



NGĀ MĀNUKANUKA O TE IWĪ (MĀORI COMMITTEE)

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday 1 April 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:49AM

Venue Small Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's YouTube Channel

Present **Chair:** Beverley Kemp-Harmer (Wharerangi Marae)
Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust (Mara Andrews) [online]
Petane Marae (Shayla Kora) [online]
Pukemokimoki Marae (Jason Wawatai)
Timikara Marae (Kirk Leonard)
Waiohiki Marae (Darren Tareha)
Mayor Richard McGrath
Councillor Sally Crown
Councillor Shyann Raihania

In Attendance Council Kaumātua (Matiu Eru)
Chief Executive (Louise Miller)
Pou Whakarae, Director Māori Partnerships (Sam Hema)
Head of Venues and City Culture (Megan Peacock-Coyle)
Senior Advisor Corporate Planning (Jane McLoughlin)
Governance Manager (Anna Eady)
Te Waka Rangapū Kaiāwhina (Xanthia Ashby)

Community Resilience Advisor (Rachael Kanawa)
Senior Policy Analyst (Rebecca Peterson)
Communications & Engagement Team Leader (Jess Soutar-Barron)

Also in attendance Dr Virgil Troy (SIL Research)
Shane Palmer (SIL Research)

Administration Governance Advisor (Jemma McDade)

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Karakia

The meeting opened with the Council karakia.

Apologies

The meeting accepted the apologies from Maureen Box and Evelyn Ratima.

Conflicts of interest

Nil

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

Communications & Engagement Team Leader (Jess Soutar-Barron) provided an update that all members of Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee had been invited to the opening of the Amokura, Hawkes Bay Museum. The Committee were consulted as officers worked through the legal and intellectual property process of confirming the name. This process has now been completed.

Confirmation of minutes

There were no minutes to confirm.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Information
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Electoral Act 2001
<i>Document ID:</i>	1901854
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Jane McLoughlin, Senior Advisor Corporate Planning Anna Eady, Governance Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 To update the Committee on the outcomes of Napier's 2025 local election with the findings of two commissioned research reports.
- 1.2 The reports are part of monitoring how inclusive voter participation in Napier's 2025 local election was, and how continued improvements will achieve more inclusive and representative participation in future elections.

At the meeting

The officers presented the report with Dr Virgil Troy and Shane Palmer (SIL Research) and a PowerPoint presentation. It was noted that, although there is more work to be undertaken, Māori participation in the 2025 local election in Napier was higher than in 2022.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- No specific data is held regarding how many people did not receive voting packs. Council was aware that this could affect some voters. Napier City Council (NCC) and the Electoral Commission carried out advertising to mitigate this risk and raise awareness of the appearance of voting papers and the special voting process.
 - If a Council has wards in their representation arrangements people can only vote for candidates in their ward. The system is set out in legislation and the arrangements for Napier were reviewed prior to the election.
 - Those eligible for the Māori roll can choose whether to be on the Māori roll or the General roll.
 - Any organisation that is talking about the election process will help to raise awareness of the process. Council is required to be politically neutral.
 - Council's planning for the 2025 election involved looking at which groups in Napier are not well represented in the voting community. Council targeted the whole community, though was mindful that some communities needed increased visual presence. This will continue to be a focus going into the 2028 elections.
 - Engagement with mana whenua will form part of the consultation process for the next Representation Review. The decision making on representation arrangements is legislated to Council.
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- Research undertaken with young voters noted a need for a youth-led social media campaign. It is hard to judge the success of a single campaign on the election outcome.
 - The reasons given for people not voting is broken down in the research results by suburb and by Māori and non-Māori voters.
 - Council is working with Local Government New Zealand and Taituarā to determine any effects of the upcoming legislative changes.
 - Clarity was provided that voting was not restricted to rate-payers only.
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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Jason Wawatai / Kirk Leonard

That Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Receives** the report titled Post-Election Analysis dated 01 April 2026.
- b. **Notes** that Napier will not have a Māori ward in the 2028 and 2031 local elections.
- c. **Notes** that because the Māori ward must be removed from Napier's 2028 local election, the Council must undertake a Representation Review ahead of the 2028 election.
- d. **Note** multiple organisations and individuals using their existing connections and relationships to reach communities are pivotal to raise Māori participation in local elections, particularly in light of the removal of the Māori ward in Napier for the next two local election cycles.

ACTION: Officers to provide figures to Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee on the total eligible Māori voting population.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 [2025 NCC Post Election Voting Analysis_PRESENTATION \(Doc Id 1906203\)](#)
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2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR FOR NGĀ MĀNUKANUKA O TE IWI COMMITTEE

Type of Report: Procedural

Legal Reference: Local Government Act 2002

Document ID: 1903121

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Anna Eady, Governance Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to appoint a Deputy Chair for Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee in line with the existing Terms of Reference for the 2025-2028 triennium.

At the meeting

The Committee nominated Mayor Richard McGrath to the position of Deputy Chair of Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- That Mayor McGrath confirmed his acceptance for being nominated for the position of Deputy Chair.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Kirk Leonard / Darren Tareha

That Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a) **Receive** the report titled Appointment of Deputy Chair for Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee dated 01 April 2026.
- b) **Approve** Mayor Richard McGrath be appointed as Deputy Chair of Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee for the 2025-2028 triennium.

Carried

3. NOMINATION OF APPOINTED MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES AND A SPECIALIST COMMITTEE FOR THE 2025-2028 TRIENNIUM

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Procedural
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	N/A
<i>Document ID:</i>	1897358
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Sam Hema, Pou Whakarae, Director Māori Partnerships Xanthia Ashby, Te Waka Rangapū Kaiāwhina

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 This report seeks nominations for appointed members of the Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Committee to be appointed as voting members of the Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee, the Corporate and Performance Committee and the Risk and Assurance Committee.

At the meeting

The officer presented the report. Nominations were received and accepted.

There were no questions.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Jason Wawatai / Darren Tareha

That Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Receives** the report titled Nomination of Appointed Members to Standing Committees and a Specialist Committee for the 2025-2028 Triennium dated 01 April 2026.
- b. **Approves** Kirk Leonard and Evelyn Ratima to be appointed to the Delivery and Regulatory Performance Committee.
- c. **Approves** Shayla Kora and Jason Wawatai to be appointed to the Corporate and Performance Committee.
- d. **Approves** Shayla Kora to be appointed to the Risk and Assurance Committee.
- e. **Notes** that the appointments will apply from the meeting cycle commencing on the 9 April 2026.
- f. **Notes** that the appointees should attend the Council workshops relating to the Committee on which they have been appointed to have the opportunity to set early direction with elected members.

Carried

4. AGE-FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES RESEARCH

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1901053

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Rachael Kawana, Community Resilience Advisor
Margot Wilson, Community Resilience Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information on the planned research paper and community engagement involving focus groups with kaumātua and older adults in Napier.
- 1.2 This work follows Napier City Council's participation in the 2024 Age-Friendly Survey pilot undertaken in partnership with the Office for Seniors. While the survey provided useful insight into the experiences of older residents in Napier, further research is being undertaken to better understand the reasons behind the survey responses, particularly for residents who reported greater challenges and lower levels of engagement.
- 1.3 The findings from the research will help to inform the review of Council's Age Friendly Strategy and will provide valuable insights for our strategic partners.
- 1.4 The outcomes from the research and review will be reported back to the Nga Mānukanuka Committee

At the meeting

The officer presented the report noting the importance of future planning in understanding barriers. The importance of working with a representative section of the community during the research phase was affirmed.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- The Māori population encounters age related barriers at an earlier chronological age than non-Māori. There is therefore a need to engage with Māori from 50 years old.
- There are specific factors affecting the Māori population including raising mokopuna and differences in lifestyle. These should be factored into the research.
- Council welcomes increased representation on the research group.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Kirk Leonard / Jason Wawatai

That Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- Receives** the report titled Age-Friendly Cities and Communities Research dated 01 April 2026.
- Endorses** promoting research participation via existing community networks such as the Roopu a Iwi Trust and Kāhui kaumatāu o Ahuriri groups.
- Notes** the research approach, including the intention to work alongside community partners to support engagement with kaumātua and Māori communities.

Carried

5. WHIRIA AHURIRI - NAPIER'S MULTICULTURAL STRATEGY

Type of Report: Information

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1902308

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Rebecca Peterson, Senior Policy Analyst
Margot Wilson, Community Resilience Manager

1.0 Executive Summary - Te Kaupapa me te Whakarāpopototanga:

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present Whiria Ahuriri - Napier's Multicultural Strategy adopted by Council on 3 March 2026, and to acknowledge the contribution of Mana Whenua to its development.
- 1.2 During late 2023 meetings were held with Mana Ahuriri Trust and Te Taiwhenua o Te Whanganui ā Orotu to share our intention to develop a Multicultural Strategy for Ahuriri Napier, and to seek Mana Whenua representation as part of our advisory structure. With support from Te Waka Rangapū, NCC Māori Partnerships team, Council presented to Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi Komiti which led to representatives from Timikara Marae joining the Reference Group.
- 1.3 Further updates were provided during November 2024 and again in August 2025, where the Komiti were invited to share feedback before taking the Strategy out for targeted community engagement.

- 1.4 The Komiti's feedback and the contribution of Timikara Marae representatives through the Reference Group were integral to shaping the Strategy's foundations. Te Tiriti o Waitangi provides the framework within which the Strategy sits, ensuring Te Ao Māori values and aspirations of Mana Whenua are woven throughout.
- 1.5 The Advisory Groups participated in several workshops, contributing key insights and advice that was crucial to guiding the development of the Strategy, including setting the vision, values, principles, and focus areas. Wider stakeholder engagement and feedback is detailed in the Whiria Ahuriri Napier Multicultural Strategy Background Document (**Attachment 1**) including challenges faced by cultural communities and their thoughts and ideas for a more multicultural Napier.
- 1.6 In September 2025, Council approved the draft Strategy for community consultation. Community feedback on the Strategy was positive, with strong support for the Strategy's vision and five focus areas.
- 1.7 An Advisory Group (to be established) will guide implementation through a phased action plan over the next five years, ensuring the Strategy remains community-driven with Council as an enabling partner.

At the meeting

The officer presented the report with a PowerPoint presentation.

Questions were answered clarifying:

- This Community Strategy compliments Council's relationship with mana whenua. Identified actions in the Strategy will be prioritised in terms of delivery.
- The Citizenship Ceremony process is determined by the Department of Internal Affairs. The Electoral Commission is in attendance to encourage enrolment.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Kirk Leonard / Jason Wawatai

That Ngā Mānukanuka o te Iwi (Māori Committee):

- a. **Receives** the report titled Whiria Ahuriri - Napier's Multicultural Strategy dated 01 April 2026.
- b. **Notes** Whiria Ahuriri – Napier's Multicultural Strategy as adopted.
- c. **Notes** the opportunity to contribute to the establishment and Terms of Reference of the Advisory Group that will guide Strategy implementation.

ACTION: Officers to provide data from the Citizenship Ceremony.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 [2026-04-01 FINAL Multicultural Strategy Slides \(Doc Id 1906234\)](#)

Updates from Committee Representatives

Waiohiki Marae

The marae recently successfully hosted a national hui. Ngāti Pārau recently nominated a new chair and are moving forwards. The Ōtatara Pa concept plan is progressing.

Timikara Marae

Increasing youth involvement through encouraging participation is a key focus for the marae at this stage.

Pukemokimoki Marae

The marae is well utilised by community and school groups. A challenge has been regular maintenance of the grounds, which has been accepted by the Moko Boys who have worked to keep the grounds tidy. A key focus is engagement and working with other marae on succession planning.

Petane Marae

The marae is focussed on the flood protection project and the relocation rebuild, along with building the cultural capacity and capability of the hapu.

Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust

The trust is focussed on the new site with construction progressing well towards a completion date of March 2028. The increase in fuel prices has been a challenge though the trust is well positioned to successfully navigate the current climate.

Wharerangi Marae

The marae has enjoyed a recent influx of school groups and is also currently navigating a change in trustees.

Kaumatua Matiu Eru

Support was offered to help build the foundation for the teaching of kaikorero. This support would be provided through written records and teaching students to increase understanding.

Pou Whakarae update report

This report was not provided.

General business

Nil

The meeting closed with a karakia at 11.49am

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

Chairperson

Date of approval