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Wednesday, 22 June 2022

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*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*

**Hastings District Council**

**Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting**

*Kaupapataka*

# Agenda

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*Te Rā Hui:*  
Meeting date: **Wednesday, 22 June 2022**

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*Te Wā:*  
Time: **1.00pm**

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*Te Wāhi:*  
Venue: **Council Chamber  
Ground Floor  
Civic Administration Building  
Lyndon Road East  
Hastings**

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*Te Āpiha Matua:*  
Responsible  
Officer: **Pou Ahurea Matua Principal Advisor: Relationships  
Responsiveness and Heritage – Dr James Graham**

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## Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee – Terms of Reference

This is established between the Hastings District Council and the Māori community.

### Context

The Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee has been established by Council to continue the development of strategic and sustainable relationships with Māori. Council shall meet the intent and spirit of the Council's obligations set out in the legislation more particularly the obligations of the Local Government Act 2002;

- Towards establishing and maintaining processes that provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision processes of Council.
- Fostering the development of Māori capacity to contribute to these processes.
- The provision of information to assist Māori contribution to Council's activities.

The Council wishes the Committee to reflect a spirit of partnership between the Council and the community and to contribute effectively to the Council's activities. To enable this to occur the Fields of Activity and Delegated Powers are framed with the widest scope possible.

The Council wishes the Committee to assist with the development of an integrated policy framework (based on Treaty of Waitangi Principles) for the Council aimed at delivering effective governance, engagement and service delivery for Council's Māori Communities.

### Fields of Activity

- To provide policy advice with respect to the District Plan, regarding provisions for Wāhi Tapu, Papakainga, and where relevant to Tangata Whenua, any other amendments to the Plan.
- To provide input to the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan with particular reference to those issues of importance to Māori from within the District.
- To host Council Hui and Hapu events.
- To provide insight into Māori and other strategic community issues with particular reference to the Long Term Plan, the effectiveness of the District Plan and the delivery of the Annual Plan.
- To consider and recommend Māori capacity building activities within budget and resource constraints of Council.
- To assist Council as appropriate in conducting and maintaining effective, good faith working relationships with the Māori community including advice on governance arrangements.
- To make decisions as to the allocation of Marae Development Fund grants within the allocated budget.
- To assist Council with the development of an integrated policy framework and work programme to enable effective governance, engagement and service delivery for Council's Māori Communities.
- To nominate from among its members people whom it considers appropriate for the Council to appoint as members of its other Committees and Subcommittees.

### Membership - 12 members

- Chair – to be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the beginning of each triennium; and from among the appointed Tangata Whenua members of the committee.
- Deputy Chair – to be elected at the first meeting of the Committee at the beginning of each triennium from among the elected members of the committee.
- The Mayor.
- 5 Councillors.
- 6 members from Tangata Whenua to be appointed by the Council and Kaumatua, taking into account the “*post settlement environment*” and Mataawaka.

### **Quorum – at least 3 Councillor Members and 3 Tangata Whenua Appointees**

#### **Delegated Powers**

- 1) Authority to exercise all Council powers, functions and authorities in relation to the matters detailed in the Fields of Activity such as to enable recommendations to the Council on those matters.
- 2) Authority to make decisions on the allocation of Marae Development Fund grants within the allocated budget.
- 3) Authority to develop procedures and protocols that assist the Committee in its operation provided that such procedures and protocols meet the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and Council’s Standing Orders.

The Chair shall not have a casting vote.

**Note:** The Terms of Reference for the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee are subject to review by the Committee at its first meeting in the 2019 Triennium.



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*He hui e whakahaeretia nei e Te Kaunihara ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*

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#### *Koromatua*

**Chair:** Robin Hape (Chair)

#### *Ngā KaiKaunihera*

#### **Councillors:**

Councillor Bayden Barber (Deputy Chair)

Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst

Councillors Henare O’Keefe, Peleti Oli, Ann Redstone and Geraldine Travers

Marei Apatu, **Tania Eden (Tania has resigned)**, Mike Paku and Ngaio Tiuka

1 Vacancy

Councillor Alwyn Corban (Councillor Alternate)

Kaumātua: Jerry Hapuku

#### *Mematanga:*

#### **Membership:**

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#### *Tokamatua:*

#### **Quorum:**

At least 3 Councillors and 3 Tangata Whenua appointees

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#### *Apiha Matua*

#### **Officer Responsible:**

Pou Ahurea Matua Principal Advisor: Relationships Responsiveness and Heritage – Dr James Graham

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#### *Te Rōpū Manapori me te*

#### *Kāwanatanga*

#### **Democracy &**

#### **Governance Services:**

Lynne Cox (Ext 5632)



## *Te Rārangi Take*

# Order of Business

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### 1.0 Prayer - *Karakia*

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#### **Apologies & Leave of Absence – *Ngā Whakapāhatanga me te Wehenga ā-Hui***

2.0 At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

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### 3.0 Conflict of Interest – *Mahi Kai Huanga*

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#### **Confirmation of Minutes – *Te Whakamana i Ngā Minitī***

4.0 Minutes of the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee Meeting held Wednesday 2 March 2022.

*(Previously circulated)*

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# Report to Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee

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**Nā:** Dr James Graham, Pou Ahurea Matua - Principal Advisor:  
**From:** Relationships Responsiveness and Heritage

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**Te Take:**  
**Subject:** Toi-tū Hawke's Bay Arts, Culture and Events Strategy Presentation

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## **1.0 Purpose and summary - Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga**

1.1 The purpose of this presentation is:

- i) To allow representatives from Ngā Toi Hawke's Bay to present an update on the Toi-tū Hawke's Bay Arts, Culture and Events Strategy to the Committee.

## **2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūhonga**

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Toi-tū Hawke's Bay Arts, Culture and Events Strategy Presentation dated 22 June 2022.

### **Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.



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*Nā:*  
**From: Regan Smith, Risk and Corporate Services Manager**

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*Te Take:*  
**Subject: Community Wellbeing Support during Civil Defence Emergencies**

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## **1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga***

1.1 The purpose of this report is to initiate a conversation about the involvement Marae within the Hastings District may want to have in providing community wellbeing support during Civil Defence emergencies.

### **1.2 Background**

- Previous Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) events such as floods and pandemics have illustrated that many communities look to their local Marae as a natural place to get support in times of need.
- Considering that Marae are often equipped with facilities that are able to accommodate and/or cater for large gatherings, and are located within the communities they support, they are uniquely positioned to become community hubs for welfare support.
- However, previous events have also highlighted that there is a lack of connection between Marae leaders and CDEM structures to ensure the right support is available for Marae to provide community wellbeing support. Specifically, CDEM should be able to facilitate access to financial support during Civil Defence events, and CDEM needs to understand the capacity of each Marae to avoid exceeding their capacity.

### **1.3 Future Direction**

- There is a great opportunity to develop a common understanding of the level of involvement each local Marae would like to have in supporting communities during CDEM events.

- Based on this understanding, there would be a need to develop an appropriate model for engaging, activating and supporting delivery of wellbeing support through Marae.
- Officers are seeking direction on the suitability of Marae as community hubs enabled to deliver wellbeing support during emergencies, and if appropriate, advice on the next steps to put suitable plans in place.

## **2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga**

- A) That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Community Wellbeing Support during Civil Defence Emergencies dated 22 June 2022.
- B) That the Committee considers progressing this initiative and provide advice on an appropriate methodology.

### **Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**Nā:** Ashley Humphrey, Project Manager: Strategy Growth &  
**From:** Development

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**Te Take:** Proposed Changes to our Policy on Remission and Postponement  
**Subject:** on Maori Freehold Land

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## **1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga***


- 1.1 In April 2021, the Government passed changes under the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 which changed the way Councils are required to rate Māori Freehold Land (MFL). The changes came into effect the day after royal assent or 01 July 2021.
- 1.2 The purpose of the changes were to support the utilisation, the development and provision of housing on MFL, and to modernise rating legislation affecting Māori land which had remained relatively unchanged since 1924.
- 1.3 The principle changes were:
  - Power for the Chief Executive (or under delegated authority) to write off rates (General and MFL) where in their opinion, the rates cannot be reasonable recovered,
  - Making 'unused' MFL and land subject to Ngā Whenua Rāhui Kawenta non-rateable,
  - Provide the option for separate rate accounts to be issued for MFL with multiple dwellings, to enable owners to access the rates rebate scheme where eligible,
  - Provide the opportunity for a Local Authority to treat multiple blocks of MFL as one block for the purpose of rate setting, providing they came from the same original block,
  - Removal of the 2 hectare non-rateable threshold for Marae, meeting house, Urupā or cemetery,
  - Provision of rate remissions to encourage the development of MFL.

- 1.4 With regards to the first two bullet points, officers reviewed all 681 MFL properties to ascertain whether the land was used or not. In accordance with the provisions, 144 properties were identified as 'unused' and made non-rateable from 01 July 2021. 62 of those properties were already receiving some form of remission under our policy, a reflection of our proactive policy approach.
- 1.5 Rate arrears of around \$172,000 including GST was written off by the Chief Executive on 30 June 2021. 4 further properties have been identified as 'unused' since then, as council continues to treat each application on its own merits.
- 1.6 Officers reviewed its Rate Remission and Postponement Policy on Māori Freehold Land and were of a view that the existing policy met the legal requirements of the Act and there was sufficient flexibility to treat each application on its own merits, so no changes were made at the time.
- 1.7 Officers have since reviewed the policy and propose some iterations (marked in red) under **(Attachment 1)** which provide more clarity. Whilst the changes look material, the section relating to 'Rating Units used as a single unit' has been copied from another part of our remission policy as it always applied to all types of land, and an application process and conditions and criteria have been added to the section 'Incentives for MFL under development' for consistency. None of the proposed changes effect the intent of the policy, and flexibility continues to be provided to treat each application on its own merits.
- 1.8 As the changes were minor, wider consultation was not required. The purpose of this report is to inform the committee of Councils intention to adopt the policy as part of the 2022/23 Annual Plan on 30 June.

## 2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Proposed Changes to our Policy on Remission and Postponement on Maori Freehold Land dated 22 June 2022.

### Attachments:

- 1  Rate Remission and Postponement Policy on Maori Freehold Land July 2022      FIN-04-8-01-22-73















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**Nā:** Dr James Graham, Pou Ahurea Matua - Principal Advisor:  
**From:** Relationships Responsiveness and Heritage

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**Te Take:**  
**Subject:** Pou Ahurea Update

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## **1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga**

1.1 The purpose of this update is to apprise the Committee about continuing project work that the Pou Ahurea Team are leading and or contributing to at Council.

- National Water Conference 2022 Report
- Māori Representation at Local Government
- Reserve Management Plan Review
- Te Tū Marae ki Te Matau-a-Māui - PGF Marae Renovation Project Update
- Waiaroha
- Hawke's Bay Museum Storage
- HDC Stormwater Consent
- Resource Management RSS / FDS
- Cultural Tourism Product Development

1.2 The update concludes by recommending that the Committee receives the report.

**2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga***

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Pou Ahurea Update dated 22 June 2022.

**Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.

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**Nā:** Dr James Graham, Pou Ahurea Matua - Principal Advisor:  
**From:** Relationships Responsiveness and Heritage

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**Te Take:**  
**Subject:** Three Waters Update

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## **1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga**

- 1.1 Central Government’s Three Waters Service delivery Reform is aimed at consolidating three waters assets into four new publicly owned entities. The first of two Bills to establish these entities had its first reading in Parliament on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- 1.2 The Government is also progressing transition planning via a recently setup National Transition Unit.
- 1.3 Taumata Arowai, the new Three Waters Regulator, has consulted on new drinking water quality standards and assurance rules and intends to release the new requirements later this year.
- 1.4 Council will be running multiple work streams internally under the Transition Strategy to manage the risks and opportunities the transition presents to not only our 3 Waters Team but also our community and other parts of council.

## **2.0 Background – Te Horopaki**

- 2.1 The Water Services Entities Bill:

The Water Services Entities Bill was introduced to Parliament on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and the first reading was on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June -

[https://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2022/0136/latest/LMS534587.html?search=y\\_bill%40bill%2022%20bc%40bcurn%40rn%2025%20a&p=1](https://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2022/0136/latest/LMS534587.html?search=y_bill%40bill%2022%20bc%40bcurn%40rn%2025%20a&p=1)

The Bill will establish four publicly-owned water services entities to provide safe, reliable, and efficient water services and outlines the ownership, governance, and accountability arrangements.

This is the first of two Bills, the next Bill is expected to cover implementation arrangements like transfer of assets, novation of existing contracts, and transfer of responsibility for compliance; also, potentially the specific powers of the new entities, pricing and charging arrangements.

Officers are working through the Bill to consider what points Council may wish to submit upon; submissions are due on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

## 2.2 Taumata Arowai:

The new regulator of 3 Waters, Taumata Arowai has consulted on new standards and assurance rules, however the finalised documents are yet to be released. Our discussions with Taumata Arowai indicate the revised documents will not change significantly from what was consulted on, in the areas that affect our systems. Taumata Arowai has yet to provide details on when the new standards and rules will apply.

The direction of the standards and rules is consistent with the approach we have been taking since 2016, and we expect our supplies to remain compliant, even more so once our new water treatment plants in Frimley and Waiaroha are functioning.

## 2.3 The National Transition Unit:

DIA established the National Transition Unit (NTU) to establish the four entities, in the lead up to the handover. The NTU is running both national work streams and “local” working groups for each entity.

The national work streams range from People & Workforce, Commercial & Legal, to Asset Management & Operations, as well as Stormwater. As of writing, there has been little output from these work streams communicated to the industry from the NTU. But they assure us there is much work happening in the space.

One of the local groups is the Local Transition Team (LTT) for Entity C, and Craig Thew, Group Manager Asset Management, is now attending weekly meetings. At this time though we are looking to confirm the objective, scope and role of the various groups and work streams.

Regional leaders also met with the NTU to raise an alternative model to progress transition planning more efficiently and effectively for our region.

NTU have signalled available funding to help support councils with transition costs and with a panel of resources to assist to backfill or progress work packages; undefined at this stage.

## 2.4 HDC Transition Strategy:

We have developed an HDC-specific 3 Waters Transition Strategy, as a working document, and the Risk and Assurance committee was briefed on an earlier version.

The strategy identifies the main risks and opportunities posed by the reforms and identifies work streams to manage these as much as possible. The purpose of each work stream is:

- People work stream – To ensure value for HDC ratepayers by keeping them informed and minimizing disruption to service provision by looking after the wellbeing and supporting the productivity of staff, governors, and suppliers. Also, keeping contractors and suppliers informed and understanding their perspective, will help keep both capital delivery and operational services functioning despite the labor and materials market constraints.
- Business-as-usual work stream – To ensure value for HDC ratepayers by preventing service disruptions by minimizing distractions to BAU staff from the transition process.
- Commercial work stream – To provide evidenced business cases for the planned capital and operating expenditure (capex and opex) to ensure that ratepayers get the best value (and desired Level of Service) as future customers of the new entity. Also, to ensure that the capex and opex (in particular for growth areas) are not culled as part of an efficiency measure.
- Systems – To make the transition as efficient as possible, minimizing disruptions so HDC can continue to deliver services to ratepayers without major disruptions from technical



difficulties or systems limitations. Also, so the 3 Water systems can integrate into the Entity as smoothly as possible, to 25minimize disruptions to customers.

- Influencing externalities – To influence the direction and detail of reforms to maximize the environmental, social, cultural, and economic benefits to HDC ratepayers.
- Communication / Awareness work stream -Regional and local to ensure our community can engage in the reforms in an informed way if they chose to do so. This is being done in conjunction with our partners across Hawke’s Bay.

## 2.5 Significant Milestones:

Milestone	Expected Date
Passing of Water Services Entity Bill #1	Possibly November 2022
Release of Water Services Entity Bill #2	Late 2022
Tranche 1 Better Off Funding application period	Now-September 2022
Passing of Water Services Entity Bill #2	June 2023
Entity C Asset Management Plan released	1 July 2023
National Election	October 2023
Entity C provides water services (Day 1)	1 July 2024
Tranche 2 of Better Off Funding starts	1 July 2024

### 3.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee receive the report titled Three Waters Update dated 22 June 2022.

### Attachments:

1⇒	Te Mana o te Wai	CG-16-5-00086	Under Separate Cover
2⇒	Pou Taiao Update	CG-16-5-00087	Under Separate Cover