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Ward: Bay of Islands - Whangaroa

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Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting Topic	Comment
01/07	Local Government Reform	Workshop with elected member steering group members
03/07	Local Government Reform	FNDC Workshop
	Local Government Reform	Debrief on workshop in preparation for our regional hui
06/07	Local Government Reform Steering Group hui	
07/07	Long Term Plan	workshop
	Lifetime Achievement Awards	
08/07	Te Kūkupa Committee for Strategy, Policy & Regulatory	
	District Wide Spatial plan	workshop
09/07	Monthly governance & operational	briefing
	Local Government Reforms	Workshop
	Community Trust, Participation & Engagement	Portfolio hui
	Local Government Reform	Steering group briefing
14/07	Predator Free Pēwhairangi Whānui Quarterly Hui & Celebration	Guest of hapū and NRC
15/07	Te Puāwaitanga	Monthly Board hui
16/07	Extraordinary Council hui	
17/07	Northland Forward Together	Strategic planning workshop

21/07	LGNZ Zone 1	
	Te Puāwaitanga	Board briefing on the consultation for portion of land to be sold or leased
	Pou Herenga Tai Cycle Trail	Monthly board meeting
22/07	Council hui	
	Cycle trail realignment hui	With Keteriki, Pou Herenga Tai and staff
23/07	Taumarere River Liaison Hui	
24/07	LG Reform steering group	FNDC members briefing
26/07	Head Start Outline discussion	FNDC members discussion on outline draft
27/07	Local Government Reform	Elected member steering group
29/07	Turner Centre	Strategic Relationships Committee hui

Community Matters

This section should be completed for matters arising within the community, which Council need to be aware of. It could be related to ongoing projects, requests, feedback etc.

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Kawakawa housing	Concerns over lack of engagement with community and the potential flood impacts on surrounding properties. Ongoing
Body corporates	Number of stormwater issues from 3 different sites, two in Paihia, one in Kaikohe. Need a procedure developed for operations and governance to handle these queries.
Unmaintained roads	Toots Drive, Lily Pond Lane, Powells Road has council infrastructure located on and need to be maintained. Our policies are limited ability to address this.

Local Government Reform – Elected Member Steering Group

- Supported by staff, working at pace to get to a Headstart Proposal which is in line with the public feedback we received by our residents and ratepayers.

Te Kūkupa Kōmiti: Strategy, Policy and Regulatory Committee Chair

- Draft scoping report for our Stage One Community Adaptation Planning a hot topic, it is advancing. We received an update on our bylaw review programme and strategy implementation report was a really helpful report for members to be aware of the many strategies that drive our work programmes across the organisation.

Te Huia: Chief Executive Performance

- Monitoring of KPIs/goals within the new 120-day cycle. Reviewed terms of reference for the independent advisor role.

Portfolio Update: Community Trust, Participation and Engagement

- In lieu of a portfolio hui I have been working on how local voice, community participation and representation would be protected through reform. That included community boards, rural and remote communities, iwi/hapū participation, existing place-based partnerships and ensuring people who don't usually engage with councils were included.
- **Supported District Wide Spatial Strategy workshop**, including participation from hapū, community members and rangatahi, both in person and online, and further opportunities for public input.
- Deliberate about **meaningful engagement rather than consultation after decisions are effectively made**, particularly through the reform work.

Portfolio Update: Creative Communities Funding Assessment Committee

No meeting this month

Portfolio Update: Housing Delivery & Partnerships

- Received information to assist in establishing a Kawakawa housing working group to identify excess land for potential divestment for housing. Now need to assemble a working group. (outcome from the public hui held last month)

Council Appointment: Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Committee

- Continued to follow national emergency management reform and consider implications for Northland. Also advocated through local government reform discussions for the retention of effective regional Civil Defence arrangements and strong local/community connections.

Council Appointment: Pou Herenga Tai – Twin Coast Cycle Trail Trust

- Followed up work on options to progress unresolved sections of Pou Herenga Tai - Twin Coast Cycle Trail, including consideration of alternative alignment, Great Ride grading requirements, consenting, stakeholder input and opportunities for a more deliverable and cost-effective solution.

Council Appointment: Te Tai Tokerau Joint Climate Change Adaptation

- Continued work on regional climate adaptation planning, including consideration of the proposed scoping work, alignment with Government direction, resourcing and legislative responsibilities. Focus was on ensuring the distinction between initial scoping/evidence gathering and future implementation.

Council Appointment: Turner Centre

- Worked on strengthening stakeholder communications and ensuring consistent messaging about the Centre's value to communities across the Far North and Te Tai Tokerau.

Council Appointment: Kaeo-Whangaroa River Liaison Working Group

Unable to attend scheduled hui due to clash with council committee.

Council Appointment: Taumarere River Working Group

- Followed up concerns around the flood mitigation completed works and the low-lying businesses being impacted by proposed housing.

Council Appointment: Te Puāwaitanga Sports Hub

- Supported follow-up following Te Puāwaitanga's successful first major sporting event, the Aotearoa NZ Māori Rugby League U14/U15 rangatahi tāne tournament.
- Progressed advocacy regarding road safety on SH10 outside the Hub, including seeking an NZTA safety assessment and extension of the 70 km/h speed environment beyond the main entrance.