

# Māori Standing Committee

<b>Reports To:</b>	The Council
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Appointed by the Committee at Inaugural Meeting
<b>Ngā Mematanga / Membership:</b>	8 Takiwā Representatives (one representative per takiwā) The Mayor Minimum of 3 Councillors
<b>Te Kōrama / Quorum:</b>	50% of appointed takiwā representatives (excluding vacancies) 1 elected member
<b>Ngā Wā Hui / Meeting Frequency:</b>	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

