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Report 26.128

Public minutes of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti meeting on Tuesday 24 March 2026

Taumata Kōrero – Council Chamber Greater Wellington Regional Council – Te Pane Matua Taiao 100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington at 10.01am

Members Present

Councillor Ponter (Chair)
Councillor Makarini (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Connelly
Councillor Johnstone
Councillor Saw
Councillor Tupou (From 10.21am)

Also present

Councillor Duthie
Councillor Elder
Councillor James

Karakia timatanga

Te Komiti Chair opened the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

Public Business

1 Apologies

Moved: Cr Saw / Cr Connelly

That te Komiti accepts the apology for lateness from Councillor Tupou.

The motion was **carried**.

2 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3 Public participation

There was no public participation.

4 Mana Whenua Representation on Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti – Report 26.107

Brett Cockeram, Hautū Hua Māori, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Makarini / Cr Connelly

That te Komiti:

- 1 Notes that, at its meeting on 11 December 2025, Council approved the Terms of Reference for Committees and Advisory Bodies for the 2025-28 triennium, excluding provision for mana whenua representation until engagement with mana whenua partners on their preferred approach has been confirmed.
- 2 Notes that engagement with mana whenua during early 2026 has resulted in their agreement to be represented on the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti.
- 3 Agrees to the proposed approach to mana whenua representation on Te Tiriti Komiti, being the inclusion of up to six mana whenua representatives, plus alternates, one from each of Greater Wellington's mana whenua partners, to bring knowledge, attributes, and expertise to inform and assist decision-making.
- 4 Recommends that Council consider amending the Terms of Reference of Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti:
 - a to give effect to this approach, including associated changes required to support appointments.
 - b to provide for co-chairs
- 5 Requests officers to provide details of how co-chairs would work to a future Council meeting.

The motion was **carried**.

Councillor Tupou joined the meeting at 10.21am during questions on the above item.

5 Mana Whakahono ā Rohe – Report 26.104

Ana Nicholls, Hautū Matauranga Taiao and Tawh Skipper, Senior Advisor Māori, spoke to the report.

Moved: Cr Makarini / Cr Connelly

That the te Komiti:

- 1 Notes that Mana Whakahono ā Rohe are statutory arrangements under the Resource Management Act 1991 that enable iwi or hapū and local authorities to agree how they will work together on resource management matters, providing clarity and durability of engagement.

- 2 Notes that Greater Wellington has well-established relationships with its mana whenua partners, and that mana whenua are seeking to use Mana Whakahono ā Rohe to support participation and engagement in the context of proposed changes to the resource management system.
- 3 Recommends that Council:
 - a Notes the invitations from, and that related Mana Whakahono ā Rohe discussions are commencing with, Ātiawa ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust and Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki Incorporated Society
 - b Agrees to amend the Terms of Reference for Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti to provide that it may, with regard to Mana Whakahono ā Rohe invitations:
 - i Oversee engagement with mana whenua
 - ii Oversee the development of Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements on behalf of council
 - iii Recommend proposed Mana Whakahono ā Rohe agreements to Council for decision and adoption.
 - c Delegates, for Mana Whakahono ā Rohe, to each of the Chief Executive and Te Pou Whakarae (acting individually), after consultation with Komiti Chair/co-chairs, authority to:
 - i Convene and organise statutory hui or wānanga
 - ii Agree the process and scope for negotiations
 - iii Progress an interim Mana Whakahono ā Rohe framework (where appropriate)
 - iv Report back to Te Tiriti o Waitangi Komiti progress and any matters requiring further Council decisions.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Update on Mana Whenua Submissions on Resource Management Reform Bills (The Natural Environment and Planning Bills) – Report 26.115 [For Information]

Carl Chenery, Principal Advisor Te Tiriti, spoke to the report.

Karakia whakamutunga

Te Komiti Chair closed the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The meeting closed at 11.15am

Councillor D Ponter

Chair

Date: