

Māori Standing Committee

Reports To: The Council

Chairperson: Appointed by the Committee at Inaugural Meeting

Ngā Mematanga / Membership: 8 Takiwā Representatives
(one representative per takiwā)
The Mayor
Minimum of 3 Councillors

Te Kōrama / Quorum: 50% of appointed takiwā representatives (excluding vacancies)
1 elected member

Ngā Wā Hui / Meeting Frequency: Bi-monthly
(Meeting location to include takiwā marae)

Te Kaupapa / Purpose:

To provide a Māori perspective to guide Council with its responsibilities in the implementation of policies and work programmes to enable effective governance, engagement, and service delivery for all people within the district.

Ngā Kawenga / Responsibilities

- Provide advice to Council on matters relating to wāhi tapu, papakāinga, and other matters regarding whenua Māori
- Advocate on behalf of Māori in the Wairoa District to support Council's objectives at a local, regional, and national level.
- Assist Council in conducting and maintaining effective communications, good faith working relationships with whanau, hapu, and iwi, for the benefit of the community
- Determine actions that Council should take to develop and enhance Māori capacity to contribute to Council's decision-making processes
- Provide strategic leadership and direction for any projects for the benefit of the whole district, that has a Māori interest
- Promote the social, economic, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of the Wairoa District by recognising, valuing, and leveraging Wairoa's unique natural landscapes, cultural heritage, and community strengths.
- Facilitate and support the growth of kaupapa Māori initiatives that promote partnership under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and advance Māori aspirations across the district
- Strengthen engagement with tangata whenua and support the development of the Māori economy, ensuring alignment with broader economic strategies
- Provide strategic and appropriate tikanga guidance to the Council as requested

Ngā Tuku Mana / Delegated Authority

The Committee is delegated authority to act on all matters within its Terms of Reference except those excluded by Clause 32(1) schedule 7, of the Local Government Act 2002.

- Create and delegate to any subcommittee any responsibilities that have been delegated by Council to the Committee, and to appoint members onto the subcommittee.
- Make recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer on professional development opportunities which will enable members of the Māori Standing Committee to better contribute to its decision-making processes. The Chief Executive Officer will sign off on these in accordance with budget provisions.
- The Chair and one other takiwā representative shall attend every scheduled workshop, ordinary, and extraordinary public meeting of full Council. These representatives will have speaking rights

Ngā Tukunga / Procedures

- Takiwā reports should be submitted electronically to the Governance Team for inclusion in the Agenda. Verbal updates may also be given at a meeting of the MSC.
- Minutes are submitted to Council for receipt
- Recommendations from MSC Meetings are communicated to Council by the Chief Executive / Group Manager to ensure that they are actioned accordingly.
- There will be an appropriate induction for new members of the Committee

