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Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee – adoption of terms of reference

1. Purpose

For Council to adopt the updated terms of reference for Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee (the Committee).

2. Background

As part of its review of the Committee, Council approved the draft updated terms of reference for the Committee for consultation with the six iwi authorities of the Wellington Region (**Attachment 1**) at its meeting on 5 April 2017.

Following the Council meeting, letters were sent to the six iwi authorities explaining that a number of changes were being proposed to the terms of reference to enable the Committee to function appropriately. The following changes were outlined in the letter:

- Change of Committee name to Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee
- Change to the number of non-Councillor members of the Committee from seven to six
- Addition of oversight of Whaitua process
- Removal of oversight of RMA consenting functions.

The six iwi authorities were asked to forward any comments they had about the proposed updated draft terms of reference by Friday, 12 May 2017.

3. Comment

The following comments have been received:

<i>Iwi</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Clause 7 – The previous rate was determined at \$500 per member incl. tax per daily rate for hui – It would be good to see the current rate explicitly detailed inside the TOR.</i> 2. <i>Your consideration to include a clause in here regarding the ‘replacement of non-councillor members’ to this committee. i.e. Council will ensure that all non-councillor members continue to carry the support of their nominating iwi authority throughout their term of membership, and should the relevant iwi authority revoke their support for the nominated member that the council will receive and consider a nomination to replace the member from the said iwi authority?</i> 3. <i>Council to consider that non-councillor members have the ability to proxy or nominate a back-up representative who could attend hui in the case that our primary representative could not.</i>
Kahungunu ki Wairarapa	<i>No issues with the draft terms of reference.</i>
Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki	<i>No comment received.</i>
Ngati Toa Rangatira	<i>No comment received.</i>
Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust	<i>No issues with the draft terms of reference.</i>
Rangitāne o Wairarapa	<i>No comment received.</i>

I will address the comments made by Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust at the Council meeting.

4. Communication

The six iwi authorities in the Wellington Region will be advised that the updated terms of reference for the Committee have been adopted.

5. Consideration of climate change

The matters addressed in this report are of a procedural nature, and there is no need to conduct a climate change assessment.

6. The decision-making process and significance

The matter requiring decision in this report has been considered by officers against the requirements of Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2002.

6.1 Significance of the decision

Officers have considered the significance of the matter, taking into account the Council's significance and engagement policy and decision-making guidelines. Due to the procedural nature of this decision officers recommend that the matter be considered to have low significance.

Officers do not consider that a formal record outlining consideration of the decision-making process is required in this instance.

6.2 Engagement

Due to its procedural nature and low significance, no engagement on this matter is necessary.

7. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*
- 3. Approves the updated name of Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee.*
- 4. Adopts the updated terms of reference for Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee.*

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Attachment 1: Updated terms of reference for Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resources Plan Committee