



Waitakere City Council
Te Taiao o Waitakere

NOTICE OF MEETING

TE TAUMATA RUNANGA

I hereby give notice that a Meeting of Te Taumata Runanga will be held on:-

DATE: **Monday, 18 September 2006 TIME: 5.00 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.

13 September 2006

Ngareta Delamere
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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A Hudson
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T Moanaroa Te Roopu Kaumatua O Waipareira
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Deputy Mayor CA Stone (ex officio)

(Quorum 6 members)

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OPENING KARAKIA

MIHIMIHI

E nga waka, e nga mana e nga karangatangamaha, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou. E nga mate i tautini, he mihi aroha tenei ki a koutou, haere, haere, haere. E te hunga ora, rau rangatira ma tenei te kakano ka rua nei a morimoritia kia puawai ai. Hei aha? Hei maunga ringa ma nga whakaturupuranga, kia kaha, kia manawanui, kia u. Kia mau hoki ki te whakapono, te tumanako me te aroha.

1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Monday, 14 August 2006

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of Te Taumata Runanga held on Monday, 14 August 2006, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Committee by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Committee may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 **PRESENTATION - ACTIVE WAITAKERE**

The Active Waitakere Group will be doing a presentation to Te Taumata Runanga around increasing physical activity levels in Waitakere City. Currently the Group is made up of representatives from Sport Waitakere, Sport and Recreation New Zealand, Waitemata District Health Board, Te Whanau o Waipareira Trust and Council all working together to develop this concept. There is a hope that this group will develop to become part of the Wellbeing Collaboration Project and be adopted as a call to action in the near future.



5 **PUBLIC FORUM**

For guidance of Te Taumata Runanga Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Committee in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairman shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46(7) and (7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



6 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Provision has been made on this agenda for Committee Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Committee. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Committee Members' reports.

TE TAUMATA RUNANGA APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Rev J Cooper
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Mihi Te Huia
Safe Waitakere Alcohol Project	Poata Northcroft
Safe Waitakere Injury Prevention Board	Poata Northcroft Mihi Te Huia
West Education Sector Trust	Awa Hudson Carol Ngawati
Waitakere Arts and Cultural Development Trust	Rev J Cooper
Child and Youth Advocate	Mihi Te Huia

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Waitemata Harbour Foreshore Reserves Management Plan Joint Subcommittee	Evelyn Taumaunu
Te Pai Park Reserve Management Plan Advisory Group	Awa Hudson
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Evelyn Taumaunu Wayne Knox
City Development Committee	Mihi Te Huia




7 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Provision has been made for the Chief Executive Officer, or his nominated representative, to report on the progress of other matters considered to be of significance to Te Taumata Runanga, including organisation and representation issues.



8 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club – Finding an Appropriate Site Public Forum 10 April 2006 Resolution No 624/2006	Council officers met with the Executive from the Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club to look at the feasibility of having the Club based at Archibald Park. The Executive were concerned regarding navigating the channel at low tide. A test was done and it was found that although the Club had an issue it would only affect them up to 4 or 5 times a month, which although being far from perfect is workable. A further meeting is due to take place between the Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club Executive and Council officers at Archibald Park.	Robert McGee  836 8000 ext: 8558

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee Secretary's Report for 18 September 2006 be received.

Report prepared by: Ngareta Delamere, Committee Secretary.



9 TE WAKA AWHINA O AOTEAROA ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2006

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Te Taumata Rūnanga of Te Waka Awhina ō Aotearoa's Annual National Conference, to be held at Te Tii Marae, Waitangi in Te Tai Tokerau from 23/26 November 2006, and for the Committee to consider its attendance at the conference.

BACKGROUND

Te Waka Awhina ō Aotearoa was established in 1991 to provide appropriate training "ma tē Maori mo tē Maori," for Maori staff and Maori elected Members within local and regional government. The conference provides an opportunity for Maori to come together to discuss, debate and learn about various social, economic and political issues impacting on Maori. The objectives of the conference are:

- To gain better understanding of Te Tiriti ō Waitangi, biculturalism and resource management processes and their implications for Maori and local government,
- To improve understanding in tikanga Maori among Maori involved in local government,
- To assess ways to improve effectiveness in setting and achieving Maori goals for local government,
- To establish a Maori network for Maori involved in local and regional government.

In the past Te Taumata Runanga approved the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and other Committee members to attend the conference.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Active Democracy and Strong Communities are two of the Council's nine strategic platforms which support the development of Maori capacity to contribute to the Council's decision making processes through participation at regional and national forums, improving information flow and supporting Maori in appropriate ways to interact with other elected Maori from across the country.

Participation at this conference also contributes to the Maori Leadership or Nga Manukura Community Outcome.

ISSUES

Representation at Conference

Te Taumata Runanga attendance at previous conferences had played an important role in the demonstration of the Council's relationship to acknowledge processes that strengthen Maori leadership capabilities in terms of;

- Maori leadership;
- Kaumātua and Kuia advisors;
- Promote a model on working in a Treaty relationship between Maori and the Council;
- Profile Maori participation in the Council decision making;
- Advocate Waitakere Maori community's strategic issues.

This year the conference is to be held at Te Tii Marae in Te Tai Tokerau and this report seeks for the Committee to consider its attendance at the conference. It is suggested the Committee may wish to view this as an opportunity to build on the capabilities of Committee Members that are actively involved in the City's strategic issues including contributing to the Maori community outcomes such as Sustaining The Auckland Region Together and Maori Economic development and Maori Education projects.

The cost to attend the conference is \$700 (GST inclusive) per representative plus accommodation and travel.

Conference Details

This year's conference programme was not available at the time the report was prepared.

RESOURCES

Funding is available in the Annual Plan 2006/2007 to enable two Committee Members to attend the Conference.

CONCLUSION

Te Waka Awhina ö Aotearoa is an annual national conference available for Maori working in the local and regional government context. The conference is focused on providing training and mentoring opportunities to Maori staff and Maori Elected Members on social, economic and political issues impacting on the relationship between Maori and the Treaty of Waitangi. This event also provides an opportunity for Te Taumata Runanga to enhance its capabilities, to share ideas and information with other colleagues and Maori staff from across the country. This report seeks the Committee's direction on its participation at this Conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Te Waka Awhina ö Aotearoa Annual National Conference 2006 report be received.
2. That Te Taumata Runanga nominate two representatives to attend Te Waka Awhina ö Aotearoa Annual National Conference 2006 to be held at Te Tii Marae, Waitangi from 23 - 26 November 2006.
3. That Te Taumata Runanga recommend to the Council to approve the attendance of two representatives from Te Taumata Runanga to attend Te Waka Awhina ö Aotearoa Annual National Conference 2006 to be held at Te Tii Marae, Waitangi from 23 - 26 November 2006.

Report prepared by: Georgina Parata, Senior Policy Analyst.



10 WAITAKERE LEARNING AND EDUCATION PLAN

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Te Taumata Runanga about the development of the proposed Waitakere Learning and Education Plan.

BACKGROUND

There has been interest in developing a Citywide learning and education strategy for a number of years. This was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the Waitakere Education Sector Trust in 2001. It was recognised then, that a more strategic and collaborative approach to the provision of learning and educational opportunities in the city could greatly improve educational outcomes for its residents. The Educators and Communities Call to Action Group is a part of the Wellbeing Collaboration Project. It is a group of education sector stakeholders whose goal is to facilitate improved working relationships within the education sector and between educators, families and communities.

They held a one day conference in October 2005 that focused on the issue of improving learning experiences through the development of the education sector and community partnerships. This conference highlighted the need for a shared understanding of what the city wants to achieve in relation to education and the need for more strategic planning and action in this area.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Maori educational achievement is a key priority for Te Taumata Runanga. It is endorsed in the Long Term Strategy and Action Plan, the Committee's annual work programme, and the Maori community outcomes 2006-2009 process. Maori educational achievement focuses on creating positive learning opportunities, experiences and outcomes for Maori from early childhood, kōhanga reo, through to tertiary level, whare wananga, in Waitakere. Te Taumata Runanga continues to advocate for Maori education interests by participating in a wide range of Council sponsored work programmes focused on the City's educational interests. These include Maori education, Waitakere Education Sector Trust, Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Project, Youth Transitions Service, Educators and Communities Call to Action, Early Childhood Strategy, Council and UNITEC partnerships, Learning for Sustainable Development, Health Promoting Schools, Teen School and the Active Democracy Programme.

The Council has made a significant strategic commitment to enhancing educational and learning opportunities in the City with the adoption of the Lifelong Learning Priority in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016. Learning and education also feature strongly in many of the nine strategic platforms, as well as being a focus of the First Call for Children Policy. Central to the implementation of the concept of lifelong learning is the need to have an education sector that is working seamlessly and collaboratively from early childhood education through compulsory schooling, to work-related training, tertiary, and ongoing adult learning opportunities. The Council currently works actively with a number of key education stakeholders on a variety of different projects in order to facilitate this process.

ISSUES

Purpose

The key purpose of this project is to develop a Learning and Education Plan for Waitakere. The Learning and Education Plan will set out a vision of where the key education stakeholders, the Council and the community want to be in twenty years time. It will spell out the actions that need to be taken in order to reach that vision and will identify who the key players are and the parts they need to play in delivering those actions. The emphasis is on developing creative and innovative ways of making a long term and sustainable difference to learning experiences and outcomes for people in Waitakere by working together more effectively towards identified common goals. It is anticipated that by developing a Citywide strategic approach to education and learning it will be easier to:

- Understand key issues and needs;
- Develop a shared understanding of good practice;
- Develop co-ordinated actions for service delivery;
- Build strategic alliances and partnerships.

Role of Te Taumata Runanga

The Waitakere Education Sector Trust has a critical role in the development of the Learning and Education Plan for Waitakere. Te Taumata Runanga has appointed two representatives; Awa Hudson and Carol Ngawati, to the Trust. It is expected that all representatives on the Trust will be informed on new developments and where appropriate further guidance will also be sought on best practice approach in terms of Maori educational interests. Te Taumata Runanga will also be kept informed.

Scope

The project will gather information that will contribute to the following:

- A baseline understanding of the current learning and education environment in Waitakere across a number of a key indicators, both quantitative and qualitative, and from a range of stakeholder perspectives;
- The development of a shared vision and principles that will provide the overarching goals and structure for the Learning and Education Plan;
- The development of a framework of action areas and specific tasks that link with the vision and objectives and provide a practical pathway for reaching the vision and objectives by 2026;
- An outline of how the action areas and specific tasks can be implemented, including potential roles, responsibilities and timeframes.
- Identification of the key players in relation to their respective roles in implementing the action areas and specific tasks
- A shared understanding of good practice in relation to:
 - Long term planning for improved citywide learning provision;
 - How communities and educators can work together to improve learning experiences and learning provision;
 - What combination of actions would best achieve the vision and objectives of the Learning and Education Plan.
- Improved engagement with key stakeholders both at an operational and strategic level.

Approach

A full time Waitakere Education Sector Planning Co-ordinator will be employed by the Waitakere Education Sector Trust on a fixed term contract for twelve months. The primary role of the appointee will be to initiate and lead the development of the learning and education strategic action plan for Waitakere. The position will be managed by a steering group comprising Waitakere Education Sector Trust members and members of the Educators and Communities Call to Action Group.

The Waitakere Education Sector Trust has previously requested that Council provide resourcing for a full time education position within the Council. Funding has been allocated in the Long Term Council Community Plan from 2007/2008 onwards for an education position. It is anticipated that this role will oversee the implementation of the strategies and actions identified in the Learning and Education Plan once it has been completed.

RESOURCES

The Council has provided funding of \$40,000 to the Waitakere Education Sector Trust in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 and Annual Plan 2006/2007 and funding of \$33,000 has been received from the ASB Trust.

Staff resourcing is available to support the Waitakere Education Sector Trust and the Educators and Communities Call to Action Group.

CONCLUSION

The Waitakere Education Sector Trust and the Educators and Communities Call to Action are supporting and resourcing the development of a Learning and Education Plan for Waitakere City. The plan will set out a twenty year vision with accompanying strategies and actions for making a long term and sustainable difference to learning experiences and outcomes for all residents. An Education Sector Planning Co-ordinator will be employed by the Waitakere Education Sector Trust to carry out this work. Maori educational achievement is a key priority for Te Taumata Runanga and the community outcomes for Waitakere 2006-2009, including the Maori community outcomes process. The process of developing a Learning and Education Plan for Waitakere creates an opportunity for the Maori community to develop strategies and actions that will provide increased support for Maori educational initiatives for the City.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Waitakere Learning and Education Plan report be received.

Report prepared by: Sue Dodds, Partnerships and Advocacy Leader: Children and Youth.



11 BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present the Biodiversity Strategy to Te Taumata Runanga for its information.

BACKGROUND

New Zealand has an obligation, as signatory to the international Convention on Biological Diversity, to protect its indigenous biodiversity. Domestic legislation, such as the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Biosecurity Act 1993 reinforce this obligation. Towards meeting this obligation, the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy (2000) was prepared to provide a framework for action. The Council's own Green Network strategic platform holds the vision that streams and forests will be full of life, and seeks to link the Waitakere Ranges and the sea, connecting the everyday lives of the people of Waitakere with the natural world. The draft Biodiversity Strategy was developed to give effect to this vision. The draft has been consulted on with iwi, conservation groups and the community, and further developed over the last two years.

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At its meeting of 3 August 2006, the City Development Committee adopted the Biodiversity Strategy as attached at pages A1 to A35.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Council's Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016, prepared under Section 93, identifies sustainable development as one of the City's five priorities, including through supporting ecosystem capacity and respecting environmental limits. A key indicator of sustainability is the maintenance of local biodiversity. The concept of sustainability is also supported by the Community Outcomes mandated through consultation with the community, that is: Sustainable Environment and Environmental Protection. The Council's nine strategic platforms include the Green Network, which is about caring for natural areas.

The Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 targets the Waitakere Ranges for a higher level of protection, in particular, through managing weeds and pests, ensuring ecosystems are not compromised by urban sprawl or visitor pressure, and re-establishing corridors to link the Ranges to the sea. The Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 includes funding to support this programme. Delivery is through the Green Network strategic platform.

The 2020 vision for the Green Network is that the Waitakere Ranges will be permanently protected. There will be a network of bush and trees from the Ranges, through town centres and suburbs, to the coasts, bringing the natural world into people's everyday lives and filling the streams and forests with life. This platform is about caring for natural areas. The City's parks, bush and streams form a green network that provides homes and highways for wildlife and recreational areas for people. It also assists with managing and filtering stormwater. Protection and enhancement is sought on both public and private land, community involvement is encouraged, as is the protection of landscapes, native plants, wildlife and ecosystems.

ISSUES

The purpose of this Biodiversity Strategy is to collate and re-focus many of the policies and actions already adopted by the Council and the community for a range of different purposes, and to propose some new actions, to provide good biodiversity outcomes from all land management practices. The strategy does not duplicate policies already contained in the District Plan, draft Parks and Open Space Strategy, reserve management plans, Stormwater Strategy and integrated catchment management plans.

Although there are numerous active restoration programmes underway in the City, being undertaken by both the Council and the community, there is currently a lack of targeted biodiversity outcomes in relation to these. The Biodiversity Strategy draws together and summarises existing information and provides specific biodiversity objectives and outcomes and an action plan to achieve the biodiversity vision for the City.

Implementing the strategy relies on community action as well as actions undertaken by the Council and Auckland Regional Council.

RESOURCES

No resources in addition to existing budgets provided in the Annual Plan 2006/2007 and the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 are required to implement the Biodiversity Strategy.

CONCLUSION

The Biodiversity Strategy has been developed over the last two years with input from staff and community groups. It is now at a stage where it has been adopted and can be implemented. The strategy will be reviewed within five years.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Biodiversity Strategy report be received.

Report prepared by: Carol Bergquist, Senior Analyst Environmental Policy.



12 **MAORI ISSUES TEAM INTERNAL REVIEW**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to inform Te Taumata Runanga on the outcomes of a recent internal review of the Maori Issues Team.

BACKGROUND

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The Maori Issues Unit is comprised of the Maori Issues Manager and the Kaiwhakarite – Projects Officer positions. In addition to these positions, there are a number of other roles located in different areas of the Council that have specific accountabilities relating to the Maori community. These are the Maori Development Planner, Committee Secretarial support for Te Taumata Runanga, the Maori Services Librarian and the Maori Arts Coordinator. This core group of staff comprises the Maori Issues Team, also known as the Maori Issues ‘Virtual’ Team. A diagram illustrating where each of these positions sits within the organisation and the staff that currently fill these positions is attached at page A36.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Local Government Act 2002 states that:

Part 2 Section 14: “(d) a local authority should provide opportunities for Maori to contribute to its decision-making processes.”

The Maori Issues Team has a key role in ensuring Maori have opportunities to contribute to the Council’s decision making.

The Maori Issues Team internal review relates to the Council’s Treaty of Waitangi strategic priority, which requires that the Treaty of Waitangi is upheld in all Council activities and planning. It also aligned to the Council’s Active Democracy Strategic Platform. This platform supports the involvement of citizens in the Council’s decision-making process, through education, removing barriers, developing partnerships, improving information flows and supporting communities’ own ways of interacting with the Council.

The Maori Issues Team has a role in monitoring the Council’s service delivery to the Maori Community. Therefore, the Maori Issues Team internal review relates to the following community outcomes:

- Mauri Ora - Access to Maori Resources;
- Te Mana Whakahaere – Autonomy;
- Nga Manukura - Maori Leadership;
- Toiora - Healthy Lifestyles;
- Waiora - Environmental Protection 9;
- Whaiora - Participation in Society.

A key function of the Maori Issues Team is to support the Council’s obligations and responsibilities, particularly on its Treaty of Waitangi priority through the implementation of the Council’s Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 and Te Taumata Runanga Long Term Strategy and Action Plan.

ISSUES

Scope of Review

The Maori Issues Team has to date operated on a relatively informal basis. The recently appointed Maori Issues Manager has undertaken to facilitate a process with members of the Team and their Managers, in order to:

- Clarify areas of shared responsibility in respect of members' individual roles;
- Clarify processes for communication between team members and their respective Managers;
- Develop a shared work programme;
- Investigate ways of improving the Team's responsiveness both to the Maori Community and the Council.

Review Process

The review of the Maori Issues Team has comprised of:

- A wananga with Team members;
- Regular Team meetings;
- Consultation with Managers and Directors as required;

The outcomes of this process are outlined below.

Revised Names

In the course of the review process, members of the Team expressed a desire to reconsider the name, 'Maori Issues Team'. New Maori and English names have been proposed for the Maori Issues Team, and a new Maori name is also proposed for the wider network of Maori Council staff. These names are discussed in a separate report to Te Taumata Runanga (entitled Maori Issues Team Name Change).

Nga Manako - Values

In acknowledging the unique role the Team has in terms of preserving the integrity of the Council's relationships with Maori, the following values were discussed as being important in all the Team's areas of activity:

- Tino Rangatiratanga: Respecting different opinions and valuing diversity; acknowledging the self-determination and autonomy of Maori communities;
- Mananaakitanga: Serving the Council by serving the Maori community;
- Whakawhanaungatanga: Togetherness and mutual support;
- Kaitiakitanga: Upholding the integrity of Tikanga Maori, Maori processes and relationships within the Council;
- Kōkiritia: Professionalism and perseverance; commitment to moving forward;
- Whakaponotanga: Transparency, accountability and loyalty;
- Whakaiti: Humility;
- Whakamana: Striving to empower individuals and communities; respecting people's innate dignity;
- Wairuatanga: Acknowledging Te Taha Wairua in all areas of activity.

Te Ara Whakamua – Team Vision

To capture the essence of the Team's perception of its role within the Council, the following vision statement was developed:

“Mahi tahi kia manaakitia te tangata, kia piki te kaha me te ora, kia eke ki te taumata”

“To support the relationship between Maori and the Council, to provide for the wellbeing and developmental aspirations of Maori as part of the Waitakere Community”

Te Ara Whariki – Strategic Pathway

To enhance the Team’s working relationship a draft shared work programme is proposed, outlining projects of shared interest. The work programme has nine main streams, which have subsequently been grouped into three sections. These sections are aligned with the waka hourua concept, and are outlined below.

Te Hou Tahi - External Focus	Te Paparewa – Team Focus	Te Hou Rua - Internal Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iwi Support Plan • Community Responsiveness and Engagement Plan • Networking Process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tikanga Plan • Team Management Plan • Strategic Projects Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Programme • Organisational Integration Plan • Te Taumata Runanga Support Plan

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A more detailed description of the Te Paparewa a Uru draft work programme is attached at page A37.

RESOURCES

Staff time only has been required in undertaking the Maori Issues Team internal review, and has been approved as appropriate by Team Members’ respective Managers.

CONCLUSION

This internal review has been an informal operational process with the intention of improving the effectiveness of the Maori Issues Team. As the Maori Issues Team is a key support mechanism for Te Taumata Runanga within the Council, it is important that the Committee is aware of the review’s outcomes and the impact of this review to contribute in a positive way to the Te Taumata Runanga Long Term Strategy and Action Plan and the Council’s Treaty of Waitangi priority.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Maori Issues Internal Review report be received.

Report prepared by: Wayne Knox, Maori Issues Manager, Georgina Parata, Maori Development Planner, Waiora Arama, Maori Arts Coordinator, Ngareta Delamere, Committee Secretary and Rewi Spraggon, Kaiwhakarite.



13 **MAORI ISSUES TEAM NAME CHANGE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to obtain Te Taumata Runanga's approval to the new Maori names for the Maori Issues Team and for the wider network of Maori staff within the organisation, and the report also advises the Committee of the new English name for the Maori Issues Unit and Maori Issues Team.

BACKGROUND

The Maori Issues Unit is comprised of the Maori Issues Manager and the Kaiwhakarite – Projects Officer positions. In addition to these positions, there are a number of other roles located in different areas of the Council that have specific accountabilities relating to the Maori community. These are the Maori Development Planner, Committee Secretarial support for Te Taumata Runanga, the Maori Services Librarian and the Maori Arts Coordinator. This core group of staff comprised the Maori Issues Team, also known as the Maori Issues 'Virtual' Team.

A wider network of staff within the Council was established by the former Maori Issues Manager. The purpose of this network was essentially to provide staff with cultural support and a forum for discussion. The Maori Issues Team has considered how it can support this process in the context of members' roles.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Maori Issues Team has recently undertaken an internal review process, with the intention of improving the team's effectiveness. This review process is outlined in a separate report to Te Taumata Runanga (entitled Maori Issues Team Internal Review). The recommendation to rename the Maori Issues Team, as well as proposed new names, were key outcomes of the internal review.

ISSUES

Revised Names

In the course of the review process, members of the Team expressed a desire to reconsider the name, 'Maori Issues Team'. It was felt that the title 'Maori Issues' had negative connotations. The Team also acknowledged the importance of embracing Te Reo me ona Tikanga. After some discussion, the Team arrived at the proposed name, 'Te Paparewa a Uru'.

The name 'Te Paparewa' derives from the platform in the middle of the Waka Hourua, or the ocean voyaging canoe. It is this platform that joins the two hulls together and is one of the most crucial parts of the waka hourua. Once the paparewa is constructed, then the sails and steering rigs are set up. Te Paparewa is a metaphor for the role of the Maori Issues Team in facilitating and maintaining relationships between Maori and the Council, which are figuratively the two hulls of the waka hourua. Therefore the Team considers Te Paparewa as a platform for collaboration between Maori and the Council in respect of their shared aspirations and objectives. The second part of the name 'a-Uru' refers to the west wind, Te Hau-a-uru. This links Te Paparewa to the west, or more specifically to Waitakere.

In keeping with the metaphor of the waka hourua, it is proposed that the network of Maori staff within the Council is named 'Te Herenga'. Te Herenga has a number of meanings, such as joining together, collaboration and so on. However, in this context Te Herenga refers to the sails of the waka hourua.

Approval of these proposed names is sought from Te Taumata Runanga prior to their adoption, given the importance of Maori naming process in terms of Tikanga Maori (customs and practices) and the role of the Maori Issues Team in providing support to the Committee.

Members of the Team also agreed that a revised English name be considered, so as to convey the purpose of the Team to those who do not understand Maori. A number of names were discussed, with 'Maori Relationships Team' being the preferred option. This name does not carry the negative connotations that 'Maori Issues Team' does, but still accurately conveys the primary function of the Team, that being to facilitate the relationship between Maori and the Council. Consequently, it was recommended to the Directors Group that the name of the Maori Issues Unit be revised to Maori Relationships Unit, and that the title of the Maori Issues Manager is revised to Maori Relationships Manager. As this was an operational matter, this was approved.

RESOURCES

Staff time only has been required in undertaking the Maori Issues Team internal review, and has been approved as appropriate by Team Members' respective Managers.

CONCLUSION

This internal review has been an informal operational process with the intention of improving the effectiveness of the Maori Issues Team. The Maori Issues Team recognises the importance of the Maori naming process according to Tikanga Maori, and seeks the Committee's approval of the proposed Maori names for the Maori Issues Team, Te Paparewa a Uru, and the wider network of Maori Council Staff, Te Herenga.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Maori Issues Team Name Change report be received.
2. That Te Taumata Runanga approves the names, Te Paparewa a Uru for the Maori Relationships Team (formerly the Maori Issues Team), and Te Herenga for the wider network of Maori Council Staff.

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14 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Te Taumata Runanga will be held in the Civic Centre, on Monday, 16 October 2006, commencing at 5.00 pm.

A representative is invited to present Te Taumata Runanga report at the next meeting of Council to be held in the Civic Centre, on Wednesday, 27 September 2006, commencing at 5.30 pm.

