



**WAIKATO RAUPATU RIVER TRUST AND WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL
CO-GOVERNANCE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Agenda for a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee to be held at the Waikato-Tainui offices, Hiinau Boardroom, 2 Bryce Street, Hamilton on **WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2022** commencing at **10.00am**.

MEMBERS

Waikato Raupatu River Trust

Trustee Hinerangi Raumati -Tu'ua (Co-Chair)
Trustee Huirama Matatahi
Trustee Rangitamoana Wilson
Trustee Donald Turner (alternate only)

Waikato District Council

Cr Aksel Bech (Co-chair)
Mayor Allan Sanson
Cr Janet Gibb
Cr Lisa Thomson
Cr Jacqui Church (alternate only)

STAFF

Waikato Raupatu River Trust

Marae Tukere (Acting Chief Executive)
Manaaki Nepia (Manager, Strategy)
Taroi Rawiri (Manager, Environment)

Waikato District Council

Gavin Ion (Chief Executive)
Vishal Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Sam Toka (Iwi & Community Partnership Manager)
Emma Edgar (Communications, Marketing & Engagement Manager)
Gaylene Kanawa (Democracy Manager)

AGENDA

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GJ Ion
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To	Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee
Report title	Confirmation of Minutes
Date:	10 August 2022
Report Author:	Gaylene Kanawa, Democracy Team Leader
Authorised by:	Gavin Ion, Chief Executive

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To confirm the minutes for a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022.

2. Staff recommendations

Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the minutes for the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

Attachment 1 – WRRT-WDC JMC Minutes – 13 April 2022

Minutes for a meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held via Audio Visual Conference on **WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2022** at **10.00am**.

Present:

Cr A Bech (Co-Chair)
Cr J Church (alternate)
Cr J Gibb
Cr L Thomson

Trustee Hinerangi Raumati–Tu’ua (Co-Chair)
Trustee Huirama Matatahi
Trustee Glenda Taituha
Trustee Donald Turner

Attending:

Mr Brendon Green (Maangai Maaori - WDC)
Mrs Maxine Moana-Tuwhangai (Maangai Maaori - WDC)

Waikato District Council

Mr GJ Ion (Chief Executive)
Mr TG Whittaker (Group Manager, Community Growth)
Mr S Toka (Iwi & Community Partnerships Manager)
Mr E Whangaparita (Procurement Manager)
Mr V Ramduny (Strategic Projects Manager)
Mr J Ebenhoh (Community Growth Manager)
Mrs GJ Kanawa (Democracy Team Leader)

Waikato Tainui

Ms M Tukere (Acting Chief Executive)
Ms M Nepia (Strategy Manager)
Mr B Croad (Planning Manager)
Mr D Turner
Mr M Toka
Ms R Wilson
Ms K Flavell (Taiao Intern Oranga)

Sam Toka opened the hui with a karakia.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Cr Gibb/Mr Matatahi)

THAT the:

- a) apology for non-attendance from Mayor, AM Sanson be accepted; and
- b) apology for lateness from Brendon Green (Maangai Maaori) and Gavin Ion (Chief Executive – WDC) be accepted.

CARRIED

JMA2204/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Cr Bech/Mrs Raumati-Tu'ua)

THAT the agenda for the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday, 13 April 2022 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED

JMA2204/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Mrs Raumati-Tu'ua /Cr Gibb)

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Waikato Raupatu River Trust and Waikato District Council Co-Governance Joint Committee held on Wednesday, 20 October 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record, with the following amendment:

“Agenda Item 6.1 (page 4 of minutes) – mentioned Donald Turner specifically and should be changed to the Waikato Tainui team”.

CARRIED

JMA2204/03

ACTIONS REGISTER/MATTERS ARISING

The report was received [JMA2204/02] and no further discussion was held.

Mr GJ Ion, Waikato District Council Chief Executive entered the meeting during discussion on the below item.

REPORTS

Waikato-Tainui and Waikato District Council Reports for Joint Committee Hui Agenda Item 6.1

The Waikato Tainui (WT) report was taken as read, and the following matters were discussed:

- More collaborative approach, not quite there but making progress.
- Mrs Raumati-Tu'ua (Co-Chair) and Ms M Nepia (Strategy Manager) spoke to the Waikato Tainui presentation and answered questions from those present.
- Worked with Taurikura to strengthen our voices in local elections and would continue to work with Councils to retain Maangai Maaori seats to work alongside Maaori ward Councillors.
- Overview provided of RMA, Three Waters, Local Government and Health Reforms along with the work being done by Waikato-Tainui in these areas.
- Mrs Raumati-Tu'ua (Co-Chair) covered off the values and aspirations of Tainui Group Holdings for the year ahead.
- Mr V Ramduny (Waikato District Council – Strategic Projects Manager) provided an overview of the Waikato District Council (WDC) updates that was written with collaborations across the organisation and with Waikato-Tainui.
- Council workshop held with DIA on Local Government Reform, noting a report will go to the Minister in September and a consultative process will follow.
- The Council's Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager provided an overview of the structure of the mana whenua forums, with a breakdown of how each forum would have clusters.
- The intent would be for Waikato District Council and Waikato-Tainui to work with hapū and iwi on issues impacting on their areas with a view to getting a mandate to progress projects in their area.
- Two issues raised by the WT Strategy Manager regarding the Terms of Reference:
 - Council did not refer to Maraes and it only mentioned Iwi and Hapū; and
 - Some of the language utilised was from another Iwi and we would work with Waikato-Tainui to ensure the terms of Reference (TOR) reflected WT better.

ACTION: The Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager to finalise the TOR by the end of June and forward to Co-Chairs for feedback prior to implementation.

- The Democracy Team Leader provided an overview of the Local Government Commission determination regarding the 2022 representation arrangements for Waikato District Council.
- There was a point made regarding the territory required to be covered by the two (2) Maaori ward councillor, but the LGC determined they could not just add another Maaori ward councillor without further consultation as it also affected the number of general ward councillors.
- Whilst a representation review could occur for the 2025 elections, it was recommended that the new Council wait to see how the new ward system was working and what became of the Local Government Reforms prior to another review.
- It was further noted that any future reviews would be more co-designed and collaborative in recognition of our JMA. However, there are parameters within the LEA and utilise meshblocks which does not necessarily fit with Iwi and Hapū boundaries.

ACTION: Add the review of how the Maaori seats are working early in 2023 to determine whether a review should occur prior to the 2025 elections.

ACTION: Support from JMA to continue with Maangai Maaori seats alongside of Maaori ward councillors, which needed to be reflected in the report to Council following the elections.

Brendon Green (Maangai Maaori) joined the meeting at this point.

- Overview provided of both regional and sub-regional projects, for which many WDC and WT both work collaboratively together on most of these, along with Kainga Ora and local Maaori.
- Feedback from the Committee was appreciative of the work and approach occurring in these areas.
- All Three Waters projects utilise Te Ture Whaimana as a guiding principle. Infrastructure will lead development of affordable housing.
- Oranga Whenua, Oranga Tangata – how do we come together to design and important to know what common principles we have identified and how we work strategically into the future.
- There are three wastewater upgrade areas that will proceed at pace as directed by Council – Raglan, Te Kauwhata and Huntly (Rahui Pookeka).
- Need to develop operative plan on all the initiatives that we are working on together to ensure we are working in sync with each other. A framework would give confidence to the JMA members that we are doing things within our agreed principles.

- In spirit of kotahitanga/manakitanga – WDC and WT will be here in the future, and we all come to these meetings with the commitment of honouring the Treaty and our relationship. Each year forward we need to ensure it gets better but the foundation work is not lost.
- Principles were like the awa and should endure, regardless of the change in membership of this committee.
- Acknowledgement was provided that positive progress had been made via this committee, particularly regarding the way in which the WDC and WT work together.

ACTION: Brendon Green to work with Vishal Ramduny and Manaaki Nepia on a framework, with guiding principles that factor into the strategic work programme.

- Need some tangible projects and evidence of completed programmes that we have worked on to demonstrate what the committee are achieving.
- Sign on the entrance to Taupiri should read Haere mai ki Taupiri not just Haere mai Taupiri. How do we connect and work together to inform others of the correct use of Te Reo moving forward?

ACTION: WDC to discuss the responsibility of our road signs with Service Delivery Team and Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

- Update provided on Te Huia services and work occurring in this area, noting that there was still a lot of work required around connecting with Mana Whenua.
- Noted that travel on buses and trains for kaumatua if they link their bee cards with gold cards they can travel for free, need to find a way of promoting this advice with our kaumatua.
- Regional Council were also subsidising door to door travel options for residents across the rohe. Refer to the Regional Council website – useful as could be used for anything from visiting whanau to going to the supermarket.
- Proposed District Plan was released in January, for which we received 67 appeals, noting that Waikato-Tainui have not made an appeal, but they are a party on some of the Section 274 appeals.
- Council staff will work with WT to align the District Plan priorities as they become operative with the WT strategic work plan.
- Future Proof partners have received legal advice confirming that Te Ture Whaimana should take precedence in planning and the way we work.

ACTION: Vishal to add standing item within report on progress and timelines for the wastewater upgrade projects.

- Acknowledge the mahi that has occurred since the last meeting, lot of reforms mean a lot of work and stretching of resources, which could mean the quality of our input was weakened if we do not continue to work collaboratively to get the best outcomes for our communities.

6.2 Social Procurement - Update from WDC Procurement Manager
 Agenda Item 6.2

The Procurement Manager provided a verbal report as follows:

- Social procurement is one of the reasons that the Procurement Manager came to WDC as it was an area he was passionate about.
- Have undertaken an agreement with Asplundh for the maintenance and arborist work within the district. A number of opportunities have arisen for Te Ru in regard to apprenticeships.
- Te Ru and Dempsey Wood also have developed a joint venture called Te Arapai that provides traffic management services to Asplundh. These two ventures have enacted social procurement opportunities and work opportunities for our local communities.
- WDC Plan was to introduce Te Arapai with the Waikato District Alliance to enable for growth opportunities for mana whenua.
- We will continue to focus on the four well beings, i.e. cultural, environmental, social and economic. This focus comes naturally to Maaori and our team will continue to work with the organisation to identify opportunities for social procurement for Maaori.
- WDC also engaged with Pou Ltd which was a hapū entity working with Genesis at the Huntly Power Station.
- Pleased to see progress being made by WDC regarding social procurement, WT shared their social procurement strategy and agreed to continue working with WDC to collaboratively progress this strategy.
- Reducing barriers and creating easier access to expenditure to make a difference to the wellbeing of Maaori is important. Success for Maaori could feature across a wide range of services as presented in the slide produced by Brendon Green.
- Waikato-Tainui were looking for Local Government to follow the Government pathway in this area.
- Tainui Group Holdings have already engaged Maaori contractors and sub-contractors, mainly in construction, for which they had successes and learnings.

Tabled Items:

6.2A - Waikato Tainui Social Procurement Strategy Presentation
 6.2 B – Infrastructure – Economic Enterprise

Resolved: (Mr Turner/Mr Matatahi)

THAT the verbal report from WDC and tabled presentations from Waikato-Tainui and Maangai Maaori representative Brendon Green, regarding social procurement be received.

CARRIED

JMA2204/04

Review of the WDC Te Reo Maori Policy

Agenda Item 6.3

The Communications, Marketing and Engagement Manager for WDC spoke to the report and the following matters were discussed:

- Staff had noticed an inconsistency with the policy utilisation, therefore keen for thoughts of input for a co-designed policy.
- We currently utilise macrons on social media as it is more inclusive. Seeking guidance from Waikato-Tainui to update the policy.
- There is an education opportunity regarding the double vowel usage as we often receive comments advising that WDC had made a spelling error.
- WDC had internal resources to assist with how to use the double vowels more appropriately.
- Ms Raumati-Tu'ua advised that Council needed to work with the Te Reo experts within the Tikanga Ora Reo Ora.
- Policy had gone to Tikanga Ora Reo Ora, and they recognise Council has a challenge in terms of ensuring that people understand the double vowels. They have done some research on the use of double vowels and macrons and will come back to Council with feedback.
- What extra training does Council provide in terms of pronunciation as it is difficult at times to understand some of the words being said at meetings? Council do have a Te Reo programme which was in the second cohort of participants and had also encouraged staff to enrol at Te Wananga o Aotearoa.
- Getting pronunciation right takes time and practice and will take a little understanding from all in these meetings or people will revert to English which was not the spirit of these meetings.
- Need to embrace the uniqueness of our takiwaa, one of which is the dialect utilising double vowels.

ACTION: Waikato-Tainui to provide feedback on the WDC Te Reo Policy proposed by Council.

Update from Maangai Maaori

Agenda Item 6.5

Mrs Tuwhangai-Moana discussed the following:

- Policy & Regulatory Committee meetings attended, which covered a wide range of matters, e.g. Dog Control, Gambling Venues, Easter Trading, Speed Limits, Earthquake Prone Buildings, Sensitive Expenditure Policy and District Licensing Committee arrangements.
- Strategy & Finance Committee – Recently discussed Council Controlled Organisations and their statements of intent for the following year – Local Government Funding Agency, Papahua Raglan Holiday Camp, Waikato Tourism and the annual plan. Other matters have included district revaluations and Raglan Food Waste Collection.
- Agendas available on the Council website and noted that Maangai Maaori were also invited to several workshops for bylaw and policy reviews.

Mr Green discussed the following:

- Social Procurement important to him.
- A lot going on with Three Waters Reform.
- Acknowledged work by Iwi and Cultural Liaison Manager around Mana Whenua Fora.
- Korero around work plan puts korowai around spirit of partnership.

Resolved: (Cr Thomson/Gibb)

THAT the verbal updates from the Maangai Maaori representatives be received.

CARRIED

JMA2205/05

CLOSING COMMENTS FROM CO-CHAIRS

Trustee Hinerangi Raumati–Tu’ua:

- Thanked the teams who were helping progress our work over the last six months as well as in the future. Appreciate the commitment shown to addressing our joint management agreement in a positive way.
- Positive move from today was seeing the alignment with Te Ture Whaimana.
- Encourage the use of Te Reo around normal use and everyday use and appreciate leadership from WDC to increase Te Reo use.
- As Waikato-Tainui, we have a tikanga around Te Reo and for us to approve something that was different to that or be part of that it was difficult, but we will participate and try and find a way through.
- Social Procurement – appreciate sharing by all parties as it is a serious part of our vision.

Cr Bech:

- Reminded of the whakatauki – *“Tēnā te ngaru whati, tēnā te ngaru puku: there is a wave that breaks, and there is a wave that swells.”*
- Let us try and get out of breakers and get on the wave that lifts us together, which is positive for the JMA.

Closing Karakia

The Iwi and Community Partnership Manager closed the meeting with a karakia.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1.05pm.

Minutes approved and confirmed this

day of

2022

AM Sanson
HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

Ms H Raumati-Tu’ua
CO-CHAIR AND TRUSTEE

Waikato District Council – Action Register (Open)

Date	Action	Team Responsible	Status
April 2022	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Democracy Team Leader to provide an update on the local body elections at the next hui. 	Democracy	The Democracy Team Leader will provide an update at the August 2022 hui.
April 2022	<p><u>Reports</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waikato Tainui to provide social procurement contact to Council ▪ The Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager to finalise the TOR by the end of June and forward to Co-Chairs for feedback prior to implementation 	<p>Waikato Tainui</p> <p>Sam Toka</p>	<p>This has been completed. Waikato Tainui to provide an update at the next meeting</p> <p>Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager (Sam Toka) to advise of progress at the meeting.</p>
April 2022	<p><u>Mana Whenua Forums</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council's Pouhono Iwi ki te Haapori Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager (Sam Toka) to report back on progress regarding the establishment of the Mana Whenua Forum. 	Sam Toka	Council's Pouhono Iwi ki te Haapori Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager (Sam Toka) to advise of progress at the meeting.
April 2022	<p><u>Waikato Tainui/Waikato District Council Strategic Work Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council's Strategic Projects Manager (Vishal Ramduny) and Waikato-Tainui's Strategy and Relationship Manager (Manaaki Nepia) to work on a Strategic Work Programme. ▪ 	<p>Vishal Ramduny</p> <p>Waikato-Tainui</p>	This work has been underway. Refer to reports in the agenda.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Brendon Green to work with Vishal Ramduny and Manaaki Nepia on a framework, with guiding principles that factor into the strategic work programme.	Bredon Green Vishal Ramduny	Brendon Green and Vishal Ramduny to provide an update at the next meeting.
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To	Waikato-Tainui Waikato District Council Joint Management Committee
Report title	Proposed Waikato-Tainui Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee Strategic Work Programme 2022-2023
Date:	10 August 2022
Report Authors:	Vishal Ramduny, Strategic Projects Manager, Waikato District Council Manaaki Nepia, Strategy and Relationship Manager, Waikato-Tainui
Authorised by:	Gavin Ion, Chief Executive

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

For the Joint Management Agreement Committee (JMAC) to consider, for its approval, the proposed Waikato-Tainui | Waikato District Council JMAC Strategic Work Programme for 2022-2023.

2. Report

Puurongo

At the JMAC meeting held on 13 April 2022 Waikato-Tainui's Strategy and Relationship Manager, Manaaki Nepia, and Council's Strategic Projects Manager, Vishal Ramduny, were tasked by the Committee to develop a strategic work programme for the new financial year.

In doing so it was recommended that consideration be given to some key principles against which projects/initiatives would be assessed. To aid with this, it was recommended that staff meet with Maangai Maaori for their input prior to it the proposed Strategic Work Programme being considered by the JMAC co-chairpersons.

The overarching framework for the proposed Strategic Work Programme is guided by the provisions of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 and the Joint Management Agreement (JMA).

The JMA affirms the commitment between Waikato-Tainui and Waikato District Council to:

- Enter a new era of co-management over the Waikato River
 - Achieve the overarching purpose of the settlement to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River for future generations; and
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- To provide an enhanced relationship between Waikato-Tainui and the Waikato District Council on areas of common interest

The principles by which the Strategic Work Programme will be guided include:

- Te Mana o te Awa/Wai
- Mana Whakahaere
- Health and wellbeing
- Co-Management

The following are the key strategic initiatives of the proposed work programme for 2022/2023:

- **Institutional matters:**
 - Local body elections 2022
 - Establishment of mana whenua forums
- **Government reforms:**
 - Local government reform
 - Resource Management Act reform
 - Three Waters Better Off Funding
- **Landuse planning:**
 - Taupiri | Hopuhopu | Ngaruawahia Structure Plan
 - Waikato District Plan (appeals resolution and the district plan forward work programme)
 - Growth and development opportunities (Ruakura Superhub and Meremere A industrial zone)
- **Strategic focus areas**
 - Social procurement and
 - Education and employment

Deliverables have been identified for each of the programmes/projects/initiatives. The proposed Strategic Work Programme is attached for JMAC's consideration.

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Joint Management Agreement Committee approves the Waikato-Tainui | Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee Strategic Work Programme for 2022-2023.

4. Attachments

Nga taapirihanga

Attachment 1 - Waikato-Tainui | Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee Strategic Work Programme 2022-2023.



Waikato-Tainui | Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee

Strategic Work Programme

July 2022 to June 2023

Version 10 – 29 July 2022

WDC Agreement:

Preamble:

The Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995 gave effect to certain provisions of the deed of settlement between Her Majesty the Queen in right New Zealand (The Crown) and Waikato dated 22 May 1995 and settled certain Raupatu claims made to the Waitangi Tribunal by Robert Te Kotahi Mahuta, the Tainui Maaori Trust Board and Ngaa Marae Toopu on behalf of Waikato-Tainui (wai 30). The 1995 Act expressly excluded certain historical claims, including the claim to the Waikato River.

The Provisions of the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 (The Settlement) applies to this agreement.

This agreement affirms the commitment between Waikato-Tainui and Waikato District Council to:

- Enter into a new era of co-management over the Waikato River
- Achieve the overarching purpose of the settlement to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River for future generations;
and
- To provide an enhanced relationship between Waikato-Tainui and the Waikato District Council on areas of common interest

The Principles: Principles by which our strategy will be guided include;

- Te Mana o te Awa/Wai
- Mana Whakahaere
- Health and wellbeing
- Co-Management

Joint Management Agreement:

Background:

On 14 January 2011, the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 (Waikato River Settlement Act) came into effect. The spirit, intent and relevant provisions of the settlement apply to this Joint Management Agreement (Agreement).

This Agreement affirms the commitment between Waikato-Tainui and the Council to:

- (a) enter into a new era of co-management over the Waikato River.
- (b) achieve the overarching purpose of the Waikato River Settlement Act to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River for future generations.
- (c) provide an enhanced relationship between Waikato-Tainui and the Council on areas of common interest; and
- (d) recognise the relationship underpinning this Agreement is an evolving one whereby Waikato Tainui and the Council will continue to explore the potential for transfers, delegations and sharing of relevant powers and functions under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002).

As stated above, the following Principles will guide this strategy and will require that our Waikato Tainui and Waikato District Joint Management Agreement Committee to; work together under this agreement, the Parties must act in a manner that is consistent with the following:

- (a) promote the overarching purpose of the settlement being to restore and protect the health and wellbeing of the Waikato River for future generations.
- (b) recognise and give effect to Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa o Waikato (the Vision and Strategy) as the primary policy setting direction document for the Waikato River.
- (c) recognise the statutory functions, powers and duties of the Council, including legislation such as the LGA 2002 and the RMA.
- (d) respect the mana whakahaere rights and responsibilities of Waikato-Tainui in accordance with tikanga to ensure the balance and mauri of the Waikato River is maintained.
- (e) act in a manner consistent with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/Treaty of Waitangi.
- (f) take into account the relevant components of the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan and the Integrated Management Plan as they relate to the Waikato River within the geographic jurisdiction of the Council.
- (g) commit to working together in good faith and with a spirit of co-operation.
- (h) commit to open, honest, and transparent communication.
- (i) promote the principle of co-management and commit to participate effectively in co-management.
- (j) recognise and acknowledge that the Parties will benefit from working together by sharing their respective vision, knowledge and expertise;
- (k) ensure early engagement and a 'no surprises' approach.
- (l) recognise that the relationship between the Parties will evolve.
- (m) respect the independence of the Parties and their individual mandates, roles and responsibilities in relation to the Waikato River;
- (n) recognise that co-management sometimes operates within statutory frameworks that must be complied with; and
- (o) commit to meeting statutory timeframes, and minimising delays and costs associated within those statutory frameworks.

PROGRAMME/PROJECT/INITIATIVE	RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE ENTITY	DELIVERABLES	PROGRESS UPDATE
INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS			
Local Body Elections 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maangai Taunaki (Waikato-Tainui) - Preparations as per Electoral Act (Waikato District Council) 	WT/WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Candidate information booklet available by June 2022 ▪ Candidate information briefings (one at Hopuhopu) – 17-30 June 2022. ▪ Nominations open on Friday 15 July 2022 and close at 12 noon Friday 12 August 2022. ▪ Provisional results announced on 9 October 2022 and results announced on 13 October 2022. 	Note from WDC: The progress comments are really a statement of what we are going to do not a goal around raising the response rate or demonstrate how we are facilitating better engagement and participation.
Establishment of mana whenua forums In 2021 Council approved the establishment of mana whenua forums and has since been working with Waikato-Tainui and other iwi groups on its establishment, including a term of reference. The forums will help Council lift its level of engagement with mana whenua, provide a solid foundation for an ongoing relationship, and to help Council connect with an important part of our community.	WT WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terms of Reference (with mana whenua entities identified and representation confirmed) finalised by August 2022. ▪ Formal establishment of Mana Whenua Forums – August 2022 (TBC). 	
REFORMS			
Local Government Reform A government-initiated process tasked to an independent review panel (Future for Local	WT WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Individual entity submissions by 30 June 2022 to inform the Panel’s draft report and recommendations to the Minister 	

PROGRAMME/PROJECT/INITIATIVE	RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE ENTITY	DELIVERABLES	PROGRESS UPDATE
Government Panel) to make recommendations to reform the local governance system.		<p>of Local Government (informal engagement).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal consultation on the draft report (late 2022 or first quarter of 2023) with sharing of submissions between Council and Waikato-Tainui to help inform each other's submission. 	
<p>Resource Management Reform Reform of the Resource Management Act which will create three separate pieces of legislation: the Natural and Built Environments Act, the Strategic Planning Act and the Climate Adaptation Act.</p>	WT WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inform the development of the Natural and Built Environments Act (NBEA), the Strategic Planning Act (SPA) and the Climate Change Adaptation Act (CAA) through submissions and/or Select Committee hearings as appropriate. Note: NBEA and SPA drafts out later 2022, CAA draft out early 2023. 	
THREE WATERS			
All New Zealanders deserve safe, reliable, and affordable water services that support good health and sustainable environmental outcomes. But our three waters — our drinking water, wastewater and stormwater networks — are facing a crisis	WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engagement between Waikato District Council and iwi – June/July/August 2022. ▪ Better Off Funding application finalised for lodgement by end September 2022. ▪ Detailed Business Cases for successful projects developed (2022/2023) 	
LANDUSE PLANNING			
<p>Taupiri Hopuhopu Ngaaruawaahia Structure Plan A review of the existing structure plan to incorporate Waikato-Tainui's redevelopment of Hopuhopu, the rejuvenation of the Taupiri commercial area (Te Putu Street); the rejuvenation of the Ngaaruawaahia central</p>	WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Structure Plan reviewed by June 2023. 	

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business district and improved connections between all these settlements.			
<p>Waikato District Plan (Appeals and future work programme) Resolving the sixty-seven appeals to the Proposed Waikato District Plan (PDP) whilst simultaneously undertaking any necessary variations/plan changes to address other issues not dealt with in the PDP. Council staff will work with Waikato-Tainui staff to align the future District Plan work programme with iwi priorities.</p>	WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress the resolution of the PDP appeals noting that there may be appeals that would need to be resolved through the Environment Court. 	
<p>Growth & Development Opportunities Continue to engage with Tainui Group Holdings to identify growth and development opportunities within the WDC area i.e. Ruakura Super hub Development, Meremere A Industrial Zoning</p>	WT/TGH/WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update JMAs on progress on growth opportunities 	
STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS			
<p>Social Procurement Using procurement as a tool for achieving social objectives. It is a process which links the social, environmental, and economic aspects of supply and demand, which can be a powerful tool for social inclusion, environmental sustainability, and economic development.</p>	WT WDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WDC Social Procurement Strategy approved by Council by September 2022. ▪ WDC/Waikato-Tainui to engage on alignment of Social Procurement Strategies across both entities. ▪ Implement the Sustainable Procurement Framework by 31 December 2022. ▪ Small, Medium Enterprise (SME) Business Panel established to include iwi, mana whenua and Pacifica representatives by 31 March 2023. ▪ Build the capacity of our communities and talk to key contractors. 	

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<p>Education & Employment Supporting Waikato Tainui Marae/Hapu/Iwi and the wider community of Waikato District Council to engage in meaningful and sustainable career and education pathways</p>	<p>WT WDC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Waikato-Tainui Tribal Members/Marae and the wider WDC community access to opportunities initiatives, employment, and skills development pathways. ▪ Support summer internship programmes across both the WDC Council and Waikato-Tainui for Tribal Members/Marae and the wider WDC community. ▪ Alignment of this programme of work with the Social Procurement strategies across both organisations. 	

To	Waikato-Tainui Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee
Report title	Update on Strategic Initiatives and Projects of Relevance to the JMA Partnership
Date:	10 August 2022
Report Author:	Vishal Ramduny, Strategic Projects Manager
Authorised by:	Gavin Ion, Chief Executive

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide an update on projects and/or initiatives in which both Waikato District Council and Waikato-Tainui staff are involved in, and which have implications at a community, district, sub-regional and regional level. These include:

- Local Body Elections
- Local Government Reform
- Future Proof Growth and Development Strategy
- Hamilton Waikato Metropolitan Transport Programme Business Case
- Hamilton Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detail Business Cases
- Te Huia passenger rail service
- Bus service improvements
- Waikato District Plan (PDP Appeals and future work programme)
- Resource Management Reform
- Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021
- Review of the Ngaaruawaahia, Hopuhopu, Taupiri structure plan
- Review of the Waikato District Conservation Strategy.
- Social Procurement

The Committee would be aware that many of the regional and sub-regional initiatives have their own governance structures in which both Council and Waikato-Tainui are represented, with other partners. The purpose of this update is to provide a consolidated overview of the status of several initiatives for the oversight of the Joint Management Agreement partnership.

2. Report Puurongo

2.1. Local Body Elections 2022

Nominations opened on Friday 15 July and have now been open for nearly three weeks. We are concerned that people are leaving nominations to the last minute and have already encountered issues with nominators or missing information required for the forms.

There has also only been one nomination so far for the Maaori seats, being for the Tai Runga Takiwaa Ward. We currently have half the required nominations for General Ward seats and even less for the 32 community board vacancies. The communications team have been posting frequently on social media reminding people not to leave it to the last minute and to engage with people to stand and we will be running an advertising campaign through NZME herald app next week.

A further update of numbers will be provided at the meeting.

2.2. Local Government Reform

Waikato District Council has provided feedback to the Future for Local Government Review Panel on the Interim Report on the Future of Local Government Review (Ārewa ake te Kaupapa - Raising the Platform) by the deadline of 30 June 2022. The feedback has been shared with Manaaki Nepia.

The JMAC will be aware that the Panel has also undertaken iwi koorero engagement and have been engaging with iwi across the motu. These engagements are aimed at better reflecting an authentic relationship with hapuu, iwi and Maaori that embodies Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The Minister of Local Government recently confirmed a revised due date for the Panel's final report which is now due on 19 June 2023. This is an extension from the previous date (30 April 2023). The Minister agreed to the extension in response to a request from Local Government New Zealand who raised concerns about the sector's ability to engage with the draft report during post-election and induction periods for councils.

To increase the time available to the local government sector to meaningfully engage with the draft report, the updated consultation period will run from mid-October 2022 until 28 February 2023.

2.3. Future Proof Strategy

The Strategy is a 30-year growth management and implementation plan for the Hamilton, Waipā and Waikato sub-region.

The updated strategy was adopted by the Future Proof Implementation Committee (FPIC) on 16 June 2022. This follows a two-year review process undertaken by the partnership which included hearings (held on the 7th, 8th, and 10th of December 2021) and hearing workshops (held in March, April, and May 2022) followed by deliberations and decisions (2 June 2022).

The updated Strategy has retained the core elements of the 2009 and 2017 Strategy but also incorporates the Hamilton to Auckland (H2A) Corridor Plan and the Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Spatial Plan. This reflects the importance of the H2A corridor stretching through the north-Waikato and into Auckland, and the connections east towards Morrinsville and the Bay of Plenty.

The updated strategy also factors in key national documents and initiatives such as the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) and the Government's Urban Growth Agenda.

The settlement pattern has been updated to reflect the latest development demand and supply information (from the Housing and Business Assessment reports) to ensure there is sufficient urban land to meet demand, plus a margin above demand to ensure there are competitive land markets.

The updated strategy continues to support a compact urban form and includes provisions to meet the NPS-UD requirement to be responsive to out-of-sequence or unanticipated development.

With the FPIC having endorsed the Strategy each of the Future Proof partner councils are now required to adopt it.

2.4. Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detailed Business Cases

2.4.1. Southern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detailed Business Case

The Southern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detailed Business Case (DBC) has been completed together with a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU will help secure commitments to implement the preferred option. The preferred option involves a standalone Cambridge Wastewater Treatment Plant and a new wastewater treatment plant south of Hamilton (in the Hamilton Airport area).

The multi-party Project Governance Group endorsed the DBC and the associated MoU on 29th April 2022. These were then subsequently endorsed by the Waters Governance Board's (WGB) on 7 June 2022 for Waikato District Council approval. Council then subsequently approved the DBC on 4 July 2022 on the understanding that funding considerations will be discussed through the multi-party funding agreement in accordance with the MoU.

2.4.2. Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detailed Business Case

A separate report on the Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater DBC is included in this agenda.

2.5. Transport

2.5.1. Te Huia Passenger Rail

- The relocation of the historic Huntly railway station building (currently kept at the Lake Puketerini reserve) to the Raahui Pookeka | Huntly Railway Station is earmarked for September 2022.
- A blessing for a station building and the unveiling of carvings and paintings done by local mana whenua and schools will be done when the building has been upgraded.
- The building will be used as a shelter for passengers waiting for the train, house a display museum and contain a public toilet facility for train passengers.
- The Rail Governance Group is currently investigating further services for Te Huia for possible launch in the second half of the year/early 2023. This investigation includes the following options: an additional return service between Hamilton and Auckland on Fridays, an additional return on Thursdays and Fridays, an additional return on Saturdays and commencement of a Sunday service.
- The Te Huia Sub-Committee has also supported the initiation of a business case for a railway station at Pookeno. This is subject to Waikato Regional Council being able to provide cost-share funding for this work.

2.5.2. Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Spatial Plan Transport Programme Business Case

On 16 June 2022 FPIC endorsed the preferred option in the Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Spatial Plan Transport Programme Business Case subject to the financial, management and commercial cases being finalised. The business case recommends a preferred programme and a preferred approach for the further development of the investment proposal. This is based on the best transit options that would promote the urban form set in the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan, achieve equitable access, help reduce emissions and embrace kaitiakitanga across the sub-region.

The FPIC members spoke extremely positively about this mahi from the partners. This is the first time since the Waikato Expressway Network Plan was approved by FPIC and the NZTA Board (in 2008) that the metro spatial plan area has had a shared vision of our future transport network and a detailed road map for how to get there.

It is acknowledged that implementation is going to require change to how we work as a region. The management case is exploring a new joined up management model for transport delivery in the Metropolitan Spatial Plan area which is positive for the next phase of our work.

There is still a significant amount of work to be done on funding and finance options as this is not just a Hamilton-based solution but one that serves the whole sub-region.

The management, financial and commercial cases will be received by FPIC in September 2022.

2.5.3. Improved bus services within the district

Council has agreed to initiate six trial bus services (based on local share funding in the Long Term Plan) as follows:

- i. Tamahere to Hamilton – Extension to existing Hamilton Bus service
- ii. North Waikato Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service
- iii. Raglan local Service – Local bus service and transformation of existing Raglan to Hamilton to an express service
- iv. Te Kowhai to Hamilton
- v. Matangi to Hamilton Demand Response Service (DRT)
- vi. Pokeno to Papakura Rail Station – Park and ride

These will be run as trial services because Waka Kotahi could not provide financial assistance rate subsidy for these services. Planning for these services is underway together with the Waikato Regional Council.

2.6. Resource Management / Land Use Planning

2.6.1 Proposed District Plan

Decisions on the Proposed District Plan (PDP) were released on 17 January 2022. A total of 66 appeals have been received.

RMA Policy Planning staff are working on identified topic areas, and will meet with the appellants, and 274 parties, to resolve matters, and amend the PDP as appropriate.

Waikato-Tainui submitted and have appealed on the Hopuhopu Special Zone and earthworks rule. Waikato-Tainui is a s274 party, in opposition, to eight appeals (see attachment).

2.6.2 Future District Plan Work Programme

While PDP appeals are worked through, Council will also undertake any necessary variations (or plan changes once PDP is made operative) to address other issues not dealt with by the PDP.

In addition, Council will be delivering Variation 3 to the PDP, (Enabling Housing Supply Act detail in 2.5.4 of this report) Enabling Housing. This Variation is required by government to be notified by 20 August 2022. The Resource Management Policy team commenced engagement with iwi in June by sending out letters seeking engagement.

As a priority, the team will provide information and meet with the iwi partners who wish to engage prior to notification. The submission period has been extended to 30 days. The team will be working to resolve submission points prior to a joint hearing (with Waipa District Council and Hamilton City Council) to be held early next year.

2.6.3. Resource Management Reform

The Government is due to release the Natural and Built Environments Act and the Strategic Planning Act later this year, which will replace the current Resource Management Act. A Climate Adaptation Act is due to follow in 2023. Council has made submissions on the various stages of Resource Management Reform to date. There will need to be a discussion on how Council and Waikato-Tainui can continue to collaborate on land use planning activities under the new system once it is in place.

2.6.4. Enabling Housing Supply Act

The Enabling Housing Supply Act is being given effect to in the Waikato District Plan through a variation called 'Enabling Housing Supply Variation 3'. The aim of this Variation is to change the district plan to allow intensive housing in the main towns of our district. The proposal is that these changes only apply to residential zones in Huntly, Ngaaruawaahia, Pookeno and Tuakau.

Variation 3 will be notified to the public by 20 August 2022. There will be a 30-day submission period and residents are encouraged to have their say.

Council's Resource Management Policy Planning team have commenced communication with iwi by seeking feedback from relevant mana whenua groups and marae within the district. Engagement with community boards and community committees has also commenced.

2.6.5. Ngaaruawaahia, Hopuhopu and Taupiri Structure Plan and the Ngaaruawaahia Town Centre Plan

Council is currently reviewing and updating the structure plan for the Ngaaruawaahia, Taupiri & Hopuhopu corridor. In parallel, the team is developing the Ngaaruawaahia Town Centre Plan focusing on a collaborative and integrated approach to achieve the optimal outcome for the community. Both these planning processes will help inform future District Plan changes and investment in infrastructure through the next Long-Term Plan.

Council's Strategic Planning team has completed a gap analysis informed by a review of the 2017 Ngaaruawaahia Structure Plan. The team has since commenced a consultation process to address some of the identified gaps. Iwi partners were approached to collaborate and partner with the team as part of early engagement. This will continue throughout the project. Community boards and the wider public will also be consulted.

2.6.6. Conservation Strategy Review – Draft Taiao in the Waikato

Council is releasing the Draft Taiao in the Waikato Strategy for public consultation. The Draft Taiao in the Waikato updates the current Conservation Strategy 2004 developed in early 2000. The reviewed strategy will include more actions that will support conservation for iwi, hapuu and communities.

Council is keen to collaborate with Waikato-Tainui for any opportunities where we can promote and enhance Taiao and educate our tamariki, showing best practices on parks, reserves, and sites adjacent to the awa. The next step is to receive further input from Waikato-Tainui on the draft Taiao in the Waikato and discuss the introductory elements. Feedback on the Draft Strategy closes on 25 August 2022.

2.7. Social Procurement

Staff have held a workshop investigating the issues, opportunities, and challenges that iwi, hapuu and business have within our district.

Council's Social Procurement Manager is currently working with the Waikato-Tainui lead and thus developing an understanding to enhance Council's plans.

3. Staff recommendations **Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi**

THAT the Update on Strategic Initiatives and Projects of Relevance to the JMA Partnership report be received.

4. Attachments **Ngaa taapirihanga**

Attachment 1 - List of appeals on the Proposed Waikato District Plan which Waikato-Tainui has joined as a s274 party

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List of appeals on the Proposed Waikato District Plan which Waikato-Tainui has joined as a s274 party

Te Whakakitenga is a 274 Party to Bathurst

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato is interested in **all the proceedings** in relation to the stated appeal, and in particular the matters relating to Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, and Outstanding Natural Character Areas.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato highlight the appellants has referred to Proposed District Plan notified provisions throughout their appeal. Of note Paragraph 41 and 43 of the appeal refer to 3.3.3 and 22.1.5 of the notified plan version rather than the relevant decision version provisions. Notwithstanding, extractive industry remains a non-complying activity in Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, and Outstanding Natural Character Areas. Furthermore, the direction for avoiding adverse effects in these areas remains.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato **oppose** the relief sought in paragraph 41 and 43 of the appeal. Waikato-Tainui provided extensive evidence at during hearing proceedings to ensure the Waikato-River, our awa tupuna, received the necessary recognition to give effect to Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato. This in part is realised by the recognition of Waikato River as an Outstanding Natural Feature in the district plan and the accompanying provisions including those relating to extractive industries.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato consider the non-complying activity status and policy direction relating to avoidance of adverse effects in Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, and Outstanding Natural Character Areas is appropriate and necessary to provide for recognition of the values and attributes including Waikato-Tainui values and associations with these areas which notably comprise our awa tupuna, maunga, landforms and landscapes.

Te Whakakitenga is a 274 party to Bathurst Resources and BT Mining Ltd

Same as above

Te Whakakitenga is a 274 party to Federated Farmers

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato is interested in **part of the proceedings** in relation to the stated appeal these being the:

- a) relief sought to Strategic Direction SD-02 (page 7 of the appeal).
 - b) relief sought to Part two - Historical and Cultural Values as regards deletion of MV-R1 (Maaori Values) (page 12 of the appeal).
 - c) relief sought to Part two - Historical and Cultural Values regarding Sites of Significance to Maaori Rules (SASM – R1 (1), SASM-R3(1) and SASM-R4).
 - d) relief sought to ECO-R112(d) (page 26 of the appeal).
 - e) relief sought to ECO-R16 (1)(d) (page 29 of the appeal); and,
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f) relief sought to General Rural Zone Rule GRUZ-S2 and the additional permitted rule GRUZR_x as regards Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, and Outstanding Natural Character Areas (page 49 – 50 of the appeal)

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato **oppose** the relief sought in the parts of the appeal noted paragraph 6 above as the amendments do not provide appropriate recognition and protection of tangata whenua and mana whenua values, resources, and our sites of significance, taonga and landforms and landscapes.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato **oppose** the relief sought in the parts of the appeal noted paragraph 6 above as the relief sought does not give effect to section 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato **oppose** the relief sought regarding SD-02 as the Proposed District Plan - Decision Version better integrates with and reflects the objectives, policies, and rules of the Maaori Land chapter.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the relief sought regarding deleting MV-R1 (Maaori Values) (page 12 of the appeal). Te Whakakitenga o Waikato consider that MV-R1 (Maaori Values) is an entirely necessary and appropriate rule and necessary to address section 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA. MV-R1 is further a key component of the Proposed District Plan Decisions Version to assist with implementing the objectives and policies contained within the MVMaaori values and Maatauranga Maaori section of the plan and will further assist in the implementation and administration of the district plan. Te Whakakitenga o Waikato consider the notified rule MV-R1 better achieves the purpose of the RMA (s5) and sections 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the relief sought noted in Paragraph 6(f) above, as Waikato-Tainui provided extensive evidence during hearing proceedings to ensure the Waikato-River, our awa tupuna, received the necessary recognition and that Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato was given effect to or implemented. This in part is realised by the recognition and identification of Waikato River as an Outstanding Natural Feature in the Proposed District Plan Decisions Version and further by the accompanying objectives, policies, and rules.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato also **oppose** the relief sought by the applicant in regards to new structures and minor dwellings within Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas and Outstanding Natural Character Areas (relief sought noted in paragraph 6(f) above) as this is inappropriate, inconsistent with the relevant objectives and policies of the Proposed District Plan Decisions version and fails to adequately recognise and address the values and attributes of these areas including Maaori values.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato consider the Proposed District Plan - Decisions Version rules managing subdivision, landuse and development within Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas and Outstanding Natural Character Areas are necessary to provide for recognition of the values and attributes including Waikato-Tainui values and associations with these areas which notably include our awa tupuna along with many maunga, landforms, landscapes and taonga.

Te Whakakitenga is a 274 party to Perjuli

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato is interested in **all the proceedings** in relation to the stated appeal, and in particular the matters associated with Sites of Significance to Maaori.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato **oppose** all the relief sought in paragraph 8 of the appeal. In particular, the removal of Sites of Significance from the district plan, inclusive of the Pukeiaahua burrow pits (ID 294), from the District Plan as this would fail to recognise the significance of the listed sites and would not afford them adequate protection necessary under section 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the deletion of the Pukeiaahua burrow pits (ID294) from the District Plan given the utmost significance of the site to iwi Maaori both in a local context to mana whenua and in a regional content regarding it comprising part of a broader network of sites. Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further highlight that the significance of the site and its recognition and protection in the district plan is not a matter contested by mana whenua.

The amendments sought to the objectives, policies and rules of the District Plan as regards Sites of Significance to Maaori set out in paragraph 8 of the appeal would not provide adequate recognition and protection of identified Sites of Significance to Maaori necessary under section 6, 7, and 8 of the RMA.

Te Whakakitenga is a 274 Party to Meridian Energy

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato is interested in **part of the proceedings** in relation to the stated appeal these being the:

- a) Relief sought at paragraph 16 of the appeal being amendments to Rule EGEN-R6 (1) of the Proposed Waikato District Plan – Decisions version; and,
- b) Relief sought at paragraph 17 of the appeal being the deletion of Rule EGEN-R8 (1) of the Proposed Waikato District Plan – Decisions version.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato **oppose** the relief sought in the appeal noted in 6 a and b above as it does not give effect to section 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the above amendments sought by the appellant, as a discretionary activity status is inconsistent with the overall policy direction of the Proposed District Plan Decisions Version regarding identified areas, inclusive of Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, Outstanding Natural Character Areas, and Sites of Significance to Maaori. The relief sought by the appellant fails to 3 recognise and protect the values and attributes of these areas including Maaori values. A non-complying activity status is entirely appropriate and necessary in this regard.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the amendments sought by the appellant to Rule EGEN-R6(1) and Rule EGEN-R8 (1) as these disregards the extensive evidence including as provided by Waikato-Tainui during hearing proceeding to ensure the Waikato-River, our awa tupuna, received the necessary recognition and that Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato was implemented through the District Plan. This in part is realised by the recognition and identification of Waikato River as an Outstanding Natural Feature in the Proposed District Plan Decisions Version and further by the accompanying objectives, policies, and rules. Large-scale windfarms proximate to the river could pose significant adverse effects as regards to cultural values.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato also **oppose** the relief sought by the applicant in regards to Rule EGEN-R6(1) and Rule EGEN-R8 (1) as regards to the potential effects on Maaori Sites of Significance, Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas and Outstanding Natural Character Areas (relief sought noted in paragraph 6(f) above) as this is inappropriate, inconsistent with the relevant objectives and policies of the Proposed District Plan Decisions version and fails to adequately recognise and address the values and attributes of these areas including Maaori values.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato consider the Proposed District Plan - Decisions Version rules managing largescale wind farms within Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, and Outstanding Natural Character Areas are necessary to provide for recognition of the values and attributes including Waikato-Tainui values and associations with these areas which notably include our awa tupuna along with many maunga, landforms, landscapes and taonga.

Te Whakakitenga is a 274 party to Transpower NZ Limited

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato is interested in **part of the proceedings** in relation to the stated appeal these being the:

- a) Relief sought at pages 10 and 11 of the appeal as regards amendments sought to Rule AINFR19; and,
- b) Relief sought at pages 10 of 11 as regards amendments sought to Rule GRID-R8.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato oppose the relief sought in the appeal noted in 6 a and b above as it does not give effect to section 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the above amendments sought by the appellant, as a discretionary activity status is inconsistent with the overall policy direction of the Proposed District Plan Decisions Version regarding identified areas, inclusive of Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, Outstanding Natural Character Areas, and Sites of Significance to Maaori. The relief sought by the appellant fails to recognise and protect the values and attributes of these areas including Maaori values. A non-complying activity status is entirely appropriate and necessary in this regard.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the amendments sought by the appellant to Rule AINF-R19 and Rule GRID-R8 as these disregards the extensive evidence including as provided by Waikato-Tainui during hearing proceeding to ensure the Waikato-River, our awa tupuna, received the necessary recognition and that Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato was implemented through the District Plan. This in part is realised by the recognition and identification of Waikato River as an Outstanding Natural Feature in the Proposed District Plan Decisions Version and further by the accompanying objectives, policies, and rules. New or additional national grid infrastructure proximate to the river could pose significant adverse effects as regards to cultural values.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato also **oppose** the relief sought by the applicant regarding Rule AINF-R19 and Rule GRID-R8 as regards to the potential effects on Maaori Sites of Significance, Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, and Outstanding Natural Character Areas.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato also **oppose** the relief sought by the applicant regarding Rule AINF-R19 and Rule GRID-R8 as this is inappropriate, inconsistent with the relevant objectives and policies of the Proposed District Plan Decisions version and fails to adequately recognise and address the values and attributes of these areas including Maaori values.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato consider the Proposed District Plan - Decisions Version rules managing National Grid infrastructure in relation to Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas and Outstanding Natural Character Areas are necessary to provide for recognition of the values and attributes including Waikato-Tainui values and associations with these areas which notably include our awa tupuna along with many maunga, landforms, landscapes and taonga.

Te Whakakitenga is a 274 party to Wel Networks Ltd

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato is interested in **part of the proceedings** in relation to the stated appeal these being the:

- a) Relief sought at paragraph 4.40(a) of page 11 of the appeal being the addition of a large-scale solar wind farms as a restricted discretionary activity in the General Rural Zone; and
 - b) Further/consequential/other relief or amendments to provisions generally sought in paragraph 4.40(b)
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Te Whakakitenga o Waikato **oppose** the relief sought in the appeal noted in 6 a and b above as it does not give effect to section 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the above amendments sought by the appellant, as a blanket discretionary activity status is inconsistent with the overall policy direction of the Proposed District Plan Decisions Version regarding identified areas, inclusive of Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes, High Natural Character Areas, Outstanding Natural Character Areas, and Sites of Significance to Maaori. The relief sought by the appellant fails to recognise and protect the values and attributes of these areas including Maaori values. A non-complying activity status is entirely appropriate and necessary for identified areas.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the amendments sought by the appellant to Rule EGEN-R6(1) and Rule EGEN-R8 (1) as these disregards the extensive evidence including as provided by Waikato-Tainui during hearing proceeding to ensure the Waikato-River, our awa tupuna, received the necessary recognition and that Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato was implemented through the District Plan. This in part is realised by the recognition and identification of Waikato River as an Outstanding Natural Feature in the Proposed District Plan Decisions Version and further by the accompanying objectives, policies, and rules. Large-scale solar farms proximate to the river could pose significant adverse effects as regards to cultural values.

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Te Whakakitenga is a k274 party to Blue Wallace Surveyors

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato is interested in **all the proceedings** in relation to the stated appeal, and in particular the matters associated with Sites of Significance to Maaori.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato **oppose** all the relief sought in paragraph 12 of the appeal. In particular the removal of Sites of Significance from the district plan, inclusive of the Pukeiaahua burrow pits (ID 294) as this would fail to recognise the significance of the listed sites and would not afford them adequate protection necessary under section 6, 7 and 8 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato further **oppose** the amendments sought to the objectives, policies and rules of the District Plan as regards Sites of Significance to Maaori set out in paragraph 12 of the appeal as they would not provide adequate recognition and protection of identified Sites of Significance to Maaori necessary under section 6, 7 and 8 of the Resource Management Act 1991



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To	Waikato-Tainui Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee
Report title	Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detailed Business Case
Date:	10 August 2022
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Authorised by:	Gavin Ion, Chief Executive

1. Purpose of the report Te Take moo te puurongo

To provide the Joint Management Agreement Committee (JMAC) with an update on the Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Detailed Business Case (DBC).

2. Executive summary Whakaraapopotanga matua

The Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater DBC continues to progress, with the short-list options assessment completed. The DBC is scheduled to be completed in full by the end of August 2022.

Option A, which would service Taupiri, Hopuhopu, Ngaaruawaahia, Te Kowhai, Horotiu and the northern areas of Hamilton city from an upgraded Pukete Wastewater Treatment Plant, has been endorsed as the preferred option for further investigation by the project partners.

Should Option A be confirmed as the preferred option through the current investigations being undertaken as part of the finalisation of the DBC, a staged transition will be required to provide time to upgrade the Pukete WWTP to meet the higher treatment standards, and to cater for growth (including flows from Waikato district's communities).

The multi criteria analysis (MCA) scored Option A higher based on the following factors:

- Lower WWTP operational requirements.
- Greater flexibility in day-to-day wastewater treatment standards through a centralised plant at Pukete.
- More capacity to absorb growth without a need for short-term treatment plant upgrades.
- More opportunity for energy recovery, and resource recovery from a centralised Pukete WWTP.
- Opportunity for development and/or restoration at Ngaaruawaahia WWTP site (removal of WWTP, pond, and associated buffer).
- Opportunity for development of Waikato-Tainui land at Hopuhopu resulting from reduction/removal of the buffer around the Ngaaruawaahia WWTP.
- Removal of Ngaaruawaahia WWTP would provide Council and Waikato-Tainui more planning leverage for Hopuhopu (including the Endowed College) and the awa which can be considered through the Taupiri | Hopuhopu | Ngaruawahia structure plan process currently underway.

Option A is preferred from a maatauranga Maaori perspective. However, Option B2 - two WWTPs with flows from Hopuhopu, Taupiri and Ngaaruawaahia being conveyed to an upgraded Ngaaruawaahia WWTP whilst Te Kowhai and Horotiu are conveyed to an upgraded Pukete WWTP together with the rest of Hamilton - could be a reasonable step towards achieving Option A by continuing to operate the Ngaaruawaahia WWTP until such time as it can be decommissioned.

Greater risk associated with conveyance network failure from having a centralised Pukete WWTP can be mitigated by building-in resilience.

A multi-party funding agreement (MPFA) will need to be entered into by the project partners once the DBC has been approved later in the year. Waikato District Council (WDC) will use the MPFA process to seek assurance regarding the security of the contribution it makes in the light of three waters reform and the impending creation of Entity B. WDC would also be seeking to cap any potential funding contribution from its side for this project.

The Ngaaruawaahia WWTP is currently operating outside its discharge level consent. The discharge consent expires in 2028. Desludging of the treatment ponds was completed in June 2022. The biological environment will need to be given time to settle prior to further testing being done. The DBC recognises that the Ngaaruawaahia WWTP will need to be upgraded prior to the implementation of the preferred option.

3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

THAT the Waikato-Tainui - Waikato District Council Joint Management Agreement Committee notes:

- a.) **Option A - centralisation of wastewater treatment at the Pukete Wastewater Treatment Plant to service Taupiri, Hopuhopu, Ngaruawahia, Te Kowhai, Horotiu and northern Hamilton - is the preferred option that is being refined by staff for the completion of the Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detailed Business Case.**
- b.) **On completion of the Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater Detailed Business Case the relevant councils will need to integrate the findings of the northern and southern DBCs, including further consideration of the wastewater system investment timing and triggers, and development and implementation of the sub-regional wastewater consenting strategy.**

4. Background Koorero whaimaarama

The Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater DBC (Northern DBC) project is building on the Southern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater DBC work, including the project vision and objectives, the communities included in the investigations, minimum treatment performance standards and the two short-listed options identified for the northern metropolitan area.

A significant amount of work has been completed to date to support delivery of the Northern DBC. The Northern DBC development has included ongoing focussed technical and maatauranga Maaori hui and workshops with project partners and stakeholder workshops.

The technical short-list assessments were completed in February and March 2022. Option A (servicing Taupiri, Hopuhopu, Ngaruawahia, Te Kowhai, Horotiu and the northern areas of Hamilton city from an upgraded Pukete WWTP) emerged as the preferred option. This option is currently being further assessed by the project team.

The multi-party Project Governance Group (PGG) approved key project assumptions for the Northern DBC at its 29 April 2022 meeting including:

- i. Investment objectives, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and the multi-criteria assessment (MCA) criteria.
- ii. Population and treatment assumptions and sensitivity test scenarios.

Whatawhata and major industrial facilities with their own water services (i.e., Open Country Dairy/AFFCO and Fonterra Te Rapa) are not included in the scope of the project.

The short-listed options considered for the Northern Hamilton-Waikato DBC are:

- **Option A: One WWTP** - All wastewater flow to the Pukete WWTP.
- **Option B1: Two WWTPs** –Te Kowhai, Horotiu, Hopuhopu, Taupiri and Ngaaruawaahia to an upgraded Ngaaruawaahia WWTP; Pukete continuing to service Hamilton.
- **Option B2: Two WWTP** – Hopuhopu, Taupiri and Ngaaruawaahia to an upgraded Ngaaruawaahia WWTP; Te Kowhai, Horotiu to Pukete WWTP; Pukete continuing to service Hamilton.
- **Option C: Do Minimum** – Retain existing plants and servicing.

The PGG is made up of representatives from the partner organisations. Donald Turner is Waikato-Tainui's representative and Garth Dibley is the Waters Governance Board's representative. Mayor Allan Sanson and Deputy Mayor Aksel Bech are on it as alternate members. Milton Ngaruhe and Poto Davies are the Mana Whenua representatives.

5. Discussion Matapaki

The shortlist options were developed using the residential and non-residential growth assumptions and discharge quality assumptions developed and approved as part of the Southern Metropolitan Wastewater DBC and confirmed by the PGG on 29 April 2022 and endorsed by it on 30 May 2022.





Following the endorsement of Option A as the preferred option by the PGG, the relevant councils and water governance bodies also subsequently confirmed this preferred wastewater servicing approach for the northern metropolitan area as follows:

- Water Governance Board (WGB) - 7 June 2022
- Waikato District Council (WDC) - 4 July 2022
- Hamilton City Council (HCC) – 26 July 2022

Te Arataura, the executive board for Te Whakakitenga o Waikato, has also received and approved the preferred option.

The following key considerations have guided the shortlisted wastewater servicing options for the northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan area:

- Preferences for siting of pump stations and pipeline routes
 - Inclusion of adequate system resilience provisions, including back-up generators for pump stations and emergency storage
 - Use of twin mains where possible to reduce septicity of sewage and provide resilience.
 - Consideration of conveyance projects already committed in Ngaaruawaahia.
 - Facilitation of resource recovery including energy, phosphorus, and treated wastewater reuse at Pukete WWTP.
 - Pukete WWTP layout to incorporate site constraints and operational requirements.
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	Option A	Option B1	Option B2	Do minimum
Option name	Pukete	Pukete and Ngaaruwaaahia	Pukete and Ngaaruwaaahia	Do minimum
Outcome	Best for River	Best for River	Best for River	Consentable minimum
Conveyance	All WDC conveyed to Pukete 	Te Kowhai, Horotiu and Taupiri conveyed to Ngaaruwaaahia 	Te Kowhai and Horotiu conveyed to Pukete Taupiri conveyed to Ngaaruwaaahia 	Te Kowhai conveyed to Ngaaruwaaahia (subject to funding) 
Treatment standard	Total N: 4g/m ³ Total P: < 0.5 g/m ³	Total N: 4g/m ³ Total P: < 0.5 g/m ³ (Pukete), < 0.2 g/m ³ (Nga)	Total N: 4g/m ³ Total P: < 0.5 g/m ³ (Pukete), < 0.2 g/m ³ (Nga)	Total N: 7-8g/m ³ (Pukete), 4g/m ³ (Nga) Total P: < 0.5 g/m ³ (Pukete), < 0.2 g/m ³ (Nga)
Treatment type	MBR	MBR	MBR	Conventional activated sludge (with optimisation) for Pukete, MBR for Ngaaruwaaahia
Reuse and recovery	Maximise reuse and energy recovery opportunities (including digester and mini-hydro on outfall)	No/minimal reuse or recovery at Ngaaruwaaahia Able to achieve ~90% of Option A	No/minimal reuse or recovery at Ngaaruwaaahia Able to achieve ~90% of Option A	No reuse No energy recovery (flaring only)
Footprint	Reduction in total footprint with option to provide remediation of Ngaaruwaaahia site, New pump stations at several sites.	Maintain existing footprint (at both Pukete and Ngaaruwaaahia)	Maintain existing footprint (at both Pukete and Ngaaruwaaahia)	Increased footprint at both sites (Pukete and Ngaaruwaaahia)
Discharge points	Two (near Pukete)	Three (two at Pukete, one at Ngaaruwaaahia)	Three (two at Pukete, one at Ngaaruwaaahia)	Three (two at Pukete, one at Ngaaruwaaahia)
Biosolids	Able to be reused subject to market Advanced treatment options	Able to be reused subject to market Advanced treatment options at Pukete only (eg further control of emerging contaminants, thermal drying to allow wider applications)	Able to be reused subject to market Advanced treatment options at Pukete only (eg further control of emerging contaminants, thermal drying to allow wider applications)	Risk biosolids not able to be reused No advanced treatment options. Vermicomposting only
Staging	Dual pipelines could be used for some of the routes e.g. Horotiu to Pukete WWTP. Existing Taupiri pump stations and rising mains can be used until reach capacity.	Install 2 reactors at Ngaaruwaaahia WWTP to start with and then 3 rd when flows projected to increase beyond capacity. Existing Taupiri pump stations and rising mains can be used until reach capacity.	Install 2 reactors at Ngaaruwaaahia initially, then 3 rd when flows projected to increase beyond capacity. Existing Taupiri pump stations and rising mains can be used until reach capacity.	At Pukete, reactors and clarifiers can be staged to respond to growth (need approx. double the reactor capacity compared to MBR). Install 2 reactors at Ngaaruwaaahia initially, then 3 rd when flows projected to increase beyond capacity. Existing Taupiri pump stations and rising mains can be used until reach capacity.
Delivery	Single operator	Single operator or multiple operators	Single operator or multiple operators	Multiple operators

The project team has worked through the short-listed options assessment. From a technical assessment perspective, Options A and B2 scored well. Option B1 scored lower than Options A and B2. Option C scored very poorly. From a maatauranga Maaori perspective there was a consensus that with all other matters being equal, Option A appeared to be better as it would remove an existing discharge point to the river immediately upstream of Taupiri maunga, and potential remove restrictions on Waikato Tainui property at Hopuhopu.

Comparative P50 capital cost estimates for Options A, B1 and B2 are provided below. These are draft and subject to review. Draft P95 cost estimates have also been prepared. The draft P50 capital cost estimate for the Pukete WWTP upgrades out to 2061 is \$771M (in \$2022). The draft P95 capital cost estimate is approx. \$1.3B (in \$2022).

Area	Conveyance Cost (\$ M) to 2061	WWTP name	WWTP Capital Cost (\$ M) to 2061	Total (\$ M)
OPTION A				
Taupiri	\$103M	Pukete	\$771M	\$874M
Ngaaruawaahia/Hopuhopu				
Horotiu				
Te Kowhai				
Hamilton				
OPTION B1				
Taupiri	\$55M	Ngaaruawaahia	\$77M	\$903M
Ngaaruawaahia/Hopuhopu				
Horotiu				
Te Kowhai				
Hamilton	-	Pukete	\$771M	
OPTION B2				
Taupiri	\$16M	Ngaaruawaahia	\$66M	\$878M
Ngaaruawaahia/Hopuhopu				
Horotiu	\$25M	Pukete	\$771M	
Te Kowhai				
Hamilton				

The following items have been included in the comparative capital costs:

- i. Operations and maintenance facilities
- ii. Process items and structures
- iii. Mechanical and electrical installation
- iv. Balance of plant – providing interconnection between unit process systems
- v. Instrumentation and control
- vi. Site civil works (platform preparation, roading, drainage, fencing etc.)
- vii. Allowances for moderate foundation improvements
- viii. Project costs (Preliminary + General, contractor margins, forex risk)
- ix. Consultant fees (Investigation/Design/Engineering)
- x. Risk/contingency allowances – 20-30%
- xi. Client management/overhead costs @8%
- xii. Consenting costs based on current budgets and costs of similar applications in the Waikato Region
- xiii. Procurement costs @ 2%

The following items have been excluded from the comparative capital costs:

- i. Legal fees
- ii. Client insurances
- iii. Escalation after 2nd quarter 2022
- iv. Site decommissioning and restoration
- v. Goods and Services Tax

A conceptual design of the preferred option is being prepared to confirm the estimated capital and operating costs. An estimating tolerance has been included to account for general unknowns in the design and for any discrepancies in the design information prepared to date. These estimates are Class 5 estimates as per the AACE Cost estimate Classification System and have an expected range of -30% / +50%.

Comparative operational costs were developed for each option for 2031, 2041, 2051 and the 2061 flows. Over time the total operational costs increase as flows and plant loading increase. Pukete WWTP has significantly lower costs per ML than the new Ngaaruawaahia WWTP due to energy recovery potential and reduced biosolids volumes for disposal. The operational cost estimates are included below:

Area	WWTP Operational Cost 2031 (\$ M)	WWTP Operational Cost 2041 (\$ M)	WWTP Operational Cost 2051 (\$ M)	WWTP Operational Cost 2061 (\$ M)
OPTION A				
Ngaaruawaahia WWTP	-	-	-	-
Pukete WWTP	\$19M	\$22M	\$25M	\$24M
Conveyance	\$0.41M	\$0.49M	\$0.55M	\$0.67M
OPTION B1				
Ngaaruawaahia WWTP	\$1.9M	\$2.9M	\$3.4M	\$3.6M
Pukete WWTP	\$18M	\$21M	\$23M	\$22M
Conveyance	\$0.16M	\$0.22M	\$0.23M	\$0.28M
OPTION B2				
Ngaaruawaahia WWTP	\$1.4M	\$1.9M	\$2.3M	\$2.5M
Pukete WWTP	\$18M	\$21M	\$24M	\$23M
Conveyance	\$0.14M	\$0.19M	\$0.23M	\$0.25M

The components included for WWTP operational costs were:

- i. Electricity (50% recovery assumed for Pukete WWTP)
- ii. Chemicals (CIP, alum, caustic, polyelectrolyte)
- iii. Operators
- iv. General maintenance including membrane replacement
- iv. UV lamp replacement
- v. Biosolids and screenings disposal (landfill disposal assumed)
- vi. Compliance and operational test requirements (monitoring, sampling, testing, data management, reporting and management of same)

The components included for conveyance operational costs were:

- i. Electricity (based on pump size and annual flows)
- ii. Septicity dosing for long lines only
- iii. Maintenance provisions

Renewals expenditure is excluded from the operational costs. From the work completed to date, Option A emerged as the preferred option. If Option A is approved as the preferred option as part of the final DBC later in the year, a staged transition will be required to provide time to upgrade the Pukete WWTP to meet the higher treatment standards, and to cater for growth (including flows from the Waikato district communities).

Rationale for Option A:

The preferred option (A) is recommended based on the following rationale:

- Option A and Option B2 score similarly through the MCA process.
 - They both score well on discharge quality and related factors – they have the same effective level of treatment and therefore the same discharge quality and level of expected effect on algal biomass and river ecosystems.
 - Provide opportunities for energy and carbon reduction
 - Can be designed to meet future treatment capacity requirements based on population growth assumptions.
 - Are expected to give effect to Te Ture Whaimana (to the extent that it is possible for a wastewater discharge to the Waikato River to give effect to Te Ture Whaimana).
 - Option A scores better than Option B2 against criteria influenced by the number and size of treatment plants (and therefore number of discharge points):
 - Lower WWTP operational requirements (lower staffing, less overall monitoring, and compliance requirements).
 - Greater flexibility in day-to-day treatment (more levers to pull to meet treatment standards at Pukete than at Ngaaruawaahia).
 - Greater ability for treatment to respond to growth (more capacity to absorb growth without a need for short-term treatment plant upgrades).
 - More opportunity energy recovery, and resource recovery (which are generally more feasible at Pukete and would benefit from greater flows through Pukete).
 - Greater risk associated with conveyance network failure – can be mitigated to some extent by building-in resilience.
 - Opportunity for development and/or restoration at Ngaaruawaahia WWTP site (removal of WWTP, pond, and associated buffer).
 - Opportunity for development of Waikato-Tainui land at Hopuhopu resulting from reduction/removal of the buffer around the Ngaaruawaahia WWTP.
 - Removal of Ngaaruawaahia WWTP may improve relationship with Waikato-Tainui at their Hopuhopu properties (including the Endowed College) and the awa.
 - While Option B2 scores higher against criteria influenced by the conveyance network, it is the opinion of the project consultant team that the identified risks and complexities can be adequately mitigated and managed.
 - Option A is preferred from a maatauranga Maaori perspective (noting that Option B2 could be a reasonable step towards achieving Option A by continuing to operate the Ngaaruawaahia WWTP until such time as it can be decommissioned)
 - There is little difference between the costs associated with Options A and B2 either in the short term or looking out to 2061.
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Costs and Implementation

Implementation of the Northern DBC will be closely linked to the implementation of the southern DBC. Integration of each of the DBCs will be necessary to deliver and implement a cohesive sub-regional investment plan. This integration will need to include closer examination of investment timing and triggers (e.g., what are the likely triggers for initiating the diversion of Hamilton south (and/or other areas) to the new Southern Subregional WWTP) and finalising and implementing a sub-regional wastewater consenting strategy. Implementation costs for both the southern and the northern metropolitan solution are subject to the development of a multi-funding partnership agreement by the parties.

Key concerns for Waikato District Council are how any funds invested will be protected as Council will need to borrow to fund any contribution. This ideally requires an asset that is being bought with the funds contributed. The risk to Council is that any contribution provided is then subsequently transferred to the proposed Water Entity B resulting in no asset against which council can recoup its costs. The other concern is that council's contribution is not capped which means if the cost of the project is higher, council will be required to contribute more.

Consents considerations

The Ngaaruawaahia WWTP is currently operating outside its discharge level consent. The discharge consent expires in 2028 (the same as the Huntly WWTP). Desludging of the treatment ponds was completed in June 2022. The biological environment will need to be given time to settle prior to further testing being done. The Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater DBC recognises that the Ngaaruawaahia WWTP will need to be upgraded prior to the implementation of the preferred option (i.e., conveying all wastewater - from Ngaaruawaahia, Hopuhopu, Taupiri, Horotiu and Te Kowhai) to an upgraded Pukete WWTP.

6. Financial Considerations

Whaiwhakaaro Puutea

A significant amount of technical work has been completed to inform the short-listed options assessment for the Northern DBC. This work includes updated cost estimates to upgrade the Pukete WWTP to meet improved treatment standards and accommodate future growth. The cost estimates for the Pukete WWTP upgrades are significantly higher than the previous high-level estimates completed in 2020 to support the current HCC LTP.

WDC's concerns have been expressed earlier in this report about the security of the contribution it makes in the light of three waters reform and the impending creation of Entity B. There is also the concern that Council's contribution is not capped. Both these issues need to be worked through as part of a Memorandum of Understanding and an associated multi-party funding agreement.

7. Legal and Policy Considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture

Staff confirm that this project and the matters in this report comply with Council's legal and policy requirements.

8. Wellbeing Considerations

Whaiwhakaaro-aa-oranga tonutanga

The purpose of Local Government changed on the 14 May 2019 to include promotion of the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future ('the 4 wellbeings').

Both the Southern and Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Area Wastewater DBCs have adopted the Treasury Better Business Case Programme Business Case model. The 4 wellbeings are core considerations in delivering the business case in addition to Te Ture Whaimana o te Awa Waikato – The Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River and relevant Iwi Management Plans.

Risks - Tuuraru

There are a series of significant risks associated with the successful delivery of the overall project. These relate to:

- i. Lack of alignment across partner organisations leading to conflicting aspirations, inconsistent messaging, partner disagreement at key decision points.
- ii. Funding and affordability challenges to implement the Northern Hamilton-Waikato Metropolitan Wastewater DBC recommendations and the investment needed at the Pukete WWTP overtime; and
- iii. Timing constraints arising out of the Ngaruawahia WWTP consent conditions.
- iv. Cost and recovery considerations - ensuring certainty of the amount contributed. An uncapped contribution is not acceptable to WDC.

Risk management plans are being developed as part of completing the DBCs and detailed.

9. Climate Change and Sustainability

Āhua o te rangi

Wastewater is recognised as a significant source of greenhouse emissions. Carbon dioxide produced directly from a treatment system is a biogenic source. The new and upgraded wastewater treatment plants will help reduce this with newer technology which will bring an enhanced level of sophistication to the plant.

10. Significance & Engagement Policy

Kaupapa here whakahira/anganui

Iwi and mana whenua have been key project partners. This project is a partnership delivered through collaboration of the project partners: HCC, WDC, Waipa DC, Waikato-Tainui, and mana whenua.

11. Attachments

Ngaa taapirihanga

There are no attachments for this report.

To	Waikato-Tainui Waikato District Council Joint Management Committee
Report title	Update on the establishment of the Mana Whenua forum
Date:	10 August 2022
Report Author:	Sam Toka, Iwi and Community Partnerships Manager
Authorised by:	Gavin Ion, Chief Executive

1. Purpose of the report

Te Take moo te puurongo

As a result, from the Joint Management Agreement Committee (JMAC) meeting held 13 April 2022, it was agreed that Waikato Tainui and WDC work together and try to ensure clear processes be put in place in order for WDC to engage with Maaori, mana whenua / iwi / hapuu and marae groups within the district.

2. Report

Puurongo

On April 28 2022, Waikato Tainui and WDC met to discuss a plan.

1. Why are we doing this?

- I. Develop stronger and meaningful relationships with Māori groups within the district
- II. Ensure that Maaori are aware of proposed projects, or informed of proposed changes be it, policies, plans, legislation or other changes within their respective areas, within the district and how or what impact it may have!

2. What we hope to achieve

- I. Ensuring and reminding WDC of a Treaty Partner
 - II. Keeping Maaori informed
 - III. Maaori called on to have a say in processes within the district
 - IV. WDC and Maaori are able to work together.
 - V. WDC may be able to call on Maaori for cultural advice, lead and direction
 - VI. Mana whenua / Marae / Hapuu
 - a. Nominate a representative /s who act on their behalf and report back to them with WDC information
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- b. Allow their representative to come back to WDC with clear instructions, decisions or feedback.

3. Titiro Whakamua Looking Forward

Verbal contact has been made to mana whenua, marae and hapuu, giving them the heads up of this plan.

It will be recommended and is a work in progress that mana whenua, marae and hapuu submit a written note of who their respective representative /s may be.

WDC is waiting for a draft letter from Waikato Tainui to be sent out explaining this proposal.

4. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

There are no attachments for this report.
