwater and Land Plan.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Prioritisation of Freshwater and Land plan development*
- b) noted that there is a high level of uncertainty in relation to the future direction of resource management reform and the current national policy environment at present
- c) noted that staff expect that greater clarity around this environment will emerge over the next year
- d) agreed that development of new freshwater planning provisions needs to remain a high priority for Council
- e) endorsed the proposal to prioritise the development of the Freshwater and Land Plan for notification in December 2024 and **defer** further work on development of the Natural Resources Plan until post December 2024
- f) directed staff to review the approach that Council might use to advance resource management policy development and report back with a recommended way forward in April 2025
- g) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- h) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Ritai/McIntyre

## **5. Science Report Card 2023: Can I Swim Here?**

- 5.1 Ms A Matthews introduced Mr T McElroy – Manager Science and Technology who spoke to the Memorandum to update the committee on the results from the 2022/2023 ‘Can I Swim Here?’ recreational water quality monitoring programme.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the *Science Report Card 2023: Can I Swim Here?*
- b) noted that monitoring for the 2023/2024 season is now underway.

Williamson/Littlewood

## **6. Soil Quality in the Taranaki Region 2022: Current Status, Comparison with 2017, and Temporal Analysis**

- 6.1 Ms A Matthews introduced Mr B Levine who gave a presentation and spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with an overview of the findings of the recent Soil Quality in the Taranaki Region 2022: Current status, comparison with 2017, and Temporal Analysis report.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Soil quality in the Taranaki Region 2022: current status, comparison with 2017, and temporal analysis* and presentation
- b) noted the recommendations of the authors and officers regarding future work.

Walker/Littlewood

(S Tamarapa Joined meeting at 12.05)

## 7. Dangerous Dams Policy Consultation

- 7.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the memorandum informing the members of the Dangerous Dams Policy.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum titled *Dangerous Dams Policy Consultation*
- b) adopted the statement of proposal on the *Policy on Dangerous Dams, Earthquake-Prone Dams and Flood-Prone Dams* pursuant to sections 161 and 162 of the *Building Act 2004* set out in Attachment One
- c) approved that a summary of the statement of proposal will not be prepared given that the policy will likely only be of interest to a small group of stakeholders who have a good level of knowledge about the issues involved
- d) agreed to release the Statement of Proposal for the completion of the special consultative procedure and the approval of the *Policy on Dangerous Dams, Earthquake-Prone Dams and Flood-Prone Dams* on 11 December 2023 with submissions closing on 19 February 2024
- e) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- f) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

Cram/Williamson

(Mr G Young joined meeting 12.08)

## 8. Revised Biodiversity Credits Submission

- 8.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the memorandum updating the members on the updates made to the submission following the feedback received from members at the previous Policy and Planning meeting.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Revised Biodiversity Credits Submission*
- b) endorsed the submission in Attachment One on the *Helping nature and people thrive: Exploring a biodiversity credit system for Aotearoa New Zealand – Discussion document*

- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- d) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter

Williamson/Walker

**9. Mayoral Forum Submission on Advancing New Zealand's Energy Transition**

- 9.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the memorandum updating the members on the on the Taranaki Mayoral Forum's submission on the *Advancing New Zealand's Energy Transition* package of documents.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Mayoral Forum Submission on Advancing New Zealand's Energy Transition*
- b) noted the submission contained in Appendix One.

Littlewood/Gibbs

**10. Proposed National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision Making 2023 Submission**

- 10.1 Ms L Hawkins spoke to the memorandum to present the members with the submission that was made on the proposed National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision Making 2023 (NPS-NHD)

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Proposed National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision Making 2023 Submission*
- b) endorsed the submission, on the draft National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards Decision Making
- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- d) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

McIntyre/Cram

**11. Select Committee Inquiry into Climate Adaptation Sector Submission**

11.1 Mr F Kiddle spoke to the memorandum to inform the members of the submission from Te Uru Kahika on the Environment Committee's inquiry into climate Adaptation.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum titled *Select Committee Inquiry into Climate Adaptation: Sector Submission*
- b) noted the Te Uru Kahika submission contained in Attachment One.

Cram/Jamieson

**12. Development of a Joint Future Development Strategy with New Plymouth District Council**

12.1 Ms L Hawkins spoke to the memorandum to inform the members on the requirements for the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) to work with New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) on the development and implementation of a Future Development Strategy (FDS), under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) 2020.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Development of a Future Development Strategy with New Plymouth District Council*
- b) noted the background context for the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020
- c) noted the combined obligations of the Taranaki and New Plymouth Councils, as directed under the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020, to develop a Future Development Strategy using a special consultative procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002
- d) noted Taranaki and New Plymouth Council's collaborative arrangements for delivering the Future Development Strategy
- e) noted the requirement for a joint committee to be developed to facilitate the special consultative procedure, including consideration of iwi representation, and for options on this process to be brought back to the committee in February 2024
- f) delegated to the Chief Executive the authority to seek recommendations from iwi regarding the appointment of a iwi/hapū representative on the joint committee.

Williamson/Ritai

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, C S Williamson, declared the meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee closed with karakia at 12.40am.

**Policy and  
Planning  
Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**C S Williamson**



**Date** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **Executive, Audit and Risk Committee Minutes – 12 December 2023**

**Approved by:** S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3232679

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### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Coten Road on Monday 4 December 2023 at 10am
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.

### **Matters arising**

### **Appendices/Attachments**

Document: 3231566 [Minutes Executive Audit and Risk Committee – 4 December 2023.](#)



**Date** Monday 4 December 2023 10.00am  
**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford  
**Document:** 3231566

<b>Members</b>	Councillors	M J Cloke	<i>Chair</i>
		S W Hughes	
		A L Jamieson	
		C S Williamson	
		D H McIntyre	
		C L Littlewood	<i>ex officio</i>
		N W Walker	<i>ex officio</i>
<b>Attending</b>	Mr	S Ruru	Chief Executive
	Mr	M J Nield	Director – Corporate Services
	Mrs	M G Jones	Governance Administrator
	Miss	N Chadwick	Executive Assistant
	Ms	K Holland	Team Lead - Communications
	Ms	K Meynell	Administration and Logistics Manager
	Ms	L Hawkins	Policy Manager
	Ms	J Patterson	<i>(zoom)</i>

The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 10.00am.

**Apologies:**

**1. Confirmation of Minutes Executive Audit and Risk – 24 October 2023**

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Port Taranaki Boardroom, 2/8 Bayly Road, New Plymouth on Tuesday 24 October at 10am
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 31 October 2023.

Hughes/Jamieson



## 2. Financial and Operational Report

- 2.1 Mr M J Nield spoke to the memorandum to update the committee on the September and October Financial Reports.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Financial and Operational Report* and the September and October Financial Reports
- b) noted the digital media update.

Williamson/McIntyre

## 3. Health and Safety Report

- 3.1 Mr M J Nield spoke to the memorandum to provide the members with a health and safety update.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the October 2023 Health and Safety Report.

Cloke/Walker

## 4. 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan: Audit Engagement Letter

- 4.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum requesting the members consider the 2024/2034 *Long-Term Plan (LTP)* and Audit Engagement Letter requesting the members delegate authority to the Chairperson to sign the letter on behalf of the Council.

### Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received and considered the audit engagement letter for the audit of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan and Consultation Document
- b) authorised the Chairperson to sign-off the audit engagement letter
- c) determined that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- d) determined that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determined that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

McIntyre/Williamson

## 5. Accommodation Review Update

- 5.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum to provide the Committee with an update on the accommodation project.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Accommodation Update Report November 2023
- b) noted the progress to date and the next steps on the Accommodation Project.

Cloke/Walker

**6. Revenue and Financing Policy: Passenger Transport Services**

- 6.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum to inform the committee on how funding and principles are applied to passenger transport services.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum and the additional information on the funding principles applied to passenger transport services.

Jamieson/McIntyre

**7. Trustees Executors Limited – Debenture Trust Deed Reporting**

- 7.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum requesting the members receive and consider the Reporting Certificate and the Independent Assurance Report in respect of the Trustees Executors Limited Debenture Trust Deed for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the Reporting Certificate and the Independent Assurance Report in respect of the Trustees Executors Limited Debenture Trust Deed for the year ended 30 June 2023
- b) noted the content of the Reporting Certificate and Independent Assurance Report.

Williamson/Hughes

**8. Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Update**

- 8.1 Mr M Nield spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee of progress to date of the Yarrow Stadium Plus Redevelopment Project.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) noted the progress to date and the next steps on the Yarrow Stadium Plus Redevelopment Project

Cloke/Walker

**Public Excluded**

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Executive Audit and Risk Meeting on 4 December 2023 for the following reason/s:

The matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* are as follows:

Item 14 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Executive Audit and Risk Minutes – 24 October 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and/or enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice, commercial activities.

Item 15 – Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Steering Group Report

General subject of each matter to be considered	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter
Item: 15 Yarrow Stadium Plus: Project Steering Group Report	That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under <a href="#">section 7</a> (2) (h) and (2) (i) of the <i>Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</i>	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.  To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Hughes/Williamson

At 10.55am Councillor Jamieson moved to open the meeting from public excluded.

The meeting adjourned at 10.56.

(10.56am Councillor Walker left the meeting)

The meeting restarted at 12.30pm

## **9. Hearing of Submissions on Better Travel Choices for Taranaki**

9.1 The meeting resumed at 12.30, committee Chair T Cloke introduced the memorandum, informing the members of the proceedings of the Better Travel Choices submission hearings.

### **Resolved**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Hearing of submissions on Better Travel Choices for Taranaki*
- b) received the submissions in response to the draft *Better Travel Choices for Taranaki* documents
- c) noted that full deliberations on *Better Travel Choices for Taranaki* submissions will be undertaken at the Committee meeting on 19 February 2024
- d) noted that a detailed officers' report will be provided to assist with those deliberations
- e) provided any guidance to officers on responses to key submission points as part of the consideration of this memorandum.

Hughes / McIntyre

### **Better Travel Choices Hearing Submissions**

**Louise James** - Spoke to her submission.

**Veronique** - Spoke to her submission.

**Brendan Kroon** - Spoke to his submission.

**Suraya Sidhu Singh** - Spoke to her submission and presentation.

**Robert Langedijk** - Spoke to his submission and the submission received from the North Taranaki Cycling Advocates.

**Future is Rail** - Sharon Bevins spoke to the submission from the Future is Rail. She elected not to speak to her personal submission.

**Murray Seamark**- Spoke to his submission.

**Emily Bailey** - Spoke to her submission via zoom.

**Sarah Lucas** - Spoke to her submission.

**Anthonie Tonnon** - Spoke to his submission.

**Urs Signer** - Spoke to his submission.

**Libby Malthus** - Spoke to her submission.

**Jenny Hatch** - Spoke to her submission.

**Helene Rigert-Robert** - Spoke to her submission.

**Councillors Harry Duynhoven and Bali Haque**- Spoke to the submission made by Mayor Neil Holdom.

**Jon Palmer** - Spoke to his submission.

**Rachael Berndt** - Spoke to the submission on behalf of Sport Taranaki.

**Lois McNeil** - Spoke to her submission.

**Jesse Shepherd** - Spoke to his submission.

**Horizons Regional Council** - Councillor Sam Ferguson, Passenger Transport Committee Chair, and Mark Read, Transport Manager, spoke to the submission on behalf of Horizons Regional Council.

**Tania Han** - Spoke to her submission.

*(2.14pm Councillor Williamson left the meeting)*

*(4.12pm Councillor Hughes left the meeting)*

There being no further business, the Committee Chairperson, Councillor M J Cloke, declared the open meeting of the Executive, Audit and Risk Committee closed at 4.19pm.

**Executive, Audit and Risk**

**Committee Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**M J Cloke**



**Date** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **Joint Committee Minutes**

**Approved by:** S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3232729

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### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to receive the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on 21 September 2023 and the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on 9 November 2023.

### **Executive summary**

2. The Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee, Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee and the Regional Transport Committee are Joint Committees between the Taranaki Regional Council and the three district councils of Taranaki.
3. *The Local Government Act (Schedule 7, clause 30(8))* states that a joint committee is deemed to be both a committee of the local authority and a committee of the other local authority or public body.
4. Each council will therefore be given the minutes of the joint committee meetings for their receipt and information.

### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee meeting held on 21 September 2023.
- b) receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held on 9 November 2023.

### **Appendices/Attachments**

Document 3208725: [Minutes Taranaki Civil Defence Group Joint Committee – 21 September 2023](#)

Document 3222164: [Minutes Taranaki Solid Waste Joint Committee – 9 November 2023](#)



**Committee:** Civil Defence Emergency Management – Joint Committee

**Date:** 21 September 2023

**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford

**Document:** 3208725

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<b>Members</b>	N Walker P Nixon M McKay	Chairperson Mayor South Taranaki District Council Alternate Stratford District Council
<b>Attending</b>	S Hanne F Aitken G Green S Ruru T Velvin M Jones O Conley I Wilson B Ingram	Stratford District Council South Taranaki District Council New Plymouth District Council Taranaki Regional Council Taranaki CDEM (Regional Manager) Governance Administrator Marketing and Communication Advisor CDEM NEMA TEMO Group Controller

The meeting opened with a group karakia at 10.30am

**Apologies:** Apologies were received and sustained from Mayor Holdom - New Plymouth District Council, Mayor Volzke – Stratford District Council, S Tiatia – NEMA, L Poutu.

Nixon/Hanne

**1. Confirmation of Minutes – Joint Committee 18 May 2023**

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee meeting held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 18 May 2023
- b) noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the CDEM – Joint Committee on 18 May 2023, have been circulated to New Plymouth District Council, South Taranaki District Council and Stratford District Council for the receipt and information.

Nixon/Walker

**2. Confirmation Minutes - CDEM – CEG 31 August 2023**

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) takes as read and confirmed the minutes of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Co-Ordinating Group meeting held at Stratford District Council, 63 Miranda Street, Stratford on 31 August 2023
- b) adopts the recommendations therein.

Walker/Nixon

**3. Quarterly Performance Report**

- 3.1 Mr T Velvin, spoke to the memorandum to provide an update on the 2022/2023 Quarterly Performance Report. Mr Velvin advised funding has come through since the paper was submitted.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) received memorandum, *Quarterly Performance Report 4 2022/23*

Walker/McKay

**4. Adoption of TEMO Business Plan 2024-2025**

- 4.1 Mr T Velvin, spoke to the memorandum to update the members on the draft TEMO Business Plan 2024-2025.
- 4.2 Mr Velvin emphasised that this is a living document and will adapt with change.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) received the Memorandum, *Adoption of the TEMO Business Plan 2024-25*
- b) noted the contents of the TEMO Business 2024-25
- c) approved the business plan 2024 -2025.



Walker/McKay

**5. Website URL Change for Taranaki Emergency Management Office**

- 5.1 Mr T Velvin, spoke to the memorandum to update the member's on the proposed change to Taranaki Emergency Management Office website URL

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) received the Memorandum *Website URL Change for Taranaki Emergency Management Office*
- b) approved the proposal for the new website URL to change to 'www.taranakiem.govt.nz'.

Nixon/McKay

**6. Approval of the Terms of Reference of the Geospatial Innovation Advisory Group**

- 6.1 Mr T Velvin, spoke to the memorandum seeking endorsement to approve the updated terms of reference.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) received the memorandum, *Approval of the Terms of Reference for Geospatial Innovation Advisory Group*
- b) approved the Terms of Reference for the Geospatial Advisory Group

Walker/Nixon

**7. Appointment of Group Controller**

- 7.1 Mr T Velvin, spoke to the memorandum to provide an update on the appointment of Mr Ben Ingram to the role of Group Controller.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) received the memorandum *Appointment of Group Controller*
- b) approved the appointment of Mr Ben Ingram to the role of Group Controller

Nixon/McKay

**8. Appointment of Zoe Sharman as Alternate Group Welfare Manager**

- 8.1 Mr T Velvin, introduced Ms K Lawson, who spoke to the memorandum requesting the members approve the appointment of Zoe Sharman as an alternative Group Welfare Manager.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) received the Memorandum *Appointment of Ms Zoe Sharman as Alternate Group Welfare Manager*
- b) approved the appointment of Ms Zoe Sharman, to the role of Group Welfare Manager.

McKay/Walker

**9. National Emergency Management Update**

9.1 Mr I Wilson, spoke to the memorandum to provide the members with an update on the National Emergency Management Agency.

**Recommended**

That the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee:

- a) received the memorandum *National Emergency Management Agency Update*.

McKay/Nixon

There being no further business the Committee Chair, Neil Walker, declared the meeting of the Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management Joint Committee closed at 11.15am.

**Confirmed**

**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Neil Walker**



**Date:** 9 November 2023, 10.30am  
**Venue:** Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford  
**Document:** 3222164

<b>Present</b>	D H McIntyre	Taranaki Regional Council ( <i>Chairperson</i> )
	B Roach	South Taranaki District Council ( <i>Deputy Chair</i> )
	M McKay	Stratford District Council ( <i>zoom</i> )
<b>Attending</b>	A Matthews	Taranaki Regional Council
	R Leitao	New Plymouth District Council
	G Cotter	New Plymouth District Council
	J Cooper	Stratford District Council
	J Ingram	South Taranaki District Council
	T Hunt	South Taranaki District Council
	S Wilson	South Taranaki District Council
	M Deans	EnviroWaste
	L Jones	Taranaki Regional Council
M Jones	Taranaki Regional Council	

The Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee opened with at karakia at 10.30am

**Apologies:** Were received and sustained from, M Chong – New Plymouth District Council  
 McIntyre/Roach

#### 1. Confirmation of Minutes - 17 August 2023

##### Resolved

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes and resolutions of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee meeting held at Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford, on Thursday 17 August 2023 at 10.30am
- b) noted that the unconfirmed minutes of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee held at the Taranaki Regional Council, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on Thursday 17 August 2023 have been circulated to the New Plymouth District Council, Stratford District Council and South Taranaki District Council.

Roach/McIntyre

**2. Regional Waste Minimisation Officer's Activity Report – October 2023**

- 2.1 Miss G Cotter New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum updating the Committee on significant activities undertaken by the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer (RWMO), in collaboration with the district council officers of New Plymouth District Council, South Taranaki District Council and Stratford District Council.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Regional waste minimisation Officer's Activity Report - October 2023*
- b) noted the activities of the Regional Waste Minimisation Officer and district councils.

McIntyre/Roach

**3. Regional Waste Minimisation Education Plan 2023/2024**

- 3.1 Miss G Cotter New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with an update on the Regional Waste Minimisation Education Plan 2023/2024.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Regional Waste Minimisation Education Plan 2023/2024*.

Roach/McIntyre

**4. Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Consultation Summary**

- 4.1 Miss G Cotter New Plymouth District Council, spoke to the memorandum to provide the committee with a summary of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Consultation Summary.

**Resolved**

That the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum *Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Consultation Summary*.

McIntyre/Roach

There being no further business, Committee Chairperson, D M McIntyre declared the meeting of the Taranaki Solid Waste Management Committee closed at 11.35am

**Taranaki Regional**

**Council Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_

**D M McIntyre (Chairperson)**

unconfirmed



**Date** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **Te Nehenehenui Relationship Agreement Extension**

**Approved by:** S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3230696

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### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to seek approval to extend the date by which Council must conclude negotiation of a Relationship Agreement with Te Nehenehenui, the Post-Settlement Governance Entity acting on behalf of Ngāti Maniapoto.

### **Executive summary**

2. The Maniapoto Claims Settlement Act 2022 (the Act) was passed into law on 27 September 2022 and required that a relationship agreement be entered into by 28 September 2023 unless an extension is agreed.
3. The Act requires Te Nehenehenui to develop a Joint Management Agreement with Waikato Regional Council, Waitomo District Council and Ōtorohanga District Council. It also requires Te Nehenehenui to develop a relationship agreement with Manawatū-Whanganui (Horizons) Regional Council, Ruapehu District Council and our Council.
4. The Act contains a number of provisions relating to the scope of the relationship agreement. These include a number of matters in relation to Ngā Wai o Maniapoto and activities within the catchment affecting Ngā Wai o Maniapoto. The relationship agreement will set out how parties will work together in good faith towards a common purpose. The Settlement Act sets this purpose as to care and protect Ngā Wai o Maniapoto; and to restore and maintain the quality and integrity of the waters of Ngā Wai o Maniapoto. This then leads to a focus on provisions under the RMA as the primary management tool for freshwater. A relationship agreement can, however, relate to any other pieces of legislation relevant to achieving the purpose, the most prominent being the *Local Government Act 2002* (LGA).
5. While progress on the development of a relationship agreement has been made, an agreement was not reached by the 28 September deadline. It is therefore proposed that Council and Te Nehenehenui formally agree to extend the deadline by which agreement needs to be reached on the content of the relationship agreement 1 May 2024.

### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Te Nehenehenui Relationship Agreement Extension* dated 12 December 2023
- b) agrees to Option 1: extend the date by which a Relationship Agreement must be agreed with Te Nehenehenui to 1 May 2024
- c) notes the Maniapoto Claims Settlement Act 2022 requires the Council to negotiate a Relationship Agreement with Te Nehenehenui by 28 September 2023 or such other date as may be agreed between the parties
- d) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*
- e) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

## Background

6. The area of interest set out in *Maniapoto Claims Settlement Act 2022* (the Settlement Act) includes a portion of Taranaki. Within this area, the Council is required to agree a relationship agreement with Te Nehenehenui.
7. In addition to what the Settlement Act requires the relationship agreement to canvas, Te Nehenehenui has proposed additional matters for inclusion in the relationship agreement. These are:
  - Development opportunities to support organizational and personal development, training and cultural competency (e.g. secondments, workshops, joint scholarships, community awareness programmes, and employment opportunities within councils for Ngāti Maniapoto).
  - The identification and management of sites of significance to Ngāti Maniapoto, including information sharing protocols.
  - Engagement to improve the application and effectiveness of the Ngāti Maniapoto Environmental Management Plan.

## Maniapoto and Ngā Iwi o Taranaki

8. The Crown's decision to acknowledge Ngāti Maniapoto's area of interest as extending into Taranaki is not without issue. This area of interest extends over around half of Ngāti Tama's rohe. There is a long and complicated history between Ngāti Tama and Ngāti Maniapoto, including overlapping areas of customary interest.
9. This played out most recently when Ngāti Tama opposed New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) voluntarily entering into a relationship agreement with Ngāti Maniapoto. It is understood that Te Nehenehenui has subsequently withdrawn their request to NPDC.

## Issues

10. There is a need for Council to make a decision about the proposal to extend the timeframe within which it is required to negotiate a relationship agreement with Te Nehenehenui.

### **Discussion**

11. The Settlement Act is clear on what the relationship agreement must cover and the date by which an agreement should be reached.
12. Te Nehenehenui are currently working through the process of reaching agreement on a JMA with the 3 northern councils as outlined in the Act. While Te Nehenehenui have been working through the JMA process, they have not been able to give their full attention to the development of the relationship agreement with the 3 southern councils. Hence, the proposal to extend the deadline for a relationship agreement.
13. Both Horizons and Ruapehu District Council have agreed to the extension of the deadline for an agreement to be reached.

### **Options**

14. Option 1: extend the date by which a Relationship Agreement must be agreed with Te Nehenehenui to 1 May 2024. In the interest of working in good faith, this is the preferred option.
15. Option 2: decline the request to extend the deadline for reaching agreement. This would contradict the decision of Horizons and Ruapehu District and it would be counterproductive to the relationship between Council and Te Nehenehenui.

### **Significance**

16. A decision in accordance with the recommended approach is not considered significant. The decision being made relates to a procedural matter, which is provided for within relevant legislation and which is also supported by Te Nehenehenui.

### **Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan**

17. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

### **Policy considerations**

18. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

### **Iwi considerations**

19. Officers have had discussions with the Te Nehenehenui Chief Executive regarding the proposal to extend the deadline. He is in agreement and has received formal approval from his trustees for the extension.

### **Community considerations**

20. This memorandum and the associated recommendations have considered the views of the community, interested and affected parties and those views have been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.



**Legal considerations**

21. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.



**Date** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **Ngāti Maru Joint Management Agreement extension**

**Approved by:** S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3229217

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### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to seek approval to extend the date by which Council must conclude negotiation of a Joint Management Agreement (JMA) with Ngāti Maru.

### **Executive summary**

2. The Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Claims Settlement Act 2022 (the Act) was passed into law on 30 March 2022 and required that a JMA be agreed by 30 November 2022.
3. The Act contains a number of provisions relating to the content of the JMA and the principles that must be applied to the way in which the parties work together. These include a number of matters that need to be agreed relating to the operation of and provision of information to the Waitara River Committee and other Iwi authorities involved with the formation of this committee. As such it is appropriate that the other Iwi authorities also be involved in the discussions relating to the JMA content and that there be a strong linkage between the JMA and the Heads of Agreement required under the New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018.
4. While progress is being made, it will not be possible for an agreement to be reached before 31 December 2023. It is therefore proposed that Council and Ngāti Maru formally agree to extend the deadline by which agreement needs to be reached on the content of the JMA to 31 December 2024.

### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the memorandum *Ngāti Maru Joint Management Agreement* dated 8 November 2022
- b) agrees to Option 1: extend the date by which a Joint Management Agreement must be agreed with Ngāti Maru to 31 December 2024
- c) determines that this decision be recognised as not significant in terms of section 76 of the *Local Government Act 2002*

- d) determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the *Local Government Act 2002* to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with section 79 of the Act, determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits, or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.

### **Background**

5. The Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Claims Settlement Act 2022 (the Act) places a requirement on Council to negotiate a Joint Management Agreement (JMA) with Ngāti Maru by 30 November 2022, or such other date as may be agreed with Ngāti Maru.
6. Under the Act the JMA is required to explicitly address a number of matters relating to how the Waitara River Committee, and the other Iwi authorities involved with the Waitara River Committee, might have input into Council consenting, monitoring and plan development processes under the Resource Management Act 1991. As such many of the provisions represent an extension of the requirements included in the New Plymouth District Council (Waitara Lands) Act 2018.
7. A draft JMA has been developed and shared with Ngāti Maru who are now working with the other Iwi authorities involved with the Waitara River Committee formation to consider the way forward.

### **Issues**

8. There is a need for Council to make a decision about the proposal to extend the timeframe within which it is required to negotiate a JMA with Ngāti Maru.

### **Discussion**

9. Progress is being made with development of both a Heads of Agreement relating to formation of the Waitara River Committee and drafting of a Ngāti Maru JMA. Given the significance of the Waitara River and these agreements it is important that the parties take time to negotiate agreements that will meet their mutual objectives. Moving to meet, what is effectively an artificial timeline creates a risk of this objective not being achieved.
10. It is proposed that Council agree to extend the deadline for reaching agreement with Ngāti Maru to 31 December 2024 to allow time for the issues involved to be comprehensively discussed between the parties.

### **Options**

11. Option 1: extend the date by which a JMA must be agreed with Ngāti Maru to 31 December 2024.  
This would allow Ngāti Maru the time required to seek out legal advice.
12. Option 2: decline the request to extend the deadline for agreement on the JMA.  
This would be counterproductive to the relationship between Council and Ngāti Maru.

### **Significance**

13. A decision in accordance with the recommended approach is not considered significant. The decision being made relates to a procedural matter, which is provided for within relevant legislation and which is also supported by Ngāti Maru.

### **Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan**

14. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

### **Policy considerations**

15. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

### **Iwi considerations**

16. Officers have had discussions with the Ngāti Maru Chief Executive re the proposal to extend the deadline. He is in agreement and is seeking a formal decision from his trustees.

### **Community considerations**

17. This memorandum and the associated recommendations have considered the views of the community, interested and affected parties and those views have been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

### **Legal considerations**

18. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.



**Date:** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **2024/2034 Long-Term Plan: Approach and Financial Update**

**Approved by:** M J Nield, Director - Corporate Services  
S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3232244

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### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update to the approach being taken for the preparation of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan and to the financial approach as a result of the 2023 general election and the announced policy positions of the new government.

### **Recommendations**

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives and notes the update of the approach being taken to the preparation of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan and to the financial approach as a result of the 2023 general election.
- b) notes that this approach will be applied through to the adoption of the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document and supporting documentation in February 2024.

### **Background**

2. We are in the process of preparing the 2024/2034 Long-Term Plan (LTP). The work to date was based upon the legislative and policy framework in place. The 2023 general election has resulted in a change of government. The new government has signalled that a number of the policy positions and statutory provisions are either going to be amended or repealed.

### **Discussion**

3. The LTP will need to be prepared to the statutory and policy positions in place. Accordingly, as the new government implements different policy positions and/or changes legislation, the approach taken to the preparation of the LTP will need to be adapted.
4. To date the LTP and associated budgets have been prepared on the basis of:

- the current programme of works
  - proposed changes to current programme of works
  - the statutory and policy changes adopted by the last government
  - changes to statutory provisions and policy statements in place.
5. As the new government reaches new policy positions and changes legislation, we are updating the work programmes and budgets. The changes that have been implemented to date include reducing the new resources for the implementation of the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity as the government has put the implementation "on hold" and reducing the resources required for implementation of the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 and the Spatial Planning Act 2023 as the government has indicated that these Acts will be repealed before Christmas 2023.
6. The impact of these changes has been to reduce the work programmes and associated budgets. Allowing for the changes above, the current budget proposals for 2024/2034 are as follows:

**Total Expenditure \$M**

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
\$54.9	\$56.9	\$57.3	\$57.9	\$57.8	\$58.7	\$59.9	\$60.2	\$61.1	\$62.6

**Percentage change**

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
3.1%	3.6%	0.7%	0.9%	0.0%	1.5%	2.1%	0.5%	1.5%	2.4%

**Total Rates \$M**

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
\$22.0	\$24.9	\$27.4	\$28.9	\$29.6	\$30.2	\$30.9	\$31.6	\$32.3	\$33.0

**Percentage change**

2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
16.3%	13.3%	10.2%	5.5%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%

7. These figures will form the basis for the LTP Consultation Documentation and supporting documentation that the Council will consider in February 2024. Any definitive changes made by the government prior to February 2024 will be incorporated into the Consultation Document and supporting documentation.
8. Any changes that occur subsequent to February 2024 and prior to the adoption of the LTP can be addressed through the submission process on the Consultation Document. The Council can make a submission on its own LTP to incorporate these changes.

**Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan**

9. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

**Policy considerations**

10. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act 2002*, the *Resource Management Act 1991* and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

**Iwi considerations**

11. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's policy for the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes (schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 2002*) as outlined in the adopted long-term plan and/or annual plan.

**Community considerations**

12. This memorandum and the associated recommendations have considered the views of the community, interested and affected parties and those views have been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

**Legal considerations**

13. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.



**Date** 12 December 2023

**Subject:** **Meeting Dates for February 2024**

**Approved by:** S J Ruru, Chief Executive

**Document:** 3204481

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**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification to members of the meeting dates for the next round of meetings for February 2024.

**Meeting Dates**

Regional Transport Committee	Thursday 8 February 1.00pm
Operations and Regulatory Committee	Tuesday 13 February, 9.00am
Policy and Planning Committee	Tuesday 13 February 10.30am
Executive Audit and Risk Committee	Monday 19 February, 10.00am
CDEM - CEG	Monday 26 February, 10.30am
Ordinary Council	Tuesday 27 February, 10.30am



## **Public Excluded Recommendations – Ordinary Council 12 December 2023**

In accordance with section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 December 2023 for the following reason/s:

The matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* are as follows:

Item 13 - Confirmation of Public Excluded Ordinary Council Minutes - 31 October 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and [section 7](#) (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Item 14 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Operations and Regulatory Minutes –21 November 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and [section 7](#) (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Item 15 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Executive Audit and Risk Minutes – 4 December 2023

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information; and/or enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice, commercial activities.

## AGENDA AUTHORISATION

Agenda for the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held on Tuesday 12 December 2023.

Approved:



5 Dec, 2023 5:10:03 PM GMT+13

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**Director Corporate Services**

Approved:



5 Dec, 2023 2:55:43 PM GMT+13

S J Ruru  
**Chief Executive**