

Combined Tangata Whenua Forum Terms of Reference

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Key Responsibilities:

- Have input into the development of the SmartGrowth strategies and implementation of actions from tangata whenua perspective.
- Support the implementation of the Strategy through an audit role and the provision of information and advice.
- Provide timely and effective feedback on implementation actions.
- Provide essential communication links to and from constituent iwi and hapu.
- Provide input into the appointment of a Tu Pakari Advisor in conjunction with SGIC chair and CTWF chair.
- Maintain links between Treaty settlement outcomes and strategy implementation.

Form:

- Membership comprising the Tauranga Moana Tangata Whenua Collective (TCC) and iwi/hapu members of Partnership Forums (WBOPDC).
- Meet at least six times a calendar year, generally on a bi-monthly basis.
- Meet up to six times a calendar year, generally on a bi-monthly basis to workshop issues and topics
 of interest to SmartGrowth and the CTWF
- Meeting attendance funded in a manner consistent with TCC and WBOPDC Council policy.
- Scope for members of the CTWF to be seconded to the Committee if required to provide insight into specific issues.
- Serviced by the Tu Pakari Advisor in respect of agendas, papers, and report preparation.
- Tu Pakari Advisor shall be co-Chairperson of the CTWF, the CTWF shall elect a co-Chairperson of the CTWF and follow the elections process as CTWF members to SGIC

CTWF Representation to SGIC

- Representation from the CTWF to SGIC will consist of:
 - o 1 member appointed by the Tauranga Moana Tangata Whenua Collective (TCC);
 - 1 member appointed by the Partnership Forums (WBOPDC);
 - o 2 members elected by the CTWF; and
- CTWF representatives to SGIC term will be 3 years and rotating on an annual basis starting from the:
 - o local body elections confirming the Tauranga Moana Tangata Whenua Collective appointee and Partnership Forums appointee (year 1)
 - o longest serving CTWF elected member (year 2)
 - next serving CTWF elected member (year 3)

- Appointments or elections will take place in the last calendar quarter of the year unless a SGIC CTWF vacancy occurs
- Nominees for CTWF members to SGIC must be a member of either the Tauranga Moana Tangata Whenua Collective or Partnership Forums
- Nominees will require the written support of one other CTWF member which must be submitted to the Tu Pakari Advisor one month prior to the scheduled meeting
- CTWF members will receive the agenda including, where provided information on the nominees
- If one nomination is received, no election will be required

Kia Tu Pakari ai Tatou:

- The CTWF will be responsible for ensuring the Rangatiratanga of the hapu and Iwi (tangata whenua values, principles, traditions and customs) are taken into account and maintained throughout the implementation of the strategy.
- The CTWF is a reference group to support the future growth related needs of hapu and Iwi.

Tangata whenua Audit:

• An audit on the implementation of the strategy by the CTWF will be a key monitoring function for tangata whenua in assessing the outcomes of the strategy.

Tangata whenua Leadership

- The collective knowledge and experience within the CTWF provides strong leadership and direction to the SmartGrowth Implementation decisions on specific and generic actions affecting tangata whenua.
- Tangata whenua will provide leadership in the implementation of some actions solely, shared as a member of the SmartGrowth Implementation Committee or as a support to other lead agencies.
- Tangata whenua engagement in the implementation and monitoring will provide confidence in the growth and development processes.

Communication and Liaison with Tangata whenua:

• The CTWF provides a regional forum for hapu, Iwi and Maori to raise implementation issues. The use of Marae and specialist workshops has proven to be an effective communication tool in engaging tangata whenua. These internal networks and techniques should be utilised to ensure that momentum of the strategy is maintained.

Relationships:

- CTWF participants are able to raise issues for discussion within the CTWF meetings to be taken to the SGIC and other forums by the tangata whenua representative and/or the Tu Pakari Advisor.
- The CTWF is able to develop issues/ recommendations that have not been solicited by the SGIC and present these to the committee.

Participation:

• The CTWF will openly debate issues, with the opportunity for all participants to contribute. All meetings are open to whanau, hapu Iwi and Maori across the sub-region.

Autonomy:

• The CTWF will consolidate and summarise all the knowledge and representations of the participating hapu and iwi.

- It is recognised that this knowledge will be based on personal/hapu and iwi values and views.
- It is acknowledged that the CTWF participants will not always agree on issues.
- Any feedback/ recommendation to the SGIC will include all of the opinions and positions of the CTWF participants.
- CTWF participants will be able to present, in person, their differing views to the SGIC, to ensure their position is appropriately articulated.

Communication:

- Communication between the CTWF and the SGIC will be either a formal written report or presentation prepared by the Tu Pakari Advisor.
- A major focus of the communication between the two groups will be on building relationships, trust and honest interaction.

Operational Process:

- Facilitation, Independent Chair to continue in this role.
- CTWF participants own the process and operation of the group so they must contribute to the running of the process.
- Participating hapu and iwi will support each other to ensure equal opportunity to contribute.
- Open invitation for members of both the CTWF and SGIC to attend each other s meetings.
- Alternate's representation is allowable.
- Alternate must come prepared for meetings and may not propose different hapu and iwi agendas to those already raised by the usual representative.
- The CTWF will have access to copies of all the reports sent to the SGIC.