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MĀORI COMMITTEE

Open Agenda

Meeting Date: Friday 14 August 2020

Time: 9.00am

Venue: Large Exhibition Hall
Napier War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Committee Members Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust – Chad Tareha (In the Chair)
Mayor Kirsten Wise
Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust – James Lyver
Maraenui & Districts Māori Committee – Adrienne Taputoro
Pukemokimoki Marae – vacant
Mana Ahuriri Trust – vacant
Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui-a-Orotū - vacant

Officer Responsible Director Community Services, Senior Māori Advisor

Administration Governance Team

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1. THREE WATERS REFORM PROGRAMME - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Adele Henderson, Director Corporate Services Jon Kingsford, Director Infrastructure Services

1.1 Purpose of Report

Provide information to Council on the Memorandum of Understanding being the first stage of the Three Water Services Reform Programme

Officer's Recommendation

The Māori Committee recommend that Council:

- a. Approve entering into the Memorandum of Understanding and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan for the first stage of the Three Waters Services Reform Programme.
- b. Note the Reform Programme is part of the Governments programme to reform current water service delivery, into larger scale providers, to realise significant economic, public health, environmental, and other benefits over the medium to long term, and that signing this MOU does not create any obligation upon Council with regard to future steps of this reform programme;
- c. Note that details on the allocation of the funding will come back to Council as a separate paper. Details of the actual funding are only provided on the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- d. Delegate signing of the MOU to the Chief Executive, noting the attached is a template.

1.2 Background Summary

Over the past three years, central and local government have been considering solutions to challenges facing delivery of three waters services to communities.

This has seen the development of new legislation and the creation of Taumata Arowai, the new Water Services Regulator, to oversee and enforce a new drinking water regulatory framework, with an additional oversight role for wastewater and stormwater networks.

While addressing the regulatory issues, both central and local government acknowledge that there are broader challenges facing local government water services and infrastructure, and the communities that fund and rely on these services.

There has been underinvestment in three waters infrastructure in parts of the country and persistent affordability issues; along with the need for additional investment to meet improvements in freshwater outcomes, increase resilience to climate change and natural hazards, and enhance community wellbeing.

In July 2020, the Government announced a funding package of \$761 million to provide immediate post-COVID-19 stimulus to local authorities to maintain and improve three waters (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater) infrastructure, and to support reform of local government water services delivery arrangements.

The Government has indicated that its starting intention is public multi-regional models for water service delivery to realise the benefits of scale for communities and reflect neighbouring catchments and communities of interest. There is a preference that entities will be in shared ownership of local authorities. Design of the proposed new arrangements will be informed by discussion with the local government sector.

There is a shared understanding that a partnership approach between Central and Local Government will best support the wider community interests, and ensure that any transition to new service delivery arrangements is well managed and as smooth as possible. This has led to the formation of a joint Three Waters Steering Committee to provide oversight and guidance on three waters services delivery and infrastructure reform.

Three Waters Steering Committee

At the recent Central/Local Government Forum, central and local government leadership discussed challenges facing New Zealand's water service delivery and infrastructure, and committed to working jointly on reform.

The Joint Three Waters Steering Committee has been established to provide oversight and guidance to support progress towards reform, and to assist in engaging with local government, iwi/Māori and other water sector stakeholders on options and proposals.

The Steering Committee comprises independent chair Brian Hanna, local government mayors, chairs and chief executives, representatives of Local Government New Zealand and the Society of Local Government Managers, officials and advisors from the Department of Internal Affairs, Taumata Arowai, and the Treasury.

The Steering Committee will ensure that the perspectives, interests and expertise of both central and local government, and of communities throughout New Zealand are considered, while the challenges facing water services and infrastructure are addressed. This will include periods of engagement, in the first instance with the local government sector.

The Steering Committee is supported by a secretariat made up of advisors and officials from Local Government New Zealand, the Society of Local Government Managers, the Department of Internal Affairs, and the Treasury.

Reform programme and funding package

In July 2020, the Government announced funding to provide immediate post-COVID-19 stimulus to maintain and improve water networks infrastructure, and to support a three-year programme of reform of local government water services delivery arrangements.

Central and Local Government consider it is timely to apply targeted infrastructure stimulus investment to enable improvements to water service delivery, progress reform in partnership, and ensure the period of economic recovery following COVID-19 supports a transition to a productive, sustainable economy.

While the Government's starting intention is for publicly-owned multi-regional models for water service delivery, with a preference for local authority ownership, final decisions on a service delivery model will be informed by discussion with the local government sector and the work of the Steering Committee.

Initial funding will be made available immediately to those councils that sign up to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan for the first stage of the Three Waters Services Reform Programme.

The Reform Programme is designed to support economic recovery post COVID-19 and address persistent systemic issues facing the three waters sector, through a combination of:

- stimulating investment, to assist economic recovery through job creation, and maintain investment in water infrastructure renewals and maintenance; and
- reforming current water service delivery, into larger scale providers, to realise significant economic, public health, environmental, and other benefits over the medium to long term.

The three waters reform programme can be found on the Department of Internal Affairs website.

Sector Engagement

In addition to working with the Steering Committee, there will be an ongoing programme of engagement with local government, Iwi/Māori, the wider water services sector, and communities of interest throughout the transformation programme.

Initial engagement started July/August 2020 with local government and Iwi/Māori partners to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan. This first engagement provides a forum for councils considering signing up to the reform programme to raise issues and work through questions ahead of signing the MoU.

Signing the Memorandum of Understanding commits councils to engage with the reform programme and share information but does not require them to continue with future stages of the reform.

From the initial workshops, ongoing work will continue with ad-hoc sessions and webinars, targeted engagement and formal information-sharing sessions with local government, Iwi/Māori, water service providers and interested parties as we progress the reform programme.

Iwi/Māori interests

Over the past three years central and local government have been considering solutions to challenges facing three waters services delivered to communities. There have been a series of hui and workshops with Iwi/Māori as part of this, through the

Three Waters Review and the establishment of Taumata Arowai. The progress of the proposed reform requires further engagement with iwi/Māori to more fully understand Treaty rights of interests over the course of the reform period.

A range of engagements are proposed over the next 6-12 months both directly through central government and in partnership with local government.

1.3 Issues

Signing the Memorandum of Understanding commits councils to engage with the reform programme and share information but does not require them to continue with future stages of the reform.

1.4 Significance and Engagement

Although the funding is considered significant, the projects that the funding will go towards are likely to be already covered in an existing Annual Plan or Long Term Plan. A separate paper will come back to Council on how the funding will be allocated should the Memorandum of Understanding be signed.

1.5 Implications

Financial

Funding will be provided as soon as practicable following agreement to the Memorandum and the associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan. The Delivery Plan will need to show that the funding is to be applied to operating or capital expenditure on three waters service delivery (with the mix to be determined by the Council) that:

- supports economic recovery through job creation; and
- maintains, increases and/or accelerates investment in core water infrastructure renewals and maintenance.

The Delivery Plan will be based on a simple template and will include a summary of projects, relevant milestones, costs, location of physical works, number of people employed in works, reporting milestones and an assessment of how it supports the reform objectives set out in this Memorandum.

The Delivery Plan will be supplied to Crown Infrastructure Partners, and other organisations as agreed between the Parties, who will monitor progress of application of funding against the Delivery Plan to ensure spending has been undertaken consistent with public sector financial management requirements.

Agreement to this Memorandum and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan are required prior to the release of Government funding. The Council will have the right to choose whether or not they wish to continue to participate in the reform programme beyond the term of the Memorandum.

Social & Policy

This Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) sets out the principles and objectives that the Parties agree will underpin their ongoing relationship to support the improvement in three waters service delivery for communities with the aim of realising significant public health, environmental, economic, and other benefits over the medium to long term. It describes, in general terms, the key features of the proposed reform programme and the Government funding arrangements that will support investment in three waters infrastructure as part of the COVID 19 economic recovery.

Risk

The Council will have the right to choose whether or not they wish to continue to participate in the reform programme beyond the term of the Memorandum.

1.6 Options

The options available to Council are as follows:

- a. Sign the Memorandum of Understanding that will underpin the ongoing relationship to support the improvement to three waters service delivery, with the provision of funding upfront (a share of Hawkes Bays \$50m with actual amount to be distributed to Napier City Council yet to be confirmed)
- b. Not sign the Memorandum of Understanding

1.7 Development of Preferred Option

Sign the Memorandum of Understanding that will underpin the ongoing relationship to support the improvement to three waters service delivery, with the provision of funding upfront (a share of \$50m with actual amount for Napier City Council to be confirmed)

1.8 Attachments

- A 3 Waters Reform Programme - A3 [↓](#)
- B 3W Reform FAQ's [↓](#)
- C Slide Pack July and August [↓](#)
- D 3 Waters Reform Memorandum of Understanding [↓](#)

Three Waters Reform Programme

A proposal to transform the delivery of three waters services

1. BACKGROUND

Over the past three years central and local government have been considering solutions to challenges facing the regulation and delivery of three waters services. This has seen the development of new legislation and the creation of Taumata Arowai, the new water services regulator.

Both central and local government acknowledge that there are broader challenges facing the delivery of water services and infrastructure, and the communities that fund and rely on these services. There has been regulatory failure, underinvestment in three waters infrastructure in parts of the country, and persistent affordability challenges.

Iwi/Māori also have a significant interest in te mana o te wai. Both central and local government acknowledge the importance of rights and interests under the Treaty of Waitangi and the role of the Treaty partners in progressing these issues.

Additional investment is required to increase public confidence in the safety of drinking water, and to improve environmental outcomes. The reform of three waters services will also support increased sustainability and resilience of communities to natural hazards and climate change.

2. CHALLENGES

THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE DEFICIT

Quantifying the precise infrastructure gap remains challenging. The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) has raised concerns about relevant and reliable information about assets remaining a challenge.

UNGRADED ASSETS

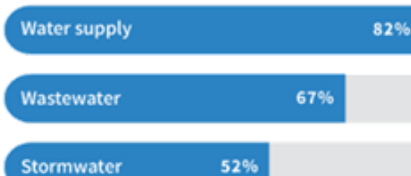
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RENEWAL GAPS

A more recent analysis highlights the extent of the reinvestment challenge and the "renewals gap".

Forecast average renewals as proportion of forecast average depreciation for:



While unquantified in New Zealand due to limited asset quality data, experience from places like Scotland that have undertaken significant water services reforms indicates the bulk of asset replacement value (potentially up to 80%) and the accumulated infrastructure deficit likely lies in renewal of pipes rather than treatment plants.

FURTHER RESEARCH COMMISSIONED BY DIA FOUND:

\$309-\$574 million

Estimated cost for upgrading networked drinking water treatment plants to meet drinking water standards, with an additional annual operating cost of \$11-\$21 million.

\$3-\$4 billion

Estimated cost for upgrading wastewater treatment systems that discharge to coastal and freshwater bodies to meet national minimum discharge standards, with an annualised operating cost of \$126-\$193 million.

3. OBJECTIVES

- A** Significantly improving safety and quality of drinking water services, and the environmental performance of wastewater and stormwater systems.
- B** Ensuring all New Zealanders have equitable access to affordable three waters services.
- C** Improving resource coordination and unlocking strategic opportunities to consider national infrastructure needs at a larger scale.
- D** Increasing resilience of three waters service provision to both short- and long-term risks and events, particularly climate change and natural hazards.
- E** Moving three waters services to a financially sustainable footing, and addressing the affordability and capability challenges faced by small suppliers and councils.
- F** Improving transparency and accountability in cost and delivery of three waters services, including the ability to benchmark performance of service providers.

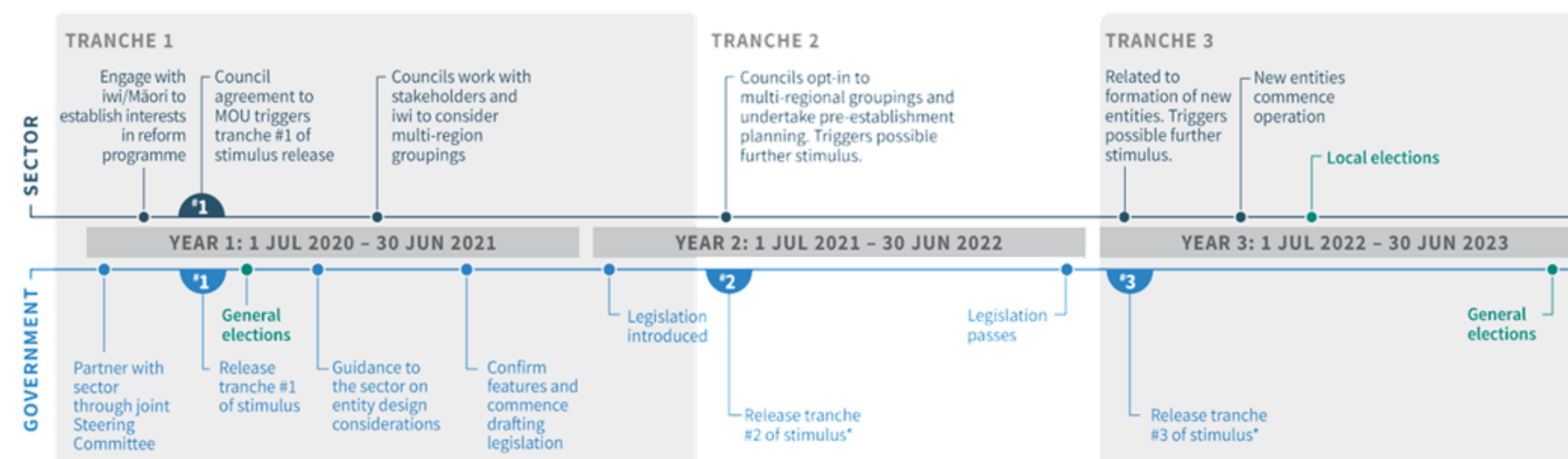
4. KEY FEATURES

Design features of the proposed reform programme should examine, as a minimum:

- A** Water service delivery entities that are:
 - of significant scale (most likely multi-regional) to enable benefits from aggregation to be achieved over the medium- to long-term;
 - asset-owning entities with balance sheet separation, to support improved access to capital, alternative funding instruments and improved balance sheet strength; and
 - structured as statutory entities with appropriate and relevant commercial disciplines and competency-based boards.
- B** Delivery of drinking water and wastewater services as a priority, with the ability to extend to stormwater service provision only where effective and efficient to do so.
- C** Publicly owned entities, with a preference for collective council ownership.
- D** Mechanisms for enabling iwi/Māori and communities to provide input in relation to the new entities.

5. INDICATIVE REFORM PATHWAY

* Subject to Government decision-making



6. PROPOSED PROCESS

An opt-in reform and funding programme to:

- Stimulate investment, to assist economic recovery through job creation, and maintain investment in water infrastructure renewals and maintenance.
- Reform current water service delivery into larger scale providers, to realise significant economic, public health, environmental, and other benefits over the medium- to long-term.

Progressed in phases:

- Three phases of reform with three tranches of investment proposed (as set out above). The first phase of the programme includes a Memorandum of Understanding between central and local government to progress the reform in partnership. Reform will be guided by a joint Steering Committee at key stages.

Memorandum of understanding:

- Non-binding MOU between each Council and Government.
- Does not commit Councils to reforming water services or transferring assets.
- Enables Councils to access funding for three waters through an associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan.

7. FUNDING AND IMPACT

Government funding		\$761 million
Jobs protected or created	(direct)	2,288 jobs
	(direct, indirect, induced)	7,230 jobs
GDP increase	(direct)	\$236 million
	(direct, indirect, induced)	\$800 million

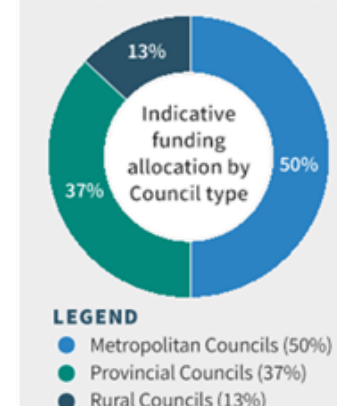
ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

First tranche funding provided as a grant to Councils who opt-in to participate in the reform process.

Allocation is based on a simple formula applied on a nationally consistent basis.

Future additional funding will be subject to Government decision-making and reliant on progress against the reform objectives.

INDICATIVE ALLOCATION SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION



The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

Three Waters Reform Programme: Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs Part 1: High-level questions on reform parameters and scope, and the joint approach

1. Why does service delivery reform need to happen?

- The Havelock North inquiry highlighted some significant deficiencies in the provision and regulation of safe drinking water. This has seen the Government progress a programme of three waters regulatory reform, including the establishment of Taumata Arowai, the new Water Services Regulator.
- While addressing the regulatory issues, both central and local government acknowledge there are broader challenges facing local government water services and infrastructure, and the communities that fund and rely on these services.
- Under-investment in three waters infrastructure in some parts of New Zealand and persistent affordability challenges make it increasingly difficult to meet rising drinking water and environmental regulatory requirements and community expectations, while providing resilient infrastructure. There are concerns that the economic recovery from COVID 19 will exacerbate this situation.
- Addressing these challenges through service delivery reform is intended to facilitate good public health and environmental outcomes, increase resilience to climate change and natural hazards, and enhance community wellbeing and equitable access to affordable water services for all New Zealanders.

2. What will the reform programme entail?

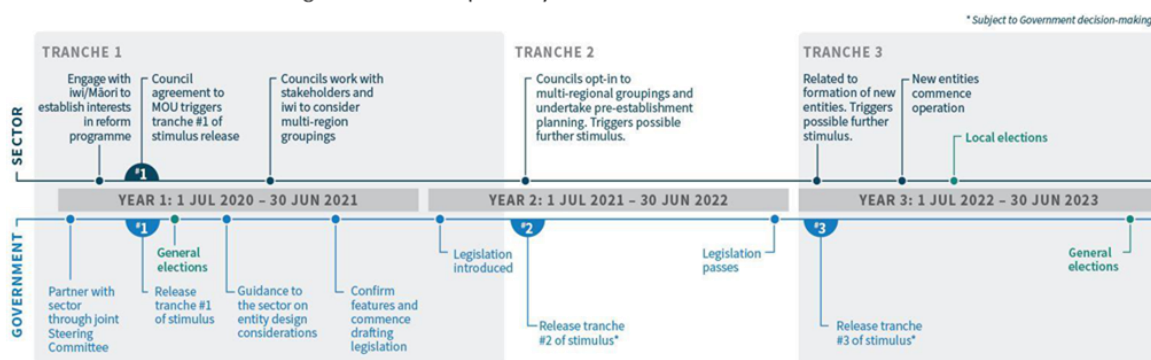
- The reform programme is an opt-in programme designed to support economic recovery post COVID-19 and address persistent systemic issues facing the three waters sector, through a combination of:
 - stimulating investment, to assist economic recovery through job creation, and maintain/accelerate/increase investment in water infrastructure renewals and maintenance; and
 - reforming current water service delivery to realise significant economic, public health, environmental, and other benefits over the medium to long term. The Government's starting intention is for new service delivery arrangements, such as multi-regional entities, which can achieve the benefits of scale, and reflect neighbouring catchments and communities of interest.
- Alongside the above, the reform programme also has the following objectives:
 - significantly improving the safety and quality of drinking water services, and the environmental performance of wastewater and stormwater systems;
 - ensuring all New Zealanders have equitable access to affordable three waters services;

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- improving the coordination of resources and unlocking strategic opportunities to consider New Zealand's infrastructure needs at a larger scale;
 - increasing the resilience of three waters service provision to both short- and long-term risks and events, particularly climate change and natural hazards;
 - moving the supply of three waters services to a more financially sustainable footing, and addressing the affordability and capability challenges faced across the sector and particularly by some small suppliers and councils;
 - improving transparency about, and accountability for, the delivery and costs of three waters services, including the ability to benchmark the performance of service providers; and
 - undertaking the reform in a manner that enables local government to further enhance the way in which it can deliver on its broader “wellbeing mandates” as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.
- The reform is expected to proceed in phases, enabling councils to determine at each point in the process whether they will participate in future phases on a voluntary, opt-in basis.
 - The first phase of the programme includes a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between central and local government to progress the reform in partnership and targeted infrastructure stimulus to enable improvements to water service delivery and ensure economic recovery following COVID-19.
 - The subsequent phases of the reform programme will be guided by the process undertaken in partnership throughout phase one. However, the Government’s starting intention is to reform current water service delivery arrangements into larger scale providers. These phases will also be on an opt-in basis for local government.

3. What is the timeframe for the reform programme?

- Below is an indicative timetable for the full reform programme. While this is subject to change as the reform progresses, this provides an overview of the longer-term reform pathway.



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4. Why are central and local government working together on this programme and why is this the best approach to take?

- A partnership approach between central and local government enables the expertise and aspirations of both parties to guide the proposed reform programme.
- An initial allocation of funding will be made available upon signing of a MoU that commits parties to work together on the reform programme. This stimulus investment will support three waters projects, creating and maintaining jobs and investment in water infrastructure renewals in the context of COVID-19 pressures.
- Additional funding will be subject to Government decision-making and reliant on the parties demonstrating substantive progress against the reform objectives. The amount, timing, conditions and any other information relating to future funding will be advised at the appropriate time.

5. What are the key features the Government is expecting from future reformed service delivery arrangements?

- The first phase of the programme will involve central and local government working in partnership to design and develop the proposed new service delivery arrangements and operating models.
- The initial focus of phase one is on drinking water and wastewater assets and services; however, we will work through the inclusion of stormwater, where appropriate, as part of the reform programme.
- However, the Government is expecting new service delivery arrangements, such as multi regional entities, which can achieve the benefits of scale, and reflect neighbouring catchments and communities of interest. The new water entities would also likely be governed by competency-based boards.
- There are also a number of features that central government expects to be included/retained in new water service delivery entities including:
 - The new water entities must be able to borrow independently of councils;
 - The new entities must be publicly owned – with a preference for collective council ownership – and there need to be mechanisms to protect against privatisation in the future;
 - Consumer interests must be protected, and the model must allow for consideration of the needs and well-being of local communities;
 - At a minimum, drinking water and wastewater must be included in the new water entities. Stormwater services may be included where efficient and effective to do so; and
 - The new entities will be statutory entities (i.e. designed and established by legislation).

The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

- The reform of water service delivery is likely to present a range of Treaty interests which will need to be identified and explored as part of the reform programme through targeted engagement with iwi/Māori.

6. Can councils choose to participate in the reform?

- This reform of service delivery arrangements is an opt-in reform programme. However, the initial stimulus funding to invest in critical water services and infrastructure is contingent upon councils participating in the reform programme. This will entail working with neighbouring councils over the course of the reform period to consider the creation of multi-regional entities.
- There will be subsequent phases of the reform at which councils can choose to opt-in. Later phases are likely to require councils to opt-in by signing a binding contract committing to the reform of their water services.
- Regardless of participation in this process, all water service providers will be required to meet drinking water and wastewater regulatory requirements, including complying with the proposed new drinking water regulatory system that will be overseen by Taumata Arowai (the new Water Services Regulator).

7. What will happen to the voluntary service delivery reform programmes that some councils have already embarked on?

- Those councils that have already begun discussions about three waters reform will be well placed to engage with the reform design.
- It is a decision for councils as to whether they continue their voluntary programmes or sign the MoU and commit to working to get alignment with the reform objectives.
- We will work with these councils on whether their current programmes are likely to meet the objectives of the benefits of scale, and reflect neighbouring catchments and communities of interest as we work through the reform process.

FAQs Part 2: Councils' role in the reform programme

1. How can local government play a role shaping the reforms?

- To ensure reformed water service delivery entities have longevity they need to be shaped and influenced by both central and local government.
- Central and local government have created a Three Waters Steering Committee with representatives from central and local government to oversee and provide input into the design of the proposed service delivery entities.
- The Steering Committee comprises elected members and chief executives from local government along with LGNZ, SOLGM and central government officials.
- Councils signing the MoU will be committing to engage in the reform programme and to work with their neighbouring councils to consider the creation of multi-regional entities.

The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

- Initial sector engagement is planned for July and August 2020 to provide an initial forum for raising issues and areas for the Steering Committee to work through and consider in the detailed design and policy work.
- As we progress beyond this date, we will provide you with updates, and hold workshops or webinars on specific topics to explain options and trade-offs and hear your views.

2. What would my council actually be committing to?

- Councils signing the MoU are committing to the principles and objectives of working together with central government through the first stage of the reform programme.
- This will entail working with neighbouring councils over the course of the reform period to consider the creation of multi-regional entities for the improvement of three waters service delivery for communities. This will include:
 - Open communication and a no-surprises approach to matters related to the reform programme;
 - Working with neighbouring councils over the course of the reform period with a view to creating multi-regional entities; and
 - Openly sharing information and analysis undertaken to date on the state of the system for delivering three waters services and the quality of the asset base.
- The initial funding allocation will be provided as soon as practicable following agreement to the MoU and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan.
- The Delivery Plan and associated reporting arrangements will need to show that the funding is to be applied to operating or capital expenditure on three waters service delivery that:
 - supports economic recovery through job creation; and
 - maintains, increases or accelerates investment in core water infrastructure renewals and maintenance.
- This funding will not need to be repaid if the council does not ultimately commit to subsequent stages of the reform programme provided you meet the terms of the Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan.
- Additional funding will be subject to Government decision-making and reliant on the parties demonstrating substantive progress against the reform objectives.

3. Is the stimulus a grant or a loan?

- The stimulus is a grant.
- The initial funding will be made available following the signing of the MoU and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan and can be applied to three water services as described in those documents.
- It is important that this funding is spent effectively and efficiently as soon as possible to support the economic recovery following COVID-19.

The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

- Additional funding will be subject to Government decision-making and reliant on the parties demonstrating substantive progress against the reform objectives. We anticipate this will include signing a binding contract to commit to water reform (and any associated funding agreements).

4. What does my council need to decide and when?

- As part of the voluntary opt-in process, councils need to consider and sign the MoU and associated Funding Agreement and provide a Delivery Plan by the end of August 2020.
- This MoU covers the first phase of the programme and commits central and local government to partner and work towards the reform of three waters service delivery.
- Councils should approach the MoU in good faith. However, if they initially support the MoU and reform programme and subsequently opt-out, they can do so.
- If a council opts-out, it will not be able to access future funding associated with future phases of the programme.

5. Why does the MoU need to be signed by the August deadline?

- The first phase of the reform programme is in part designed to support economic recovery relating to COVID-19 through urgent funding stimulus. To achieve this, the investment needs to be made and actioned very promptly.
- The initial allocation of funding will be released immediately upon signing the MoU and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan.
- This will help create and maintain jobs, investment in infrastructure renewals and maintenance, and protect the safety and sustainability of this essential infrastructure and its associated services.

6. What role will iwi/Māori have throughout the reform programme?

- It is important that the rights and interests of the Crown's Treaty partners are well understood and that our work is informed by this relationship.
- We acknowledge the range of relationships councils have with tangata whenua that will need to be considered alongside the reform programme.
- We will be formally engaging with iwi/Māori throughout the reform programme to understand the Treaty rights and interests as they relate to the reform. However, we encourage councils to remain engaged with their iwi partners throughout the journey as well.

7. Will councils need to consult with their communities before signing the MoU?

- While each council will have their own significance and engagement policy, our best advice is that you will not have to consult your communities to sign up to the MoU and participate in phase one of the reform programme.
- Signing the MoU, and committing to participate in the reform programme, does not commit the council to change the way it currently delivers three waters services.

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- However, you will need to consider your own significance and engagement policy when considering investment to be made through the Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan.
- The decision to commit to the transition to new water entities will not occur until the second phase of the reform programme which is likely to be mid-2021 at the earliest.
- Commitment to subsequent stages of the reform programme may require changes to your LTP which would require public consultation at that stage in the process.

8. How does participating in the reform programme impact my council planning process?

- Participating in this initial stage of the reform programme does not impact your LTP process.
- However, subsequent stages of the reform programme may require changes to your LTP to reflect commitment to future changes as part of this phase of the reform.
- We will work with councils to understand the implications of future stages of the reform, how to undertake public consultation to reflect future commitment to the reform, and how we might reduce the burden of this as the reform programme progresses.

FAQs Part 3: Potential forms of new water service delivery entities

1. What sort of model (ownership/financial) is envisaged?

- The first phase of the reform will work through this question in partnership with central and local government. However, the Government's starting intention is for the entities to meet the objectives of the reform, as above, including to be financially self-sufficient and sustainable.
- The Government's preferred model is that the entities remain in public ownership and that they should be statutory entities.
- Statutory entities are created in legislation and are different from Crown entities.. They can have non-commercial functions or commercial imperatives.
- Each statutory entity usually has its own establishing legislation that contains entity-specific objectives that could be a mix of social, cultural, public policy, and commercial. There will be opportunities for local government to help shape the key features of this legislation through the reform programme.
- The entities will need to be legally separate from councils to ensure balance sheet separation for both the water entity and councils to drive improved access to capital and funding instruments.

2. Will this be a set model for each entity or will there be flexibility?

- The Government is expecting new service delivery arrangements, such as multi-regional entities, which can achieve the benefits of scale, and reflect neighbouring catchments and communities of interest. We anticipate that the entities will have many features in common, as provided for in legislation.

The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

- However, the exact make up of each entity may differ to allow some flexibility at a local level in terms of operations, management, governance, and funding and financing, while ensuring the long-term success and sustainability of these entities.

3. Why does the Government prefer a multi-regional entity?

- A multi-regional entity implies an entity or organisation that is not limited to or constrained by regional boundaries and is likely to include councils in more than one neighbouring region.
- Ministers have indicated a preference for a small number of entities, with at least one large urban centre within each entity. The exact numbers and boundaries of these would be finalised following discussions with local government through the reform programme. However, these decisions are likely to be based on factors such as benefits of scale, communities of interest, and catchments.
- A multi-regional approach is preferred by the Government as it is more likely to achieve the size (population and customer density) over which scale efficiencies are likely to be necessary to meet the objectives of the reform programme.
- The aim of the first phase of the reform programme will be to identify configurations that best meet the objectives of the reform in partnership with central and local government.

4. Looking after water services is a large part of what my council does – if this is being done by other entities what will my council do instead?

- This is an important consideration and will be discussed through the reform programme in partnership with local government.
- Councils provide a wide range of services to communities, and play an essential role in supporting community wellbeing. These roles and potential new roles will be fully explored alongside the reform programme.

5. How will community interests be maintained under the new entity?

- We understand that councils will want to ensure that your ratepayers are protected. The reform process and subsequent design of the water entities will provide mechanisms to ensure this happens.
- New governance and management structures will be put in the place for the new entities with an appropriate establishment phase. These entities will be independently and commercially run and separate from council.
- Councils may no longer have direct control over the assets or water provision in your area. However, there will be mechanisms put in place to ensure local service delivery considerations and influence are maintained.

FAQs Part 4: Potential forms of new water service delivery entity ownership and governance

1. Is this privatisation by stealth and how will public ownership be protected?

The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

- No. The Government has been clear that, if service delivery arrangements are reformed, water infrastructure must remain in public ownership.
- Most water infrastructure is already publicly owned – by communities through their council.
- The preference is for multi-regional water entities to be collectively owned by councils – on behalf of their communities – as shareholders.
- However, the new water entities will need sufficient legal separation to ensure they can borrow, independently of councils and without impacting councils' balance sheets.
- The basis for shareholding will need careful consideration and financial and commercial analysis through the first phase of the reform programme. This analysis will also investigate ways to ensure protections against any future impulse towards privatisation.

2. Will there be Crown ownership?

- The possibility of some form of Crown shareholding has also been raised, but these matters require further consideration and will be worked through as the design process proceeds.
- There are several reasons why the Crown may consider having an ownership interest, including to reflect its level of investment through the economic stimulus packages, and to support the reform objectives. However, these matters require thorough analysis through the early phases of the reform programme.

3. What is the iwi/Māori role in entity ownership and governance?

- It is important that the rights and interests of the Crown's Treaty partners are well understood and that our work is informed by this relationship.
- At a minimum, the entities will be set up in legislation and this may require the relationship to the Treaty to be clearly expressed.
- A programme of targeted engagement will be undertaken with appropriate parties to canvass matters of mutual interest as the programme proceeds.

FAQs Part 5: Asset ownership and transfers

1. Will my council still have control over our assets and service conditions?

- It is proposed that the assets related to provision of water services will be transferred to the new water entities. This would be to ensure that they are owned, maintained and operated independently by the new entities.
- The transfer of assets enables the water entities to take a strategic approach to infrastructure planning and development and funding and financing arrangements.
- We will work to ensure councils and the communities they represent will be able to have their say on service conditions and expectations through mechanisms set up in the design of the statutory entities.

2. If water assets and liabilities are taken out of my council, what will this do to its ability to borrow?

The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

- We will be asking councils for information on assets and liabilities to assess this and determine the impact, on balance sheets, revenue, liabilities and on the ability to borrow. This will vary from council to council.
- We will work through this with participating councils as part of the reform programme.

3. What will happen with my internal resource/staff allocated to water services? Will they transfer too?

- Ultimately this will be a matter to be worked through between employers and employees.
- Consideration will need to be given to the overall level of resource and capability required at an aggregated entity level. However, an objective of the reform is to see efficiencies through shared service delivery at scale.
- Efficiencies mentioned above may not necessarily mean a reduction in staff, but will instead help address current capability and capacity issues, as staff will be used more efficiently across the entity area.
- Once groupings are determined associated resourcing will also need to be worked through and we anticipate an appropriate establishment phase.
- Where your staff operate across water and other council assets, decisions will need to be made as to the best place for this skilled resource to remain.

4. Should I continue with my three waters investment programme now?

- For now, carry on as planned. We are asking councils to not let this process stop you from making planned investment in water assets.
- The additional investment provided by the Government as part of this reform programme is designed to enable you to undertake this planned investment despite the significant impact of COVID-19 on all councils and address existing investment gaps.
- We don't want to stop investment at this key time when improvements and change are needed nationwide, and economic benefits of investment and the associated impact of improved water services are needed.
- When we ask for information to help us shape the reform programme, we will also be interested in your planned capital investment in water and any debt you are planning on raising to fund this.

FAQs Part 6: Water related revenue

1. Will councils retain their water-related revenue?

- Revenue relating to these assets would need to be available to the new entities to ensure that they have the funding (or are able to raise debt against this funding) to maintain, replace and invest in future water assets.
- Different models for revenue collection are applied across the country and we will work with you to understand this and consider whether this will need to evolve over time.

2. How will my ratepayers be charged for water under this model?

The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

- We are looking to minimise the change to consumers.

3. How do I get comfort that ratepayers will not be cross-subsidising other regions and/or face increased costs?

- An aggregated model of service delivery will always involve some degree of cost sharing across the region. However, the extent and scale of this will be worked through in partnership with councils as part of the policy development through the reform programme.
- The intention of this reform is to address the significant ongoing under-investment in three water services in some areas and the capability, capacity and affordability issues that are facing some councils, particularly in light of the expected impact of COVID-19.
- From a national perspective, any increased costs due to cross-subsidisation in the short-term are likely to be offset in the medium-term by benefits of the changes to create sustainable larger scale entities.
- In the medium- to long-term, this includes the operational and efficiency advantages and cost benefits of operating at scale.

FAQs Part 7: Other considerations

1. I am a small council - will I get a say in shaping the solution or just have to follow suit? Will design be dominated by larger councils?

- The intention is that the reform is to ensure that the needs and interests of all communities are identified and understood.
- The views of all councils that sign the MoU will be heard and considered in the final design of the reform.

2. What happens if no neighbouring councils want to join up with my council?

- Once the MoUs have been signed, we will work with those councils that are interested in considering reform.
- The ability to join the reform programme is open to all councils at any stage so more councils may choose to join at subsequent phases.
- However, once the deadline for opting into funding has past, there is no further opportunity for councils to access that funding.

3. What is the process for submitting questions and continued engagement in the reform programme?

- We expect questions to arise throughout the process and will be updating FAQs and distributing these to our webpage as we progress.
- Beyond our proposed initial period of engagement, we will continue to meet and discuss pressing issues with the Steering Committee. We will also provide your council with regular update emails, and opportunities to join webinars and formal information-sharing sessions.
- If there are questions you would like to discuss prior to MoU signing, we will do our best to accommodate this. Please send an email to 3WatersSteeringGroup@dia.govt.nz with your query.

The central and local government Steering Committee has put together the following compilation of FAQs to assist councils with an understanding of the proposed reform programme. These will be added to and updated as further questions arise and the reform programme progresses.

- Please make it as specific as possible so we can do our best to answer it in the short timeframe available. Given the short timeframes and work to be done as part of the programme, we may not be in a position to answer your question fully.

Three Waters Reform Programme

A proposal to transform the delivery
of three waters services

Webpage: <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Three-Waters-Reform-Programme>

Email: 3waterssteeringgroup@dia.govt.nz



Quick overview

1 An opt-in reform programme

With an initial **\$761 million funding package** from central government, and designed to support economic recovery post COVID-19 and address persistent systemic issues facing three waters, by:

- stimulating investment and job creation to assist with **economic recovery**;
- reforming water service delivery, **into larger scale providers**, to realise significant economic, public health, environmental, and other benefits over the medium to long term.

2 Phased delivery

The reform programme will be undertaken in phases, each informed by the previous stage.

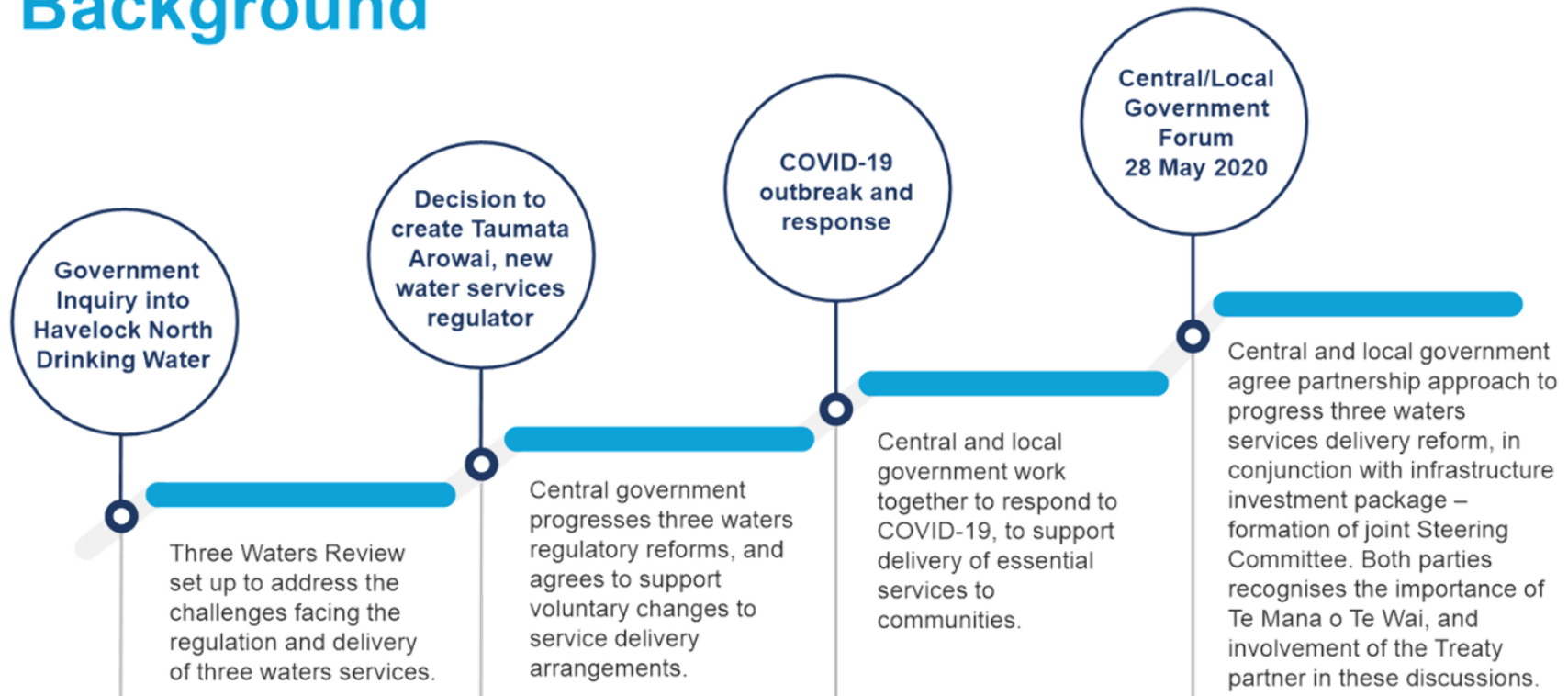
The first phase requires Councils to consider a **non-binding MOU** to share information and participate in reform programme and **does not require asset transfers**.

This is a **good faith** agreement to work together.

3 3-year horizon

Subsequent phases will occur over the **next 3 years** and will require close collaboration, including with input from iwi/Māori.

Background

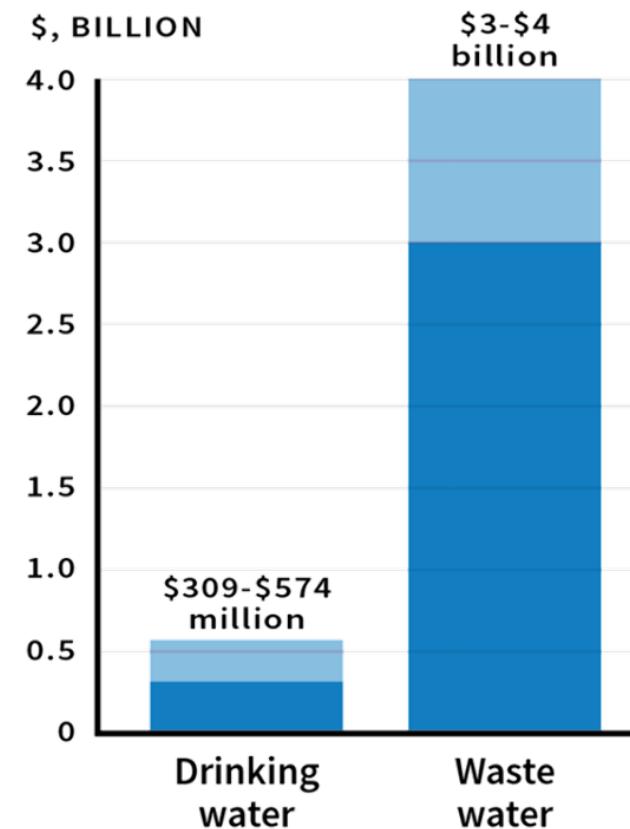


Regulation

- Taumata Arowai, new drinking water regulator, with a focus on compliance, monitoring and enforcement of new drinking water regime.
- Water Services Bill to give effect to Cabinet decisions to significantly strengthen the regulatory framework.
- Potential economic regulation to:
 - Improve transparency about infrastructure and investment
 - Protect interests of customers
 - Support efficiency

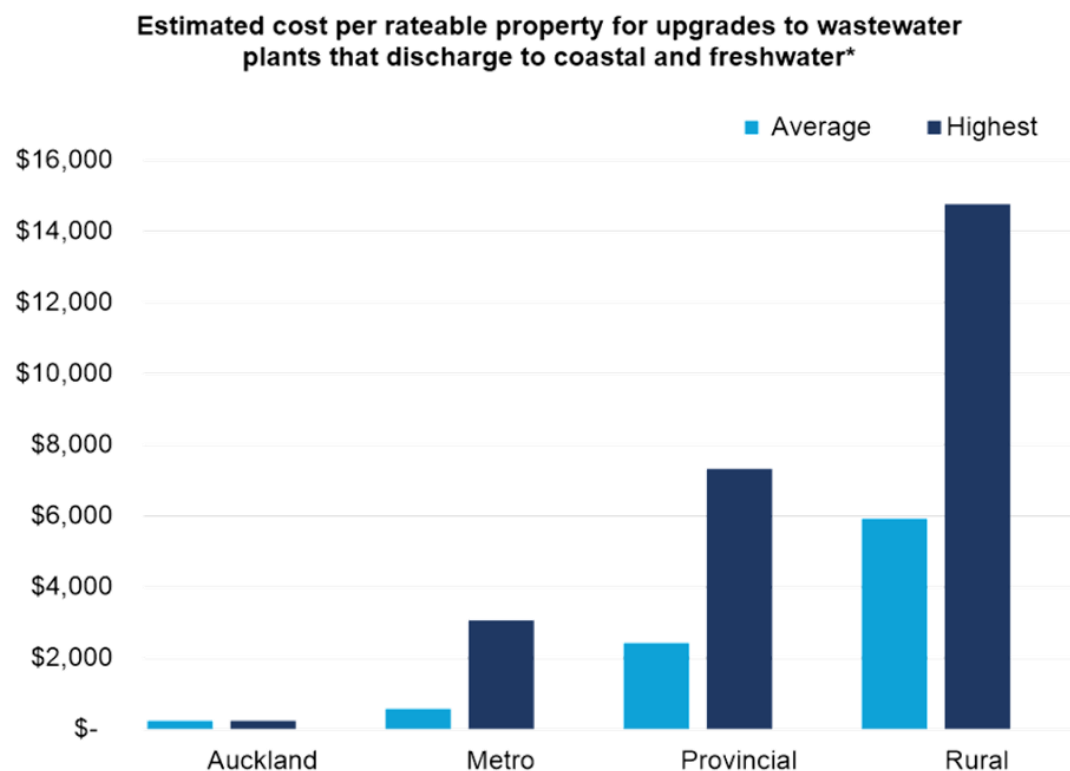
Investment challenges

1. Staying ahead of the significant reinvestment and renewals has been a challenge.
2. The cost of meeting drinking water and waste water standards will be high.
3. Funding, financing and affordability issues are only going to be exacerbated by the revenue challenges following COVID-19.
4. Pipes are 80% of the asset base, and are in addition to this.



Funding and affordability challenges

The challenge is greatest for small councils with fewer ratepayers to share costs.



* Wastewater costs are driven by existing RMA consent requirements, not three waters changes

Parallel Conversation

There is a parallel opportunity for the local government sector to partner with the Government to ensure the sector is better positioned to expand their role in delivering community wellbeing.

- The Government is acutely aware of the significance of the proposed reform programme for the roles and functions of local government in supporting community wellbeing.
- Over the last year DIA has engaged with local government on how to better promote community wellbeing. We have heard:
 - All parties would need to operate in a different, more seamless and sustainable way;
 - Needs a partnership between local government and central government, iwi, NGOs, and industry to better deliver community-led priorities.

Proposal

The Government is proposing a programme for reforming three waters service delivery arrangements, which would be delivered in parallel with an economic stimulus package of Crown investment in water infrastructure.

Economic stimulus package	Service delivery reform Programme
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$761m in FY 2020/21. • Funding provided to territorial authorities who opt-in to a partnership process, before the end of August. • Funding to be invested in three waters infrastructure that support economic recovery. • Further tranches will depend on Government decisions and progress against reform objectives. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A phased, three-year programme to reform three waters services delivery arrangements. • Supported by joint central/local government steering committee. • Engagement with sector, Iwi/Māori and stakeholders throughout the programme.

Reform objectives

A Significantly improving safety and quality of drinking water services, and the environmental performance of wastewater and stormwater systems.

B Ensuring all New Zealanders have equitable access to affordable three waters services.

C Improving resource coordination and unlocking strategic opportunities to consider national infrastructure needs at a larger scale.

D Increasing resilience of three waters service provision to both short- and long-term risks and events, particularly climate change and natural hazards.

E Moving three waters services to a more financially sustainable footing, and addressing the affordability and capability challenges faced by small suppliers and councils.

F Improving transparency and accountability in cost and delivery of three waters services, including the ability to benchmark performance of service providers.

Reform design features

Design features that the **proposed** reform programme should examine, as a minimum:

- A** Water service delivery entities that are:
 - **of significant scale** (most likely multi-regional) to enable benefits from aggregation to be achieved over the medium- to long-term;
 - **asset-owning entities** with balance sheet separation, to support improved access to capital, alternative funding instruments and improved balance sheet strength; and
 - **structured as statutory entities** with appropriate and relevant commercial disciplines and competency-based boards.
- B** Delivery of drinking water and wastewater services as a priority, with the ability to extend to stormwater service provision only where effective and efficient to do so.
- C** Publicly owned entities, with a preference for collective council ownership.
- D** Mechanisms for enabling iwi /Māori and communities to provide input in relation to the new entities.

Approach to aggregation

The potential size of the entities will need to be considered against three principles:

Scale benefits

Potential to achieve scale benefits from the greater scale of water service delivery to consumers at a multi-regional level to ensure full benefits of scale are achieved through a population/customer base.

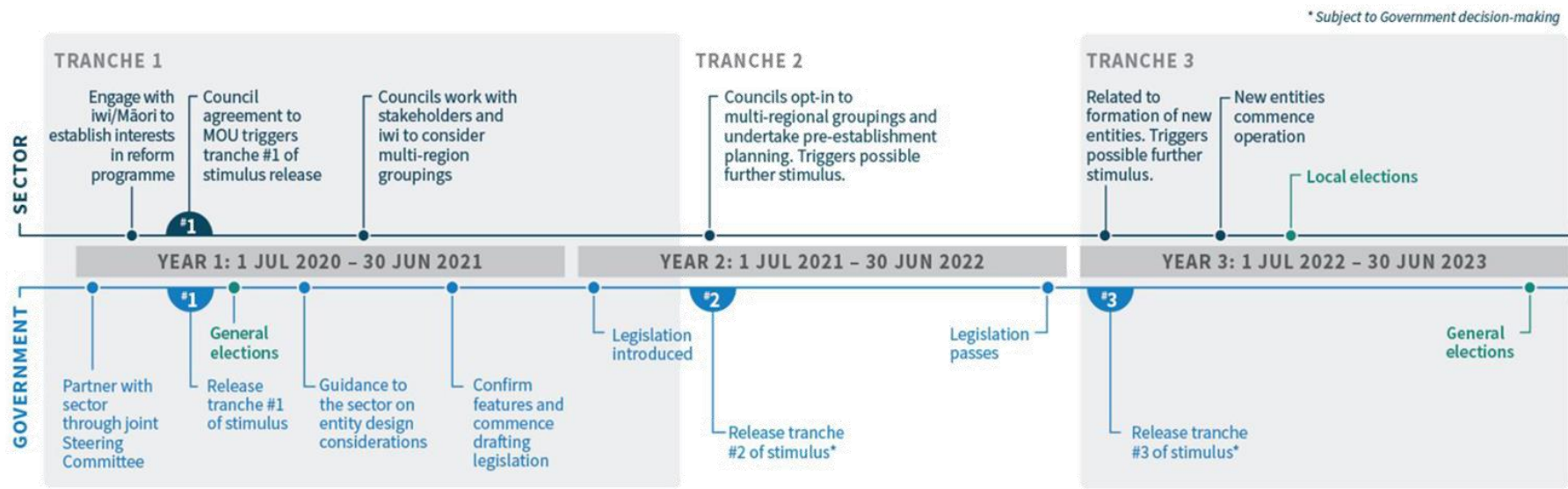
Communities of interest

Alignment of geographical boundaries to encompass **natural communities of interest**, belonging and identity including rohe/takiwā.

Relevant regulatory boundaries

Relationship with **relevant regulatory boundaries** particularly to enable water to be managed from source to the sea.

Indicative timeline



Questions?

Breakout session

Let's break into small groups and discuss:

- 1** What are your thoughts on the proposed minimum design features and reform process?
- 2** What factors do you think the Steering Committee should consider as the reform programme progresses?
- 3** What guidance or support do you think would be helpful?

Next steps

What **mechanisms and support** will be made available to local authorities to participate in this process?

Memorandum of understanding

A model agreement developed by the Steering Group for each Council to enter into with the Government:

Legal opinion commissioned by SOLGM on behalf of the Steering Committee was provided by Simpson Grierson that the MoU **does not** contain any explicit triggers for consultation under the Local Government Act 2002.

Committed to...	Does not...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in the first phase of the reform programme. Work with neighbouring councils to consider the creation of large scale entities. Principles and objectives of working together with central government. Openly share information and analysis undertaken on the state of the three waters asset base and delivery system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legally commit Councils to future phases of the reform programme. Require Councils to transfer assets or establish new water entities. Exclude participation in later phases – Councils that choose to opt-in later can still do so but will not have access to the initial funding package.

Funding

Decision to opt-in to tranche one required no later than the end of August to access initial stimulus funding

1 Funding provided to maintain and accelerate three waters infrastructure investment

- Funding provided as a grant.
- Can be used for Capex and/or Opex.
- Drinking water and wastewater priority.

2 Funding allocation to be determined shortly

- Ministers working to confirm this shortly.

3 Planning implications

- Likely focus on renewals and bringing forward of BAU capital works programme.

Funding Agreement

Mechanisms for accessing the Government funding package:

Funding Agreement

- Standard-form agreement between Crown and local authorities.
- Guides the release and use of funding.
- Grant funding.
- Sets out:
 - Funding amount.
 - Funding conditions.
 - Public Finance Act/ public accountability requirements.
 - Reporting obligations.

Delivery Plan

Potential
mechanism for
accessing the
Government
funding package:

Potential Delivery Plan

- Short-form template submitted to Crown Infrastructure Partners for review and monitoring.
- Show that funding is applied to operating or capital expenditure that supports economic recovery and maintains/increases investment in core water infrastructure.
- Sets out:
 - A summary of works.
 - Estimated cost.
 - Location of the physical works.
 - Number of people employed in the works.
 - Reporting arrangements.
 - Assessment of how it supports the stimulus objectives.
 - Expected benefits/outcomes.

What are we inviting local authorities to do before August?

Consider whether you will opt-in to a partnership process with the Government to:

- Explore and design a pathway for reforming three waters service delivery arrangements in a way that will be beneficial for your communities.
- Secure an initial release of funding to stimulate economic recovery and maintain, increase or accelerate planned investment in three waters infrastructure.

NOTE: Decisions required no later than the 31 August to access initial stimulus funding.

Next Steps

Upcoming Future Engagement

- Updated FAQs and guidance material following workshops (ongoing)
- Webinar with CEs and Water Managers (early August)
- Webinar for Legal and CFOs (early August)
- Iwi/Māori engagement, in conjunction with Taumata Arowai (September/October)
- Steering Committee communications and updates (ongoing)
- Policy and Commercial discussions (post August)

Questions?

Breakout session

Let's break into small groups and discuss:

- 1** What are your thoughts about the proposed MoU/Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan?
- 2** What further advice or information would your Council require to consider opting in to tranche one?
- 3** What guidance or support do you think would be helpful?

Ngā mihi Thank you

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Memorandum of Understanding Three Waters Services Reform

Between the [Sovereign in right of New
Zealand acting by and through the Minister of
Local Government] and

[Territorial Authority]

Date

PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) sets out the principles and objectives that the Parties agree will underpin their ongoing relationship to support the improvement in three waters service delivery for communities with the aim of realising significant public health, environmental, economic, and other benefits over the medium to long term. It describes, in general terms, the key features of the proposed reform programme and the Government funding arrangements that will support investment in three waters infrastructure as part of the COVID 19 economic recovery.

BACKGROUND

Over the past three years central and local government have been considering solutions to challenges facing the regulation and delivery of three water services. This has seen the development of new legislation to create Taumata Arowai, the new Water Services Regulator, to oversee and enforce a new drinking water regulatory framework, with an additional oversight role for wastewater and stormwater networks.

While addressing the regulatory issues, both central and local government acknowledge that there are broader challenges facing the delivery of water services and infrastructure, and the communities that fund and rely on these services. There has been regulatory failure, underinvestment in three waters infrastructure in parts of the country, and persistent affordability challenges, and additional investment is required to increase public confidence in the safety of drinking water and to improve freshwater outcomes. Furthermore, investment in water service delivery infrastructure is a critical component of a collective response to climate change and increasing resilience of local communities.

The Parties to this Memorandum consider it is timely to apply targeted infrastructure stimulus investment to enable improvements to water service delivery, progress reform in partnership, and ensure the period of economic recovery following COVID-19 supports a transition to a productive, sustainable economy. Additional funding will be subject to Government decision-making and reliant on the Parties demonstrating substantive progress against the reform objectives. The quantum, timing, conditions, and any other information relating to future funding will be advised at the appropriate time but will likely comprise additional tranches of funding and more specific agreement to key reform milestones.

The reform process and stimulus funding, proposed by Government, is designed to support economic recovery post COVID-19 and address persistent systemic issues facing the three waters sector, through a combination of:

- stimulating investment, to assist economic recovery through job creation, and maintain investment in water infrastructure renewals and maintenance; and
- reforming current water service delivery, into larger scale providers, to realise significant economic, public health, environmental, and other benefits over the medium to long term.

There is a shared understanding that a partnership approach will best support the wider community and ensure that the transition to any eventual new arrangements is well managed and as smooth as possible. This requires undertaking the reform in a manner that enables local government to continue and, where possible, enhance delivery of its broad “wellbeing mandates” under the Local Government Act 2002, while recognising the potential impacts that changes to three waters service delivery may have on the role and functions of territorial authorities.

PRINCIPLES FOR WORKING TOGETHER

The Parties shall promote a relationship in their dealings with each other, and other Parties related to the three waters services reform, based on:

- mutual trust and respect; and
- openness, promptness, consistency and fairness in all dealings and communication including through adopting a no-surprises approach to any matters or dealings related to the reform programme; and
- non-adversarial dealings and constructive problem-solving approaches; and
- working co-operatively and helpfully to facilitate the other Parties perform their roles; and
- openly sharing information and analysis undertaken to date on the state of the system for delivering three waters services and the quality of the asset base.

This Memorandum is intended to be non-binding in so far as it does not give rise to legally enforceable obligations between the Parties.

REFORM OBJECTIVES AND CORE DESIGN FEATURES

By agreeing to this Memorandum, the Parties agree to work constructively together to support the objectives of the three waters service delivery reform programme.

The Parties agree that the following objectives will underpin the reform programme and inform the development of reform options/proposals:

- significantly improving the safety and quality of drinking water services, and the environmental performance of drinking water and wastewater systems (which are crucial to good public health and wellbeing, and achieving good environmental outcomes);
- ensuring all New Zealanders have equitable access to affordable three waters services;
- improving the coordination of resources, planning, and unlocking strategic opportunities to consider New Zealand's infrastructure and environmental needs at a larger scale;
- increasing the resilience of three waters service provision to both short- and long-term risks and events, particularly climate change and natural hazards;
- moving the supply of three waters services to a more financially sustainable footing, and addressing the affordability and capability challenges faced by small suppliers and councils;
- improving transparency about, and accountability for, the delivery and costs of three waters services, including the ability to benchmark the performance of service providers; and
- undertaking the reform in a manner that enables local government to further enhance the way in which it can deliver on its broader "wellbeing mandates" as set out in the Local Government Act 2002.

In addition to these objectives, the Parties recognise that any consideration of changes to, or new models for, water service delivery arrangements must include the following fundamental requirements and safeguards:

- mechanisms that provide for continued public ownership of water service delivery infrastructure, and protect against privatisation; and
- mechanisms that provide for the exercise of ownership rights in water services entities that consider the interests and wellbeing of local communities, and which provide for local service delivery.

The Parties also recognise the reform programme will give rise to rights and interests under the Treaty of Waitangi and both Parties acknowledge the role of the Treaty partner. This includes maintaining Treaty settlement obligations and other statutory rights including under the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Local Government Act 2002. The outcome of discussions with iwi/Māori will inform design of appropriate mechanisms to reflect Treaty interests. This will include clarity of roles and responsibilities.

The Parties agree to work together to identify an approach to service delivery reform that incorporates the objectives and safeguards noted above, and considers the following design features as a minimum:

- water service delivery entities, that are:
 - of significant scale (most likely multi-regional) to enable benefits from aggregation to be achieved over the medium to long-term;
 - asset owning entities, with balance sheet separation to support improved access to capital, alternative funding instruments and improved balance sheet strength; and
 - structured as statutory entities with appropriate and relevant commercial disciplines and competency-based boards;
- delivery of drinking water and wastewater services as a priority, with the ability to extend to stormwater service provision only where effective and efficient to do so; and
- publicly owned entities, with a preference for collective council ownership;
- mechanisms for enabling communities to provide input in relation to the new entities.

The Parties acknowledge that work will also be undertaken to develop a regulatory framework, including mechanisms to protect the interests of consumers.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Government has indicated its intention to provide funding to stimulate investment to enable improvements in water service delivery, support economic recovery and progress Three Waters Services Reform. The quantum of funding available for the Council (and each participating Council) will be notified by Government prior to signing this Memorandum.

Funding will be provided as soon as practicable following agreement to this Memorandum and the associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan. The Delivery Plan will need to show that the funding is to be applied to operating or capital expenditure on three waters service delivery (with the mix to be determined by the Council) that:

- supports economic recovery through job creation; and
- maintains, increases and/or accelerates investment in core water infrastructure renewals and maintenance.¹

The Delivery Plan will be based on a simple template and will include a summary of projects, relevant milestones, costs, location of physical works, number of people employed in works, reporting milestones and an assessment of how it supports the reform objectives set out in this Memorandum.

The Delivery Plan will be supplied to Crown Infrastructure Partners, and other organisations as agreed between the Parties, who will monitor progress of application of funding against the Delivery Plan to ensure spending has been undertaken consistent with public sector financial management requirements.

Agreement to this Memorandum and associated Funding Agreement and Delivery Plan are required prior to the release of Government funding. The Council will have the right to choose whether or not they wish to continue to participate in the reform programme beyond the term of the Memorandum.

FUTURE AGREEMENTS

The Parties may choose to enter other agreements that support the reform programme. These agreements will be expected to set out the terms on which the Council will partner with other councils to deliver on the reform objectives and core design features, and will include key reform milestones and detailed plans for transition to and establishment of new three waters service delivery entities.

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

The Government will establish a programme management office and the Council will be able to access funding support to participate in the reform process.

The Government will provide further guidance on the approach to programme support, central and regional support functions and activities and criteria for determining eligibility for funding support. This guidance will also include the specifics of any information required to progress the reform that may be related to asset quality, asset value, costs, and funding arrangements.

TERM

This Memorandum is effective from the date of agreement until 30 June 2021 unless terminated by agreement or by replacement with another agreement related to the reform programme.

¹ Maintains previously planned investment that may have otherwise deferred as a result of COVID-19.

INTERACTIONS, MONITORING, INFORMATION AND RECORDS

The Parties nominate the following representatives to act as the primary point of communication for the purposes of this Memorandum and any other purpose related to the reform programme.

Government's representative	Council
[As delegated]	[Chief Executive of the Council]

It is the responsibility of these representatives to:

- work collaboratively to support the reform objectives;
- keep both Parties fully informed;
- act as a first point of reference between Parties and as liaison persons for external contacts; and
- communicate between Parties on matters that arise that may be of interest to either party.

If the contact person changes in either organisation, the other party's contact person must be informed of the new contact person immediately and there should be an efficient transition to ensure the momentum of the reform process is not undermined.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Neither of the Parties is to disclose, directly or indirectly, any confidential information received from the other party to any third party without written consent from the other party, unless required by processes under the Official Information Act 1982 or the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (whichever applies), or under a Parliamentary process- such as following a Parliamentary question, in which case the relevant party is to inform the other party prior to disclosure. Protocols will be established to enable exchange information between Councils where that is consistent with progressing reform objectives.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute concerning the subject matter of this document is to be settled by full and frank discussion and negotiation between the Parties.

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SIGNED on behalf of the Crown

by [insert name - DELETE TEXT]

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and through the Minister of Local
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2. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AHURIRI REGIONAL PARK WORKING GROUP

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2.1 Purpose of Report

To enable appropriate awareness, questions about implications and feedback about the Napier City Council and Hawkes Bay Regional Council Joint Working Group that focuses in the main on the land administered by the organisations that is adjacent to Te Whanganui-ā-Orotu.

Officer's Recommendation

The Māori Committee:

- a. That the information be noted.

2.2 Background Summary

The Napier City Council and Hawkes Bay Regional Council have formed a Joint Working Group that is to focus on the land administered by the organisations that is adjacent to Te Whanganui-ā-Orotu, and that co-ordinates the areas of responsibility of each local authority. In particular the Joint Working Group is looking to investigate and advance the Regional Park concept for Lagoon farm as identified in the Ahuriri estuary & Coastal Edge Masterplan (2018).

The Terms of Reference for the Joint Working Group includes a statement about the relationship with Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga, and the membership of the Joint Committee includes representatives of Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga.

The Ahuriri Hapū Claims Deed of Settlement identifies the area of land and water forming the catchment of Te Muriwai o Te Whanga. The Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement Bill includes a provision that establishes Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga, and describes the membership and functions of Te Komiti in relation to Te Muriwai o Te Whanga.

The Joint Working Group is not intended to replace Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga; but will assist the two local authorities to perform their responsibilities in a co-ordinated manner. The Joint Working Group are able to reconsider their Terms of Reference at a meeting at any time.

The initial meeting of the Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Working Group was held in Napier City Council offices on 30 June 2020. At the meeting, co-chairs were appointed and following the meeting the attached Terms of Reference were agreed.

2.3 Issues

The purpose of the Ahuriri [Regional Park] Joint Working Group is set out in the Terms of Reference [shown at **Attachment A**]. A central focus of the Working Group is on projects and initiatives that Napier City Council (NCC) and Hawke's Bay Regional

Council (HBRC) can directly influence through their own land holdings and service delivery operations. There is a relationship with Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga; and a potential alignment of outcomes for the estuary.

An area of influence for the Joint Working Group is the projects funded through Councils' Annual Plans and Long Term Plans. The Councils' timeframes to allocate funds to projects through their Annual Plan and Long Term Plan processes are out of step with the possible timeframes for passing the Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement Bill.

The Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement Bill establishes Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga and the membership and functions of Te Komiti are set out in the Bill. Appointments to Te Muriwai o Te Whanga cannot be formalised until the Settlement Bill is passed and commences.

The Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement Bill has been to a select committee and is progressing through the various stages towards enactment. While possible, it is unlikely that the Bill will be passed prior to Parliament rising on 6 August ahead of the elections.

2.4 Significance and Engagement

N/A

2.5 Implications

Financial

The meetings will have minor administrative costs. The funding of the Councils' projects is through the Annual Plan and Long Term Plans.

Social & Policy

N/A

Risk

N/A

2.6 Options

a. N/A

2.7 Development of Preferred Option

N/A

2.8 Attachments

- A Joint Working Group - Ahuriri [Regional Park] Terms of Reference [↓](#)
- B Joint Working Group Agenda 30 June 2020 [↓](#)
- C Joint Working Group unconfirmed Minutes of meeting on 30 June 2020 [↓](#)

Terms of Reference

Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Working Group

30 June 2020

Background

- i. Te Whanganui-ā-Orotu is a place of great significance to Ngā Hapū o Ahuriri and is central to the existence and identity of Ahuriri Hapū. It is named after the ancestor Te Orotu who was a descendent of the great explorer ancestor Mahutapoanui who is the very beginning of the Ahuriri Hapū people.
- ii. The Ahuriri Hapū Claims Settlement legislation establishes Te Komiti Muriwai O Te Whanga (Te Komiti) for the purpose of promoting the protection and enhancement of the environmental, economic, social, spiritual, historical and cultural values of Te Muriwai o Te Whanga. Its role is to provide guidance and coordination in the management of Te Muriwai o Te Whanga (Ahuriri Estuary), to local authorities and Crown agencies. Its functions include preparing and approving the Te Muriwai o Te Whanga Plan and identifying the values, vision, objectives, and desired outcomes relevant to Te Muriwai o Te Whanga.
- iii. The Napier City Council (NCC) and Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) seek to collaborate with Te Komiti to restore the mauri of the Ahuriri Estuary, that has been critically affected by activities over many decades. The respective councils wish to establish a joint council working group to coordinate the respective projects and plans of both councils to restore the life force of the estuary.
- iv. This joint council working group is not intended to look at all issues within the broader Estuary catchment. Its focus is on projects and initiatives that Napier City Council (NCC) and Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) can directly influence through their own land holdings and service delivery operations. That is, primarily through HBRC and NCC's Infrastructure Directorate and Asset Management Group, and Integrated Catchment Management. The HBRC and NCC regulatory functions provide context for this working group.
- v. NCC and HBRC are committed to strengthening collaboration of each council's planning and delivery processes in order to bring about a step change in the mauri of the estuary. In that context the purpose of the working group is the establishment of a park serving both that objective and providing significant biodiversity enhancement and cultural benefits for the community, as well as recreational benefits.
- vi. NCC and HBRC are both well placed to do this as both provide drainage and stormwater services to Napier through an extensive network of open waterways, along with regulatory, reserve and recreation assets and functions. The park concept is a specific project for focus of the joint council working group.
- vii. Lagoon Farm is recognised as the most viable site for a Park.
- viii. Both councils recognise kaitiakitanga of Ngā Hapū o Ahuriri, duly mandated through Te Komiti and at all times, will fully engage with Te Komiti both through its representative and as a group to seek guidance and to coordinate with the joint council working group on matters relating to the development of the Park.

- ix. Te Komiti wants to collaborate with all groups that are focused on the health and wellbeing of Te Muriwai o Te Whanga to achieve its objectives and its management plan.s

Purpose

1. To accelerate a proposal for the development of the [Ahuriri Regional] Park, initially through to concept design, taking into account the varying and complex environmental issues
2. To identify initiatives that protect and enhance the values of the Ahuriri Estuary.
3. To make recommendations to the respective council's annual and long-term plans and other planning documents to further the concept design.
4. To keep each council and Te Komiti regularly updated on the working groups progress
5. To strengthen collaborative relationships at all levels between NCC and HBRC, and in particular the governance, planning, operations, monitoring and compliance functions, as they relate to restoring the mauri of the estuary;
6. To promote alignment of the respective council's projects and planning documents, so that resources committed to protecting and enhancing the estuary are adequate; that they maximise investment; and are likely to produce the outcomes expected by the whole community;
7. To make recommendations to the councils and engagement in statutory advocacy on key issues
8. To facilitate collaboration in planning, designing and operational management of all waterways, drainage and stormwater networks that discharge into the estuary;
9. To inquire into and collaborate to identify potential planning, consenting and other solutions for consideration by the two Councils as they relate to the estuary and the park concept
10. To identify, explore and advocate for funding opportunities to enable the delivery of a Regional Park
11. To engage as a Working group with Te Komiti at key decision points and stages.
12. To establish a joint governance group at an appropriate stage of concept development.
13. To recommend the commissioning of technical reports and staff advice
14. Ability to oversee design and delivery of projects approved by the local authorities

Objectives

15. Napier City Council (NCC), Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) and Te Komiti will establish processes and collaborate together on actions to restore the mauri of the Ahuriri Estuary
16. Delivery of a Park that promotes ecological and water quality improvements, promotes a more natural estuary margin, and provides low impact compatible recreational opportunities.
17. A collaborative approach between NCC and HBRC which focuses on the following to achieve the purpose:
18. Commission reports and advice; and oversee the design and delivery of projects approved by Council

- a. Provide advice on and approve project briefs
 - b. Exploring projects and funding opportunities
 - c. Annual plan budgeting and inclusion of funding in the Long Term Plan (LTP) by each Council to achieve agreed water quality, ecology, cultural and recreation outcomes for the estuary, its streams drains and tributaries, and on adjacent land.
 - d. Completion of a proposal to be submitted by each Council in the LTP
 - e. Ownership clarification
 - f. Jointly prepare and make joint applications for necessary consents
 - g. Identify Park boundaries and extent (including Lagoon Farm)
 - h. Establish and agree outcomes, deliverables and ensure milestone alignment and updates on a proposal towards the LTP for each Council.
 - i. Engagement with Te Komiti as a statutory authority and mana whenua PSGE for the wider Estuary Catchment (once formally established)
19. The project and issues may be of a short-term or long-term nature. A working group structure and process is best placed to identify, scope and address the issues, at least in the initial stages.

Membership and operation of the Working Group

20. 3 Napier City Councillors and 3 Hawke's Bay Regional Councillors
21. Te Komiti representation
22. Invited lead officers from each Council
23. The Chair of the Working Group to be appointed by the Working Group
24. Administrative support for the Working Group (convening meetings, keeping minutes etc) will be provided by the staff of the Napier City Council's Governance team, unless otherwise agreed
25. Working Group members will discuss respective funding from the local authorities as needed to progress the objectives.

Meeting frequency

1. The Working Group should meet monthly.

Quorum

2. There is a quorum of four members

Decision making

3. The Working Group has no decision-making authority. It brings recommendations to each Council for Councils consideration
4. Expenditure undertaken by the Working Group over and above normal Council business must be agreed by each Council.

Media contact

5. *To be agreed by Working Group, generally to be the Co-Chairs.*

Changes to the Terms of Reference

6. The Working Group may recommend changes to the Terms of Reference to the Council for consideration and agreement.

AGENDA**Joint Working Group: Te Whanganui-a-Orotu (Ahuriri Estuary Park)****10:00am – Tuesday 30 June 2020**

Napier City Council Capeview Office, Level 2, Ikatere Room

Attendees: Cr Hinewai Ormsby (HBRC), Cr Annette Brosnan (NCC), Cr Neil Kirtton (HBRC), Richard Munneke (NCC), Iain Maxwell (HBRC), Chris Dolley (HBRC), Catherine Bayly (NCC), Yvonne Legarth (NCC), Joinella Maihi-Carroll (Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga), Kathryn Hunt (NCC – administrator)

Apologies: Cr Martin Williams (HBRC), Cr Api Tapine (NCC)

Pre-reading Information:

- Updated Draft Terms of Reference dated 22 June 2020
- Draft key Outcomes and Priorities (to follow)

9:50am arrival

10:00am **Karakia**

- Elect a Chair
- Naming
 - agree a name of the Committee
 - agree a name for the Park or
 - agree a process to determine names as above
- Review and agree Terms of Reference (TOR)
 - Reporting [joint report back to local authorities and Te Komiti]
 - Quorum [4 members]
 - Meeting frequency [monthly]
 - Ability to commission technical reports and staff advice
 - Ability to oversee design and delivery of projects approved by the local authorities
- Discuss key Outcomes and Priorities (if time permits)

11:00am **Hui Whakamutunga**

Notes and Actions

Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Working Group

10:00am – Tuesday 30 June 2020

Napier City Council Capeview Office, Level 2, Ikatere Room

Attendees:

Cr Hinewai Ormsby (HBRC), Cr Annette Brosnan (NCC), Cr Neil Kirton (HBRC), Richard Munneke (NCC), Iain Maxwell (HBRC), Chris Dolley (HBRC), Paulina Wilhelm (NCC), Yvonne Legarth (NCC), Cr Martin Williams (HBRC), Cr Hayley Browne (NCC), Cr Api Tapine (NCC), Kathryn Hunt (NCC – *administrator*)

10:00am Karakia

Apologies received

Joinella Maihi-Carroll (Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga), Jon Kingsford (NCC) and Cath Bayly (NCC) have put in their apologies.

Welcome

Cr Brosnan welcomed everyone to the meeting and a roundtable introductions of all in attendance.

Election of a Chair

Discussion and agreement to elect Co-Chairs for the Working Group.

Cr Williams nominated Cr Ormsby of HBRC with Cr Ormsby accepting the nomination.

Cr Tapine nominated both Cr Brosnan and Cr Browne of NCC.

Cr Browne nominated Cr Brosnan of NCC with Cr Brosnan accepting the nomination.

Cr Browne did not accept the nomination.

Agreement was unanimous resulting in Co-Chairs, Cr Ormsby and Cr Brosnan.

Naming of the Committee

Unanimous agreement to name the committee *Ahuriri Regional Park Joint Working Group*

Naming of the Park

Discussion held around this history of the Estuary and the area of the Park and if this would be helpful to come back to the table to assist with the naming as well as using the Treaty Settlement. Cr Kirton will provide an update at the next Working Group meeting on the history.

It was agreed to place this item on hold for the next meeting when MS Maihi-Carroll representing Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga is able to attend and provide guidance.

Review and agree Terms of Reference (TOR)

A number of discussions and amendments were made to the TOR during the meeting.

Agreement by all in attendance the TOR to be circulated to Ms Maihi-Carroll representing Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga to provide input, specifically concerning Background point 4.

Following input from Ms Maihi-Carroll the TOR would be finalised and broth to the respective Councils for endorsement.

Next meeting agenda items

- Presentation by HBRC and NCC officers giving a work in progress stocktake
- Ms Maihi-Carroll to provide update on Te Komiti
- Cr Kirton to provide a History
- Understanding of LTP keys dates
- Identify key issues and break out groups to help inform the LTP
- Arrange a site visit

Meeting closed 11:20am

Actions:

Action	Responsibility
Circulate TOR to Ms Maihi-Carroll for input, specifically Background point 4.	Cr Ormsby
Councils endorsement of TOR	Cr Ormsby and Cr Brosnan

3. LEASE OF RESERVE - MAGNET CAFE

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Reserves Act 1977
<i>Document ID:</i>	939800
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Bryan Faulknor, Manager Property Jenny Martin, Property and Facilities Officer

3.1 Purpose of Report

To obtain approval to grant a new Lease for the 'pop-up' style Magnet Café currently operating from a repurposed shipping container on the northern end of the Marine Parade Foreshore Reserve.

Officer's Recommendation

The Māori Committee:

- a. Recommend that Council agree to grant a new lease, under Section 54(1) (d) of the Reserves Act 1977, for a pop-up café to continue to occupy the northern part of the Marine Parade Foreshore Reserve.
- b. That the initial term of the new lease be for a period of 2 years plus two rights of renewal of 2 years each.
- c. That the placement of outdoor furniture be allowed outside of the leased area but such placement to be approved by Council's Team Leader Parks, Reserves, Sportsgrounds.

3.2 Background Summary

In 2016, Council granted a licence to occupy on a trial basis for a temporary "pop-up" container on Marine Parade to provide pre-prepared snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. On 16 August 2017, Council then agreed to grant a licence to occupy for a three-year period with a review after each year and an open tender process to determine who would be granted the licence. This process was completed with the current lease due to expire on 30 September 2020.

With the imminent expiry of the current lease, a decision needs to be made as to whether or not this commercial activity remains on the reserve and if it does how do we move forward with a lease.

Food is prepared off site. Fresh water is transported to the area daily and grey water is disposed of by the owner. There are no electricity or water connections as the costs of connection were considered by the owner to be unprofitable.

The current lease area is shown on the attached plan.

3.3 Issues

It is acknowledged that this venture has brought activity to the area. The café appears to be busy and has received wide support from the community.

Whilst the café is a commercial business operating on Reserve land, it is deemed to be for the convenience of the public using the Marine Parade Foreshore Reserve and thus allowed under the Reserves Act.

The area currently leased to the café is 37m² which takes into account the container, a disabled access ramp and a deck. Lessees have placed tables and chairs, beanbags and shade umbrellas outside of this area. While these additions add to the ambience of the area, the Team Leader Parks, Reserves, Sportsgrounds should approve such placements.

3.4 Significance and Engagement

N/A

3.5 Implications

Financial

There are no costs to Council. It is proposed that ground rent will be charged by Council at 5% of gross takings per month, payable monthly in arrears. This is consistent with other similar commercial businesses occupying the Marine Parade Foreshore Reserve.

Social & Policy

N/A

Risk

There is some risk that the public may feel that the reserve should be open and available to everyone without the intrusion of a commercial activity, however, to date this business has been well received and supported.

Some CBD business operators may also believe that the business is being advantaged with the prime location although to date this has not been an issue and the open tender process previously carried out in 2017 gave these businesses a chance to tender.

3.6 Options

The options available are as follows:

- a. Extend the existing occupation by way of a new lease to the current owner for an initial term of 2 years plus 2 rights of renewal of 2 years each.
- b. Do not extend the occupation by way of granting a new lease to the current owner, and require the removal of the current structures.
- c. Enter into a new lease with the current owners for different periods to those proposed above.
- d. Do not enter into a new lease with the current owners and undertake a tender process to give others the opportunity to carry out the business.

3.7 Development of Preferred Option

The café receives wide community support and uses an area that is otherwise underutilised.

Council's current Reserve Management Plan neither supports nor prevents this use of the reserve.

The owner is required to maintain a trading licence from Council's Environmental Health Officers and this provides controls and monitoring of the activity.

Food and Beverage businesses in the Marine Parade Recreation Zone are Controlled Activities which require a resource consent to establish and operate. A current Resource consent is in place.

To carry out a tender process at this point is not believed to be necessary, as no complaints have been received regarding the current owner. Further controls are in place through the health licencing system and conditions in the formal lease agreement.

The container and structure is owned by the current lessee and would not necessarily be available for a new operator.

Option (a) is the preferred option to continue to support activity in this area of Marine Parade.

3.8 Attachments

A Magnet Cafe current lease area [↓](#)



4. NAPIER RECOVERY FUNDING

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	952626
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Michele Grigg, Senior Advisor Policy Dean Prebble, Economic Development Manager

4.1 Purpose of Report

To provide an update on two funds established to progress the aims of the Napier Recovery Plan.

Officer's Recommendation

The Māori Committee:

- a. Note the information on two recovery funds recently established, those being:
 - Recovery Projects Fund
 - Te Puawaitanga – Green Communities Together Fund

4.2 Background Summary

The vision for Napier's recovery post Covid-19 is to restore and enhance vibrancy, innovation and wellbeing in our community now and into the future. This is articulated in the Napier Recovery Plan (the Plan), which sets out the framework for recovery.

In recognition of the broad reaching impacts of the pandemic, the framework takes a holistic view and is designed to be agile and responsive as the situation evolves over time. The framework is supported by Te Pou o Te Rāngai Haumanu (to revive and restore health/wellbeing) and three pillars which weave through the Plan's recovery goals.

The six wellbeing goals in the Plan are:

1. Everyone has access to safe drinking water, food and housing
2. We are healthy and active
3. Our businesses and not-for-profit organisations are resilient and innovative
4. Our city centre and local centres are vibrant and sustainable
5. Our community is safe, fair, connected, and resilient
6. Renewal of our city respects, protects, and celebrates our cultural heritage and environment.

Two funds have been established to support projects and initiatives that will positively influence Napier's recovery and renewal:

- Recovery Projects Fund
- Te Puawaitanga – Green Communities Together Fund.

Recovery Projects Fund

This fund aims to assist with building resilience and encouraging innovation. It has a particular focus on collective benefit. Projects that support one or more of the six Recovery Plan goals and have a focus on accelerating recovery of Napier's community and/or economy are encouraged.

Priorities for the fund include:

- Alignment with the goals and contribute to the indicators of the Plan
- Address issues and opportunities identified in the Plan
- Encourage innovation
- Incorporate collaboration and/or partnership approaches
- Positively impact on the Napier economy and/or community
- Have the potential to generate new revenue, stimulate jobs and/or support business growth
- Strengthen community connectedness/community resilience
- Celebrate community spirit.

Applications are welcome from a range of sectors and from across Napier. This fund is open to registered legal entities who operate within Napier – such as businesses, community organisations, groups, and social enterprises.

The fund opened on 1 July 2020. A total of \$500,000 is available for distribution and it is anticipated grants will range from under \$5,000 to over \$30,000. This is not a contestable fund, which means applications are being assessed as they are received until the fund is allocated or within 12-months, whichever comes first.

Applications are made online. Projects valued at \$30,000 and over will follow a two-stage application process – stage one invites Expressions of Interest (EOI). Short-listed EOI applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal for consideration (stage two).

More information about the fund is available on Council's website:

www.napier.govt.nz/our-council/about-this-site/recovery-projects-fund/

Te Puawaitanga – Green Communities Together Fund

This fund encourages fresh, simple ideas to help Napier environments flourish. Projects that emphasise one or more of the following are encouraged:

- Green streets
- Planting and ecology
- Flora and fauna (eg, attracting birds, bees, native plantings)
- Pest and weed control
- Community gardens/Maara kai
- Fruit forests
- Art installations
- Clean, green spaces and waterways.

Applications are welcome from formal and informal groups in Napier neighbourhoods and communities. Successful applications will incorporate the following factors:

- Innovation – an idea for ‘greening Napier’ which can be easily implemented and fits one or more of the priority areas
- Community team – a group of residents who may already be part of an existing network or who may come together specially to implement their project
- Energy and enthusiasm – a ‘can do’ attitude and interest in being involved in both the implementation and maintenance of the project
- Community guardians/kaitiaki – ongoing guardianship of the project
- Open dialogue – open to working in partnership with and receiving advice from Napier City Council staff and other potential providers.

This fund also opened on 1 July 2020. A total of \$200,000 is available for distribution and grants may range from \$500 to over \$5,000. This is not a contestable fund, which means applications are being assessed as they are received until the fund is allocated or within 12-months, whichever comes first.

Applications are made online using an Expression of Interest form. Shortlisted groups will be invited to work with Council staff to develop their project plan in order to receive funding. Council’s Community Strategies Team will act as navigators by liaising between the projects and other parts of Council and external parties to facilitate project implementation.

More information about the fund is available on Council’s website:

www.napier.govt.nz/our-council/about-this-site/te-puawaitanga-green-communities-together-fund/

Status of Applications to Date

The following table shows the number of applications received to date and their status (as at 21 July 2020, the time of writing this paper).

Fund	Number of applications received	Total value of applications	In progress	Full proposal invited (\$30k+)	Approved	Declined
Recovery Projects	10	\$290,393.43	6	3	3	1
Te Puawaitanga	3	\$11,320	2	N/A	1	0

4.3 Issues

The impact of Covid-19 on Napier’s recovery in the medium to longer term is largely unknown. It is envisioned that projects supported through these two funds will collectively assist with Napier’s recovery. This will be assessed by establishing a set of indicators under each recovery goal, and using a data dashboard approach to monitor progress. Specifications for building a fit-for-purpose data dashboard are currently being developed.

4.4 Significance and Engagement

The funds are being actively promoted in the community as follows:

- Social media (Facebook)
- Council website
- Community newspaper advertisements

- Radio advertising and promotion (Te Puawaitanga)
- Māori networks
- Pasifika networks
- Community organisations
- Business Associations
- Napier Neighbourhood Support network.

4.5 Implications

Financial

Fund expenditure was approved by the Recovery Working Group in the development of the Napier Recovery Plan.

Social & Policy

The two funds aim to positively influence Napier's recovery and renewal by encouraging a focus on the intent of the six recovery goals.

Risk

It is unknown at this time if the funds will be under- or over-subscribed. Ongoing promotion will ensure community awareness is maintained.

4.6 Options

The options available to Council are as follows:

- a. Note the content of this report.

4.7 Attachments

Nil

5. TE REO MĀORI ME ONA TIKANGA

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational and Procedural
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	949725
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Morehu Te Tomo, POU TĀHUHU SENIOR MĀORI ADVISOR

5.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose for this paper is to approve the development of a Te Reo Māori policy due to the growth of Te Reo me ona Tikanga used in Council.

Officer's Recommendation

The Māori Committee:

- Approve that the Senior Māori Advisor leads the Te Reo Māori policy process.
- Approve the Senior Māori Advisor to engage with external authorities to participate writing the policy.
- Investigate best practice for Council staff to follow process and procedures.

5.2 Background Summary

Council is seeking to have a policy to provide a safe environment for all Council staff and councillors in the provision of documentation to understand the process when needing Te Reo me ona Tikanga. It is vital for the Council to progress the policy to deliver the foundation to protect our Taonga tuku iho within Council.

5.3 Issues

The main issues to deliver Te Reo Māori are often in the middle or end of a process rather than at the beginning, which can hamper the process and lead to misunderstandings with regards to delivering Te Ao Māori interpretation and outcomes in a non-Māori view.

5.4 Significance and Engagement

There are areas to consider with the significance to developing the policy, and how these pillars can be brought together and therefore will be written by Ahuriri Māori to broaden the scope for the policy. The engagement will be ongoing as the policy is developed.

5.5 Implications

Financial

Existing budget is available within the Community Services directorate to complete this policy work which will enable specialist Te Reo Māori advice and engagement with Ahuriri Māori.

Social & Policy

The Māori Language Act 2016 guidelines is critical to provide best practice within the Council. A policy will give the Council better processes to authenticate the methods required to strengthen Te Reo Māori as the Council builds on the relationships with Māori and Iwi Authorities to bridge the mandated recommendations for future approval.

This will encourage Napier City council to engage with representatives from Te Mātāwai and Te Taura Whiri i Te Reo.

Risk

Due to the absence of policy mistakes were made in the recent Kia Kotahi Tātau o Ahuriri nei recovery project. The urgency of the recovery project made interpretation difficult in interpreting the phrase “We Are Team Napier”. Without a policy the risk of repeating these mistakes remains.

5.6 Options

The options available to the Committee are as follows:

- a. Approve that the Senior Māori Advisor progresses the development of a Te Reo Māori policy for the Council
- b. Not approve the development of the policy at this time.

5.7 Development of Preferred Option

The preferred option is to progress the development of a Te Reo Māori policy for Council to guide future consultation in Te Ao Māori environment. This will allow the Council to set best practice and model standard procedures when it comes to internal and external relationships.

5.8 Attachments

Nil

6. MĀORI COMMITTEE 'MECHANICS' - UPDATE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING 16 JULY 2020

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; Local Government Act 2001
<i>Document ID:</i>	950823
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Devorah Nícuarta-Smith, Team Leader Governance

6.1 Purpose of Report

To provide an update to the Māori Committee on the proposal to reintegrate the Committee into Council's six weekly meeting cycle, following the Council meeting of 16 July 2020.

Officer's Recommendation

The Māori Committee:

- a. Receive the update in relation to the proposal to reintegrate the Māori Committee into Council's six weekly meeting cycle

6.2 Background Summary

Following conversations initiated through the review of its Terms of Reference, this Committee considered a proposal to reintegrate into the double debate process of Council at its hui on 10 July 2020. At that time the Committee recommended to Council that the proposal proceed and that Officers be directed to undertake the necessary actions to ensure that the reintegration was completed.

Council considered the proposal at its meeting on 16 July 2020 and chose at that time to lay the matter on the table.

6.3 Issues

The following minutes were captured in relation to Council's discussion of the item on 16 July:

The Interim Chief Executive spoke briefly to the report, providing the background to this matter being brought to Council. The report is the culmination of a series of conversations with the Māori Committee over the last couple of months and is intended to re-integrate the Committee into the six weekly meeting cycle as part of Council's double debate process, but in a more meaningful way than they participated in this cycle over the last three-year term. Following informal circulation where the proposal was positively received, the report was formally considered by the Māori Committee at the most recent hui where it was endorsed and the recommendation affirmed.

As a governance related topic, the report has then been brought direct to Council as is standard practice with these matters.

The Team Leader Governance spoke to the report, noting that the intent is to provide meaningful space and weight to the voice of the Māori Committee. In the last triennium information came to the Committee too late, or bypassed the Committee altogether (for example where a Decision of Council was taken at a Standing Committee).

In response to questions from councillors it was clarified that:

- The proposal is not intended to override standing orders or the terms of reference of standing committees in relation to Decisions of Council. However Decisions of Council both bypass the double debate process which councillors see as a particularly strength and mean the Māori Committee lose their opportunity to consider and provide recommendations on the item in question, so the officers' recommendation reflects that they are undesirable for several reasons.
- Where the timing of a decision is significant, extraordinary meetings are another tool that can be used to facilitate this.
- Internal changes have been implemented to support business units to plan better for upcoming reporting to Council. It is anticipated that 'last minute' matters will be driven by external time frames rather than internal ones.
- The Māori Committee receives both new reports directly and standing committee reports. If this proposal is approved they will receive all standing committee reports.
- The recommendations of the Māori Committee on any report taken directly to that Committee would be pulled into a Council agenda in the same way that those of standing committee are.
- The proposal allows for the demands of the InfoCouncil functionality as it interacts with the current agenda publication time frames set by the mayor.
- There will be a time lag between any decision and implementation due to the InfoCouncil functionality, venue and supplier confirmation and the logistics to rearrange the meeting schedule.
- Māori Committee hui are not currently livestreamed at the decision of the mayor, but this can be revised at any time as required, noting that there is a cost to all filming and livestreaming.
- Standing committees, the Māori Committee and Council are all able to lay items on the table if required.
- Councillors are welcome to attend Māori Committee hui and it will be confirmed that the invitations have been forwarded to the group.
- This has been a timely opportunity to review the meeting cycle and report production timing as a whole. Available appropriate venues will also be required to be confirmed for meetings and workshops.

Councillors advised that they would prefer to consider the matter through a workshop prior to making a decision.

The primary concern of Councillors was not the proposal to integrate the Māori Committee into the double debate process but the note that Decisions of Council at standing committees would be removed (as this option both bypasses the Māori Committee and the double debate process as a whole).

In discussions since the formal meeting, the option to retain Decisions of Council at standing committee as a possibility only for truly urgent matters was put forward, with

both officers and elected members expected to treat the option as only available in extenuating circumstances so that Council's double debate process is not overridden unnecessarily.

This Committee would be aware of an upcoming Decision of Council via the standing committee agenda which the Committee has access to at the same time as Councillors, as the request for a Decision of Council is indicated in the recommendation to the Committee along with reasons for the urgency; however how this Committee would be able to provide input/ feedback on the matter would need to be addressed on a case by case basis.

Councillors have now agreed that a workshop is not required and the matter will be brought back to Council for re-consideration at its meeting scheduled for 27 August 2020.

6.4 Significance and Engagement

This matter does not trigger Council's Significance and Engagement Policy or any other consultation requirements.

6.5 Implications

Financial

N/A

Social & Policy

N/A

Risk

N/A

6.6 Options

The options available to the Committee are as follows:

- a. To receive the update provided in relation to the proposal to reintegrate the Māori Committee into Council's six weekly cycle where reports are double debated.

6.7 Development of Preferred Option

N/A

6.8 Attachments

Nil

UPDATES FROM PARTNER ENTITIES

Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust – Chad Tareha

Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust – James Lyver

Maraenui and Districts Māori Committee – Adrienne Taputoro

Napier City Council – Mayor Kirsten Wise

GENERAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Public Excluded Minutes of the Māori Committee meeting held on Friday, 10 July 2020.

MĀORI COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date:	Friday 10 July 2020
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Time:	9.00am – 10.13am 11.24am – 11.37am
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Venue	Large Exhibition Hall Napier War Memorial Centre Marine Parade Napier
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Present	Chad Tareha (In the Chair), Mayor Kirsten Wise, James Lyver, Adrienne Taputoro
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In Attendance	Interim Chief Executive, Director Community Services, Senior Māori Advisor, Director City Strategy, Director Infrastructure Services, Principal Māori Advisor, Manager Community Strategies, Team Leader Parks, Reserves, Sportsgrounds, Talalelei Taufale, Tiwana Aranui and Maureen Mua
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Administration	Governance Team
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Absent	Mana Ahuriri Trust Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui-a-Orotū Pukemokimoki Marae
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Karakia

Tiwana Aranui opened the meeting with a karakia.

Chad Tareha acknowledged that this is the first hui of the Māori new year, and acknowledged the ancestors and those who have passed on before us.

Apologies

Nil

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Talalelei Taufale (Pacific Health Manager at Hawke's Bay District Health Board) on behalf of Pasifika Leaders

Recently a Community Fono was held to discuss the idea of creating a community coordination hub to address the needs of Pasifika people in Hawke's Bay. It could explore new ways to improve the wellbeing of Pacific people and build on established successful Pacific led initiatives, which are driven by Pacific people's identified needs and with success measured by Pacific world views and values. A number of programmes have been implemented to support and educate Pacific young people, including through Pacific leadership groups in schools, and information programmes relating to primary health care.

5.6% of Hawke's Bay's population are of Pacific origin; there has been a Pacific presence in Hawke's Bay since the 1940s. The building and maintaining of a relationship with this community is important, and it needs be more consistent than the previous one-off reaching out immediately prior to an election.

The strength of the Pacific communities is through the churches, which were disabled to a large degree recently in the COVID-19 response; fortunately the communities were able to link in with, and experienced great benefit from, the Tihei Mauri Ora initiative run by local iwi.

The intention of the Hub would be to lead and work with partners to ensure positive outcomes are created for Pacific peoples in Hawke's Bay. It is important to see clear outcomes from this move – warm houses, improved health and so on.

Also identified at the Fono were organisations and agencies that could partner with the hub to provide ongoing support. It is asked that Napier City Council consider how they can partner with the Hub and be a part of the coordinated approach.

Thanks were expressed to Talalelei for all the work underway; the Māori Committee support the concept in principle and agree that the Tihei Mauri Ora model is a useful one to build on. It is anticipated that the Senior Māori Advisor will liaise directly with Talalelei as a start, and Council will further discuss how the Pacific voice can be better facilitated and heard by the decision makers. The opportunity to establish a Community Advisor – Pacific intern role is already being explored.

It was noted by the Senior Māori Advisor that the kōrero in relation to the proposed Hub fits well with Council's community strategies.

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

Nil

Confirmation of minutes

Mayor Wise / A Taputoro

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2020 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting, following updates as raised by James Lyver.

Kua Mana

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MĀORI COMMITTEE MEETING 'MECHANICS'

Type of Report:	Operational
Legal Reference:	Local Government Act 2002
Document ID:	940860
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	Devorah Nícuarta-Smith, Team Leader Governance

1.1 Purpose of Report

To present a proposal to re-integrate the Māori Committee into the six-weekly meeting cycle of Council.

At the Meeting

Team Leader Governance spoke to the report stating the aim of moving the Māori Committee hui back into the six weekly meeting cycle of Council is to gain positive and formal feedback from the Committee that can be presented to the Council at their ordinary meetings.

It was clarified that:

- Standing Committees of Council will move to weeks one and two. The agendas for these meetings will be available for the Māori Committee to peruse at the same time as they are available to Council.
- The Māori Committee will be able attend Council workshops if they would like to.
- It is intended to provide electronic devices to the Māori Committee so they can access agendas and workshop invitations.
- This timetabling and information sharing will enable the Committee to identify issues they would like to discuss further at the hui in week four of the meeting cycle.
- Feedback from discussions can be put forward to the Ordinary Council meeting in week six of the meeting cycle.

It was identified that there will be significant benefits from the new timetabling and information sharing for Napier City Council.

James Lyver left the meeting at 09:34am.

James Lyver returned to the meeting at 09:35am.

Committee's recommendation

J Lyver / Mayor Wise

The Māori Committee:

- Recommend that Council re-integrate the Māori Committee into the six-weekly meeting cycle alongside the standing committees, and direct officers to implement the processes and system updates required to complete this change, including

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- i. reactivating the InfoCouncil functionality to allow for the flow of information through the standing and Māori committees to Council
 - ii. communication to all staff of the new process and associated time frames

Kua Mana

2. UPDATE FROM PARTNER ENTITIES

Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust–James Lyver

- The Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust (MTT) continue to progress their Annual and Strategic Plans. Five pou focus areas:
 1. Strong People – They welcomed a new staff member Johann Wilson to the team.
 2. Strong Reo & Marae; Their Reo whānau programme continues and they are hosting a winter wānanga via Zoom. The Tangoio Marae Development Project continues.
 3. Strong Hapū economy; Financial Accounts finalised to be included into their Annual Report & AGM on 26 September 2020.
 4. Treasured Environment; MACA & other exciting Taiao projects. Unfortunately, they continue to have to address Resource Consents & 'Consultation'.
 5. A Great Organisation; MTT are proud of their small team, they are growing their capacity, but they very proud of their capability – they are experts within their team.
- MTT thank Napier City Council for their authentic District Plan engagement.
- James has handed in his resignation with MTT due to a change in his personal circumstances. His last day is 26 September 2020.

Maraenui and Districts Māori Committee – Adrienne Taputoro

No updates this week from Adrienne as the Committee's hui did not go ahead.

Napier City Council – Mayor Kirsten Wise

- Reiterated Council's support for integrating this Committee into the governance structure of Napier City Council.
- Consultation for the draft Annual Plan 2020/21 is currently underway; as the planning was undertaken during the COVID response much of the conversation and information is online. There have been 80 submissions so far.
- The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the proposed Working Group in regards to Lagoon Farm land and restoring the mauri of the Ahuriri Estuary will not come through this committee formally due to time constraints, but feedback on the proposed TOR is requested from the committee. The mayor has received the draft TOR this morning, and will share these to seek feedback from Committee members. As well as elected members and officers, Joinella Maihi-Carroll has put her name forward to represent Mana Ahuriri Trust. While the statutory co-governance board Te Komiti Muriwai o Te Whanga exists to oversee the governance of the Estuary, the proposed Working Group is intended to specifically address the regional park option. The extent of the proposed regional park has not yet been fully established, so there may be some small overlap with Hastings. Napier City Council is submitting on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council TANK plan change, but this Working Group is a service delivery group rather than a management group (i.e. it is there to progress the regional park rather than to provide governance over the estuary). It was agreed that the opportunity to provide both informal and formal feedback was preferred, and a report will be brought through the committee.

ACTION: A report on the proposed Lagoon Farm Working Group's Terms of Reference will be brought to the 14 August hui of the Māori Committee.

Ngāti Pārau Hapū Trust - Chad Tareha

- Waiohiki - Third papa-kāinga is going up currently and a fourth is being planned.
- The speed limit has been reduced in the area from 70 to 50km and the Trust is working with Napier City Council and Hastings District Council to improve the footpaths in the area.
- Ngāti Pārau have a workshop tomorrow for the District Plan.
- The third Wheels, Tracks and Rollers course is being run at Waiohiki in partnership with the Eastern Institute of Technology. This course has a 90% success rate for getting people into jobs. It is hoped that even more than 90% will experience success in securing jobs following this intake.
- They are establishing a nursery at the marae amongst a lot of other work.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN; UPDATE FROM THE COMMITTEE

The Director City Strategy provided an update on the recovery programme, noting that applications can be made to two different contestable funds including one more focussed at business innovation. Information on the funds can be sought from the team and there is also information on the Council website.

The Support Napier campaign has been doing well, and the spend data shows excellent 'health' currently (stronger than the same time last year). However the team are aware that there may be longer term impacts which are slower to be seen, and there is currently not availability of deeper economic data. Unfortunately there is not as much data in relation to Māori economics as would be hoped nationwide. A data 'dashboard' is in the process of being updated over the next while to draw in local Māori experience.

It was considered as to whether there was scope for the Committee to facilitate increased accurate data in relation to Māori recovery, whether this be a survey designed to draw out rich data or another route.

ACTION The underlying recovery plan will be circulated to the Committee by the Director City Strategy.

BLACK LIVES MATTER; UPDATE ON THE JOINT POSITION OF SUPPORT

A workshop to develop a joint position on the Black Lives Matter movement was not deemed necessary. Rather a bold joint statement from Council and this Committee that supports the movement in principle is to be developed by NCC's Interim Chief Executive. This will then be circulated to the Elected Members and Māori Committee to get their feedback and endorsement prior to public release.

ACTION A joint statement which supports the Black Lives Matter movement to be developed by Napier City Council's Interim Chief Executive for circulation.

COLONIAL NAMES; INDICATION ON WHEN THE WORKSHOP IS SCHEDULED FOR

A report will be written by Council Officers which will be a summary of work completed to date through the War Memorial project, and it will be presented to this Committee. Within the city boundaries there are no colonial era memorials.

There is a book of all colonial place names but we do not have a register of place names or street names, which is where colonial acknowledgment is typically captured. The previous Māori Consultative Committee directed that dual place names be implemented, but the stories behind each name do need to be drawn together. There is a report coming to the next hui in regards to joint names for parks and reserves.

Need to be aware of the international conversations taking place in this space and the wonderful opportunity to familiarise ourselves with our stories and address lingering colonial matters.

The Director City Strategy noted that the issue will be highlighted soon via proposed names for streets that are being requested on the hill. A report is being brought to the next meeting of this Committee on the matter.

ACTION It was requested of the Committee that they provide feedback to the Māori Advisors of any place or street names they are aware of that are misspelled.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

A Taputoro / J Lyver

That the public (except for Tiwana Aranui and Maureen Mua) be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

1. Pukemokimoki Marae Reserve Revocation

Kua mana

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution were as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered.	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter.	Ground(s) under section 48(1) to the passing of this resolution.
1. Pukemokimoki Marae Reserve Revocation	7(2)(g) Maintain legal professional privilege	48(1)A 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: (i) Where the local authority is named or specified in Schedule 1 of this Act, under Section 6 or 7 (except 7(2)(f)(i)) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

The meeting moved in to committee at 10.13am

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval