

Ruawai Adaptive Pathways – Te Moananui o Kaipara (the Kaipara District Māori Ward Elected Member) as Observer to Ruawai Community Panel

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 28 June 2023
Reporting officer: Katy Simon, Climate Change Advisor

Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To seek approval to add Te Moananui o Kaipara - the Kaipara District Māori Ward Elected Member as an observer to the Ruawai Adaptive Pathways, Ruawai Community Panel.

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

The Ruawai Community Panel (Panel) is the community advisory group leading Ruawai Adaptive Pathways and co-developing with Council, an adaptation plan for coastal hazards and flooding in the Ruawai area. Based on previous Council decision, the Otamatea Ward Elected Members (EMs) have a standing invite to attend all Panel meetings as observers. These are the only elected members invited to Panel Meetings. This report recommends that Te Moananui o Kaipara (the Kaipara District Māori Ward Elected Member) is also invited to attend Panel meetings as an observer with no speaking rights.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Approves the addition of Te Moananui o Kaipara (the Kaipara District Māori Ward Elected Member) as an observer with no speaking rights to the Ruawai Adaptive Pathways, Ruawai Community Panel.

Context | Horopaki

At the February 2022 Council Meeting, Council decided that the two Otamatea Ward Elected Members (EMs) would join the Ruawai Community Panel as observers with no speaking rights. The Otamatea Ward EMs are invited to all Ruawai Community Panel meetings and associated sessions and events. The observer role enables EMs to gain oversight of the process and discussions whilst protecting observers from any perceived influence over Panel outcomes, which will subsequently go to Council for consideration.

The decision came before the Te Moananui o Kaipara (the Kaipara District Māori Ward) position existed. Te Uri o Hau representatives on the Ruawai Community Panel have since requested that the Te Moananui o Kaipara is also invited to sit on the Ruawai Community Panel as an observer.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

The Ruawai Adaptive Pathways project staff team support Te Uri o Hau representatives' request to add Te Moananui o Kaipara (the Kaipara District Māori Ward member) as an observer to the Panel. The addition of Te Moananui o Kaipara as an observer to the Panel will not impact any existing Ruawai Adaptive Pathways project budgets, functions, structure or Panel agreements. Attendance of Te Moananui o Kaipara will strengthen Council oversight and support Council relationships with the Panel and with Te Uri o Hau.

Options

Option 1: Approve the addition of Te Moananui o Kaipara (the Kaipara District Māori Ward elected member) as an observer with no speaking rights to the Ruawai Community Panel.

This is the recommended option.

Option 2: Status quo - Te Moananui o Kaipara (the Kaipara District Māori Ward elected member) is not added as an observer with no speaking rights to the Ruawai Community Panel.

Impacts on Māori

Option 1 will support the Council's Memorandum of Understanding agreement with Te Uri o Hau.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report are considered to have a low degree of significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. No feedback is required, and the public will be informed of Council's decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

Staff will inform Te Uri o Hau representatives of Council's decision. If Council approves this addition, staff will invite Te Moananui o Kaipara (the Kaipara District Māori Ward elected member) to all future Panel meetings.

Staff will likely present a report on the Panel recommended community values and pathway objectives at either the July Council Meeting, or the soonest possible meeting thereafter.