

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Pacific Islands Advisory Board Inc. and Waitakere City Council

PARTIES

i) Pacific Islands Advisory Board Incorporated ("PIAB")

PIAB's designated liaison person with the Council is the Chairperson

PIAB's registered office is at:
c/- Private Bag 93019
Henderson
Waitakere City

ii) Waitakere City Council ("Council")

Council's contact person shall be the Pacific Islands Advisory Board Project Coordinator

Strategy and Development Directorate

PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT

This document sets out the formal agreement between the parties to work together to achieve the common goals as set out in clause 6.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Waitakere City Council is a Territorial Local Authority (according to the Local Government Act 2002) with purposes, functions, powers and duties as set out in the Local Government Act 2002 and other Acts.

The PIAB is an Incorporated Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 with aims, purposes and objectives outlined in the Constitution of the Board.

The PIAB Inc was established in 1990 by a group of Pasifika residents from Waitakere City with the support of the Waitakere City Council. The PIAB is a representative body of the Pasifika communities of the City. The PIAB was established to serve as a communication link between the Council and Pasifika communities and to work in partnership with Council in meeting the needs and aspirations of the Pasifika communities in the City.

The Council is committed in its Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) to engaging with Pasifika communities and has recognised the PIAB as the body representing the City's Pasifika communities.

The PIAB has reviewed its role and functions and desires to sustain and renew its relationship with the Council through an Agreement reflecting mutually agreed processes and work programmes.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the relationship between the PIAB and the Council are:

- To commit to working together to achieve social and economic wellbeing and strong integrated communities in Waitakere City;
- To include a Pasifika peoples perspectives in Council's policy development, service delivery and decision making;
- To achieve an appropriate level of representation of Pasifika peoples and reflection of their interests in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP);
- To provide a forum for mutual learning about (i) the functions, roles, responsibilities and activities of local and central government and (ii) the needs and aspirations of the city's Pasifika communities;
- To facilitate and support the development of leadership in Pasifika communities;
- To develop and implement a shared work programme.

PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

The Parties acknowledge a commitment to the concept of partnering and agree to adhere to the following partnership principles. To:

- act towards each other honestly and in good faith;
- communicate openly and in a timely fashion;
- work in a co-operative and constructive manner with respect, goodwill, trust and integrity towards the other party;
- recognise each other's responsibilities to their stakeholders and the autonomy and independence of each party;
- encourage quality and innovation to achieve positive results for the community as a whole;
- acknowledge that cultural diversity is a strength and promote inclusive approach;
- Affirm the Treaty of Waitangi.

COMMON GOALS

- Social inclusion acceptance and tolerance, respect and acknowledgement of cultural diversity.

- For Waitakere City to become the city of choice for Pasifika communities and new settler communities from the Pacific islands
- Pro-active and timely communication and sharing of information in relation to current and future needs.
- Encouraging and supporting initiatives that foster greater understanding and prosperity.

CONTRIBUTION OF EACH PARTY

(i) Pacific Islands Advisory Board

- "In kind" contribution of Pasifika community volunteers and community leaders' time to working pro-actively with Councillors, Council staff and Pacific ethnic groups and community organizations, to facilitate the integration of a Pasifika perspective in Council's LTCCP;
- Work with the Council to scope a Pasifika Strategy and an annual shared work programme;
- Support capacity building and community development of Pasifika communities and the identification and development of community leaders;
- Attend monthly Board, Executive and membership meetings and provide regular feedback and advice to the Council on needs and aspirations.

(ii) Waitakere City Council

- Work with PIAB to develop and implement an annual work programme;
- Appoint a Councillor representative to the Board;
- Engage with the PIAB when developing Council's strategic plans, policies and services;
- Assist the PIAB to access Council services, democratic processes and activities;
- Commit staff time through the Senior Analyst: Pacific Policy and PIAB Project Coordinator: to promote involvement and consultation with Pacific ethnic communities in Council activities and assist PIAB to achieve their objectives. Matters relating to the commitment of resources (financial or otherwise) will be set out in an appendix to the Agreement and be reviewed every three years;
- Commit funding through the Annual Budget to Pasifika community engagement through the PIAB, this will be reviewable on an annual basis;
- Arrange regular liaison meetings between Councillors and Board members.

Pacific Islands Advisory Board INC
Taha Fasi. Chairperson.

Pacific Islands Advisory Board INC
Malakai Ofanoa. Vice Chairperson.

Pacific Islands Advisory Board INC
Cheryl Talamaivao. Secretary.

Waitakere City Council
R H Harvey. Mayor.

Waitakere City Council
Cr Carolynne Stone.
Council's PIAB Representative.

Waitakere City Council
Harry O'Rourke. Chief Executive.

