



NOTICE OF MEETING

WAITAKERE YOUTH COUNCIL

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of the Waitakere Youth Council will be held on:-

DATE: Monday, 3 March 2008 **TIME:** 5.30 pm

VENUE: Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.

27 May 2008

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Karla Rickards	(Green Bay High School)
Alana Wadsworth	(Rutherford College)

(Quorum 5 members)

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1 APOLOGIES



2 URGENT BUSINESS



3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Monday, 4 February 2008

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Waitakere City Youth Council held on Monday, 4 February 2008, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



4 TIAKINA KIA PUAWAI YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

PURPOSE

This report outlines the intent of Te Roopu Puawai o Waitakere to implement a youth leadership programme called 'Tiakina kia Puawai', and seeks input and support from the Youth Council.

BACKGROUND

Tiakina kia Puawai is a programme being developed by Te Roopu Puawai o Waitakere. The name of the programme is derived from the Te Roopu Puawai vision statement, which means 'to nurture in order to grow'. Its aim is to provide a structured programme that can be utilised by Youth organisations to:

- Develop young people's awareness of society;
- Assist young people to be active and informed participants in their communities;
- To provide young people with foundational leadership skills.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Within the Council, the strategic context for this project includes:

- The First Call for Children Strategic Platform;
- Nga Manukura (Leadership), Te Mana Whakahaere (Autonomy) and Whaiora (Participation in Society) Maori Community Outcomes.

This programme also takes account of the Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa, developed by the Ministry of Youth Development.

ISSUES

The Need

Whilst it would be easy to quote youth gangs, youth crime and the poor educational performance of Maori in Waitakere as the drivers for this programme, its real driver is the need for opportunities for young people to develop their leadership skills and unfold their potential as positive contributors to their communities.

Te Roopu Puawai o Waitakere was set up by Te Taumata Runanga as a way of allowing young Maori to have input to Council decision making. Whilst they have had a number of achievements, and have been a platform for many rangatahi to develop, consistency of membership is an ongoing challenge. The proposed programme is a way in which Te Roopu Puawai can build on the foundation they have, and become a more effective youth development forum.

Programme Outline and Learning Outcomes

The Tiakina kia Puawai programme is made up of seven components with specific learning objectives, as outlined below:

1. Civic Awareness: Participants are aware of the role of local and central government and how they can contribute to decision making.
2. Community Participation: Participants appreciate how their community is made up, and how community organisations work to provide for their needs and aspirations.
3. Youth Development: Participants are familiar with the range of services available to young people, and have skills to be able to support support the wellbeing and development of other young people.
4. Networking: Participants are aware of and actively participate in local and national youth networks and appreciate how they can benefit young people.
5. Maoritanga: Participants have an increased awareness of Te Reo me ona Tikanga, and key Maori values.
6. Leadership Development: Participants have an appreciation of core leadership skills and understand how to incorporate these into their lives.
7. Project Management: Participants are able to work as a team to achieve a shared goal.

Implementation

It is envisaged that this programme will be completed by members of Te Roopu Puawai over one to two years, with those who complete it taking on a mentorship role for new participants. Unitec will be approached to see whether participants can receive some form of accreditation at the end of the programme.

It will take around six months for this programme to be fully developed and for implementation to begin. Ideally a coordinator position will be able to be established in order to deliver the programme. In order to achieve this, external funding will be sought.

In the medium term (next twelve months) it is possible that this programme be available for the Youth Council to participate in to some extent. Te Roopu Puawai invite feedback and participation from the Youth Council in this regard. Input will also be invited from the Waitakere Pacific Board, Waitakere Ethnic Board and Maori Community Organisations in Waitakere.

Long term, it is possible that this programme could be used and adapted by other Councils, Youth Councils, Youth Networks and Organisations, and even Community Organisations.

Youth Partnerships Development Fund

The Council is preparing an application this year to the Youth Partnerships Development Fund. This fund is offered by the Ministry of Youth Development. The aim of the fund is "To provide funding to territorial authorities (city and district councils) wishing to improve outcomes for young people through effective youth development practice in their communities."

It is proposed that funding for the Tiakina kia Puawai Programme is included in the wider Council application to this fund. If successful, the funding would be used for things such as:

- Employing a coordinator;
- Koha (gifts) for guest speakers;
- Around four weekend wananga (workshops);
- Project implementation.

The Youth Council are invited to prepare a letter of support for the Tiakina kia Puawai Programme, which could be included in the funding application.

CONCLUSION

Tiakina kia Puawai responds to the need to provide young people with opportunities to develop their leadership skills, and equip them to be positive and active participants in their communities. The programme will be introduced over the next six months, and will eventually be available for other youth organisations to adapt and participate in.

Input from the Youth Council is invited, and a support letter to be included in the Youth Partnerships Development Fund application is also requested.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Tiakina kia Puawai Youth Leadership Programme Report be received.
2. That the Youth Council prepare a support letter endorsing the Tiakina kia Puawai Programme.

Report prepared by: Wayne Knox, Maori Relationships Manager.



5 **CAYAD NEEDS ASSESSMENT – REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION**

GLOSSARY

Community Action on Youth and Drugs (CAYAD)
Ministry of Health (MoH)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Youth Council members of the Community Action on Youth and Drugs (CAYAD) Needs Assessment and to request representation by the Youth Council to participate in a Youth Focus Group as part of this assessment.

BACKGROUND

CAYAD is a programme funded by Ministry of Health (MOH) and based within the Safe Waitakere team at Waitakere City Council. It aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the population by minimising the harm caused by illicit drug use. To achieve this goal we aim to increase community ownership and capacity to address these health issues. CAYAD Waitakere also has five objectives which have been directed by the Ministry of Health (MoH)

- Reduce harm;
- Increase informed community debate;
- Promote positive whānau responses;
- Reduce supply of drugs to young people;
- Develop local capacity to support young people.

A Needs Assessment was conducted in 2004 which identified a number of priority areas which CAYAD has been working to. We are in the process of conducting another Needs Assessment to identify any new needs that have arisen to ensure we are working to address current issues and concerns within the community. During this process we will be engaging with a range of Waitakere youth, services and community groups. We will also be undertaking a literature review to identify and take into consideration any research already completed, such as the Youth Council Survey. The findings from this Needs Assessment and the National CAYAD objectives will steer the direction of Waitakere CAYAD for the next three years, and help us to work for the benefit of the community.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This initiative is aligned with Council's strategic priorities of Safe City, First Call for Children and Sustainable Development, and Council's strategic platform of Strong Communities; supporting the health and wellbeing of the City's young people and their whanau/families.

ISSUES

As part of the Needs Assessment, we will run approximately five youth focus groups with a range of youth groups and youth courses across the City. The purpose of this research is to generate ideas and define problems in relation to youth and drug-related harm. The format will be a group discussion where the focus is on drug use and access, safety, services and youth development.

As representatives of your respective schools and communities, we would value the input of the members of the Youth Council. We would need a maximum of ten and minimum of five representatives between the ages of twelve and twenty four. The commitment required would be attendance of a single sitting (late Mar-mid April) of up to one and a half hours led by an independent facilitator. This sitting would be recorded on video or audio equipment by CAYAD staff. Food and refreshments would be provided.

We would also provide consent forms to be completed by the participants' caregivers (for those under 18 years of age). All information shared by participants would be confidential, notwithstanding legal requirements. The information would then be collated to identify any key issues and trends. We anticipate having the Needs Assessment completed by June 2008. Once the document is completed we would send the Youth Council a copy for your reference.

RESOURCES

The costs associated with running the Youth Focus Group, with representatives of the Youth Council, will be met by CAYAD.

CONCLUSION

This report concludes that the participation of Youth Council members in the CAYAD Needs Assessment, as representatives of your respective schools and communities, would be beneficial in order to gain a wide representation of youth; and to build links between CAYAD and the Youth Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Report: CAYAD Needs Assessment – Request for Representation report be received.
2. That consideration is given by the Youth Council to appoint ten members to participate in a youth focus group, in order to assist CAYAD in gaining ideas and understanding of issues around youth and drug-related harm.

Report prepared by: Caitlin Bush, CAYAD Coordinator, Safe Waitakere.



6 OPEN FORUM



7 YOUTH FACILITY

Stacey Hitchcock will provide Waitakere Youth Council with an update on progress on the Henderson Youth Facility project.





8 **DELIBERATIONS**

9 **EVENT REPORTS**

10 **SUBCOMMITTEES**
