



**I give notice that  
a Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee Meeting will be held  
on:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday, 12 June 2017</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Boardroom Turangi Service Delivery Centre (Council Offices) Turangi Town Centre</b>

# **AGENDA**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Chairperson**

Mr Ngaiterangi SmallmanCr Tangonui Kingi

**Deputy Chairperson**

**Members**

Cr Barry Hickling

Miss Tina Porou

Ms Hine Mohi

Mr Wally van der Aa

**Quorum**

Three [3] members of which one [1] must be a representative from Ngati Turangitukua and one [1] must be a Taupō District Council elected member

**Gareth Green**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**3.1 TURANGI RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING - 13 MARCH 2017**

**Author:** Raeleen Rihari, Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer

**Authorised by:** Brian Fox, Group Manager: Corporate and Community

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the minutes of the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee meeting held on Monday 13 March 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee Meeting Minutes - 13 March 2017 

**4.1 PRESENTATION: TURANGI TOWNSHIP REMEDIES REPORT**

**Author:** Raeleen Rihari, Customer Services/Democracy Support Officer

**Authorised by:** Brian Fox, Group Manager: Corporate and Community

**PURPOSE**

Representatives from Ngāti Tūrangitukua will be in attendance to discuss the Turangi Township Remedies Report.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee receives the information on the Turangi Township Remedies Report and Ngāti Tūrangitukua representatives be thanked for their presentation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**4.2 CULTURAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT**

**Author:** Sue Mavor, Senior Policy Advisor

**Authorised by:** John Ridd, Group Manager: Business and Technology

**PURPOSE**

Maria Nepia from Tihia Limited will be in attendance to present the final cultural impact assessment report.

**DISCUSSION**

Tihia Ltd [Maria Nepia] was commissioned in March to prepare a cultural impact assessment for the land included in the Turangi Reserves Management Plan. This report will document the Maori cultural values, interests and associations with the reserve land and include recommendations on how to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects of reserve use on these values, interests and associations.

Maria will present her final report to the Committee.

**CONCLUSION**

Tihia Ltd [Maria Nepia] was commissioned to prepare a cultural impact assessment for the land included in the Turangi Reserves Management Plan. Maria will present her final report to the Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee adopts the cultural impact assessment report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**4.3 DIRECTION FOR THE DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Author:** Nathan Mourie, Senior Reserves Planner

**Authorised by:** Kevin Strongman, Group Manager, Operational Services

**PURPOSE**

For the Committee to indicate a preferred direction for the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan.

**DISCUSSION**

At the previous meeting of the Committee on 13 March 2017 a report was presented that outlined the public feedback received to date and potential direction for the draft Turangi reserves Management Plan.

The report also outlined the following areas of interest and the proposed indicative methods of dealing with them:

- The main focus of the plan would be to elaborate on the partnership model for making decisions around what is suitable for Turangi parks.
- The introductory elements of the plan would ensure that the history of the sites was well explained, including acknowledgment of transgressions to Ngāti Tūrangitukua by the Crown in their acquisition of the land which currently comprises Turangi parks.
- The plan would outline activities that were acceptable and the measures which would be taken into consideration when assessing activities. Activities which did not fall within those measures would be assessed in conjunction with Ngāti Tūrangitukua, with Ngāti Tūrangitukua having the final say on whether or not an activity was to be allowed (unless there was an overriding legal aspect which would supersede Ngāti Tūrangitukua rights as landowner). However, any activity that was within the measures could be approved by council parks officers at their discretion, without having to consult Ngāti Tūrangitukua. This would allow for special or potentially unsuitable requests to be considered by Ngāti Tūrangitukua, without the need to bother people for activities which met the pre-defined criteria mutually agreed to.
- The criteria would also specify those activities defined as 'definitely unsuitable'. Any activity which fell into this category would be declined by officers as well, without being required to be taken to Ngāti Tūrangitukua for comment or approval.
- Sites of significance as identified in the cultural impact assessment were to be acknowledged in a way that is considered appropriate by Ngāti Tūrangitukua. It is understood that some areas which are significant to local iwi may not be suitable for acknowledgment by the wider public due to the individual circumstances of each site. Suitable actions would be taken for each of these sites and the reasons for those actions may not necessarily be made public. Any disclosure of personal Ngāti Tūrangitukua information and history would be at the discretion of Ngāti Tūrangitukua representatives.
- Opportunities to promote Ngāti Tūrangitukua and make people aware of the land's history would be utilised where appropriate.
- Decisions concerning the land, information and activities would be jointly undertaken through formally acknowledged channels between the Committee, Ngāti Tūrangitukua representatives, and Council. This was to reduce potential conflict and ensure that Council had a consistent and transparent channel to contact Ngāti Tūrangitukua without risk of conflicting information.
- It was anticipated that either Ngāti Tūrangitukua would nominate specific persons to be points of contact, or that the Ngāti Tūrangitukua representatives on the Reserves Management Committee would be empowered to make decisions on behalf of Ngāti Tūrangitukua.
- Due to the changing nature of the population, appropriate services and facilities would be concentrated in the central areas, mainly Te Kapua Park. This could mean that isolated pieces of playground equipment for example, such as solitary swing sets, may be removed and a greater emphasis placed on improving the playground at Te Kapua Park. In essence, having one or two better quality facilities as opposed to having numerous lesser equipped facilities.

- Ngāti Tūrangitukua Sports Park would have a reduced service level, with discussions to be carried out around the long-term future of the land. This park was infrequently used and had a few marginalised facilities which have been abandoned and/or were unfit for purpose. Service for the park would be carried out on an as-needed basis for known events (e.g. Pa Wars), with services carried out at other times for necessary purposes only (e.g. fire risk and weed control). The buildings on the park deemed unfit, in particular the toilet block and clubrooms, were likely to be recommended for removal,
- Provision would be made for those areas of reserve not currently required for parks purposes to be leased out to private individuals or companies. It was thought that the most likely form this would take was grazing of livestock on Tūrangitukua Sports Park.
- Parks with no purpose should be assessed for their suitability for retention.
- Any areas identified either as not necessary for park or future purposes associated with Turangi population increases, may be ear-marked for removal from Taupō District Council administration. Those areas owned by Ngāti Tūrangitukua would be returned to Ngāti Tūrangitukua as fee simple land. Any such land would no longer be eligible for support from council in terms of funding or maintenance, and council may remove any or all of its assets on the land following discussion with Ngāti Tūrangitukua. Land owned by Council may be returned or offered back for sale to Ngāti Tūrangitukua, or sold to any other entity following the appropriate legal processes.
- There would be a focus on maintaining appropriate vegetation on parks, with a strong emphasis on weed control and improving native bio-diversity and ecology in appropriate locations. The most high profile location for this work was likely to be the stream area which was located in the areas currently identified as A-E.
- Reviewing the current names of all the parks in order ensure the correct names had been given to all the reserves to accurately reflect the Ngāti Tūrangitukua history with the land would be undertaken. In particular, the stream in the A-E areas may be renamed to something more suitable, if appropriate.

Unfortunately the author of the report was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior out of town Council commitment. It appears that there was some discussion around these areas, mainly focused on the proposal to rationalise the park areas and levels of service. This information was relayed to the report author by the Senior Policy Advisor who was present at the meeting.

The indication from the initial public consultations was that establishing a strong central series of open spaces was preferred rather than trying to hold on to the existing spaces and possibly maintaining unfeasible levels of service, for so many different spaces. Given that the town was planned and developed for around 10,000 people, the current population was less than 3,000 at the 2013 census (a decrease of 9% since 2006) and there was no indication of significant population growth in the future, it was felt that it was not unreasonable to try to provide better services in a central location for the current population than trying to spread resources over a wider area.

While there was discussion at the previous meeting around the suitability of the draft direction, it seems that there was no firm indication from the Committee about which direction they would like officers to proceed with.

Officers are looking for a clear direction from Committee members about how they see the draft Reserves Management Plan evolving so that an appropriate draft can be prepared for consideration. One of the main aspects which will impact on most areas of the plan is the basic principle of retaining all existing areas and levels of service, or attempting to rationalise them and concentrating resources on providing improved levels of service in central areas.

Officers believe that strengthening the partnership between Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Council, clarifying expectations and decision making processes, and reinforcing the cultural history of the land in an appropriate manner as approved by Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Council is essential to achieving a good outcome.

Officers also believe that strengthening the ecological considerations of important areas such as waterways is a goal which meets the desires of all parties.

## CONCLUSION

Officers require a clear direction for the principles of the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan. The draft cannot be adequately completed without an indication of what principles are suitable for inclusion. Officers desire a decision today on whether the proposed issues and methods of dealing with them are suitable, or if the Committee desires, officers with draft the plan with other principles in mind.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. That the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee receives the report and confirms the direction proposed in this report for the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan.

Or

2. That the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee receives the report and rejects the direction proposed in this report for the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan.
3. That the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee directs officers to adopt the following approach to preparing the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan...

**ATTACHMENTS**