

# LTP: Māori Contribution to Council's Decision-Making Processes

Meeting: Council Briefing  
 Date of meeting: 14 May 2020  
 Reporting officer: Francis Toko, Iwi Relations Manager

## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To seek feedback from Elected Members on the draft Long-Term Plan (LTP) section relating to Māori opportunities to contribute to Council's decision-making processes.

## Context/Horopaki

Local Authorities must set out any steps to foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the Local Authority (s8, schedule 10, LGA). Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) is copied below:

### 81 Contributions to decision-making processes by Māori

- (1) A local authority must—
  - (a) establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
  - (b) consider ways in which it may foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making processes of the local authority; and
  - (c) provide relevant information to Māori for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (2) A local authority, in exercising its responsibility to make judgments about the manner in which subsection (1) is to be complied with, must have regard to—
  - (a) the role of the local authority, as set out in [section 11](#); and
  - (b) such other matters as the local authority considers on reasonable grounds to be relevant to those judgments.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

### The LTP section

There are many ways in which Councils respond to the above requirement under the LGA and, more broadly, the Resource Management Act 1990 (RMA). **Attachment A** provides the wording from the relevant section of the current 2018-28 LTP. **Attachment B** provides an updated draft based on the work to date in this area. Staff are seeking feedback from elected members on this proposed wording.

### Māori wards

For information, a separate piece of work will be done this year, investigating whether or not the Kaipara District should include a Māori ward. The decision on this is required to be made by Council prior to 23 November this year. If anything changes as a result of this work, the 2021-31 LTP will be updated to reflect this.

## Next steps/E whaiake nei

The feedback received from Council will be considered and included in the next draft of this section, shared with Treaty Partners for comment and updated during the creation of the draft 2021-31 LTP.

## Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

|   | Title                                     |
|---|---|
| A | Relevant section from current 2018-28 LTP |

|   |   |
|---|---|
| B | Proposed section for upcoming 2021-31 LTP |
|---|---|