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Combined Tāngata Whenua Forum Terms of Reference

Kaupapa / Purpose

a) Provide a sub-regional collective forum for tāngata whenua to strategise, influence, and monitor growth and development affecting tāngata whenua in the western Bay of Plenty sub-region (sub-region).

b) Ensure Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the Treaty principles, and Treaty Settlements are recognised and embedded in the SmartGrowth partnership and strategy.

c) Enable the rangatiratanga and mana motuhake of hapū and iwi in the sub-region to be embedded in the SmartGrowth partnership and strategy.

Key CTWF Responsibilities

a) Provide strategic tāngata whenua leadership on SmartGrowth's sub-regional urban growth, development, protection, and wellbeing strategies, plans, actions, and relationships, including reviewing processes and recommending changes to enhance effectiveness.

b) Undertake an annual assessment of the SmartGrowth Strategy using the CTWF Outcomes Performance Measures Framework.

c) Maintain effective communication with constituent councils, tāngata whenua forums, marae, hapū and iwi committees, ensuring they are kept informed of CTWF discussions

d) Promote mātauranga and cultural values to influence urban growth, development, protection, and wellbeing outcomes

e) Support the engagement of local and central government with marae, hapū, iwi, Māori land trusts, Māori organisations, and other groups as required.

f) Respect that Treaty settlement matters are addressed directly between the relevant Post-Settlement Governance Entities, councils, and Crown agencies.

CTWF Membership and Form

CTWF membership includes the primary representatives from each of the TCC and WBOPDC Iwi / Tāngata Whenua Forums, specifically:

a. Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana Forum members within TCC rohe, and

b. Te Kāhui Mana o Tauranga Moana Forum members within WBOPDC rohe, and

c. Te Ihu o Te Waka o Te Arawa Forum members within the WBOPDC rohe.

The CTWF will elect a Chairperson from the CTWF membership from the three (3) Iwi / Tāngata Whenua Forums following the Council's triennium election cycle.

CTWF Administration and Management

a) The CTWF will meet at least four times each calendar year (quarterly hui) and may hold special workshops to address specific tāngata whenua kaupapa as required.

b) The CTWF will be supported by the Tū Pakari Advisory Team in preparing agendas, papers, reports, guest attendance, and presentations.

c) CTWF member meeting fees will follow the TCC and WBOPDC tāngata whenua remuneration policies and payment processes.

d) The CTWF will maintain a conflicts of interest register and review it at each forum meeting.

e) The CTWF may establish sub-committees, working groups, or advisory panels as it sees fit to progress specific kaupapa, with membership, terms, and reporting arrangements determined by the CTWF.

CTWF Representation on the SmartGrowth Leadership Group (SLG)

The CTWF will endorse the appointment of representatives with appropriate governance experience, tāngata whenua urban development expertise, and cultural knowledge and values to contribute to matters of importance to CTWF on the SmartGrowth Leadership Group.

a) Two (2) members appointed from Te Rangapū Mana Whenua o Tauranga Moana;

b) One (1) member appointed from Te Kāhui Mana o Tauranga Moana Forum, and

c) One (1) member appointed from Te Ihu o Te Waka o Te Arawa Forum and

d) One (1) member appointed from the CTWF membership as the “SLG Tāngata Whenua Alternate” representative. The SLG Tāngata Whenua alternate will be able to attend as a voting member at the formal SLG meetings where one of the above four (4) appointed SLG representatives has tendered his / her apology and has contacted the alternate representative

e) The appointment of the five (5) CTWF SLG representative will be reviewed in line with the three Council triennium election processes.