Development of Māori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making

Strategic Planning and Policy Committee – 5 October 2017
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What is a Development of Māori Capacity to Contribute to Decision Making Policy?

It is a policy that enables Council to establish, maintain and foster processes to provide an opportunity for Māori to contribute to Council’s decision making processes.
Why do we need one?

Local Government Act 2002

• Section 81 Part 6 sets out the requirements to ensure that there are processes in place which allows for Māori to contribute to decision-making.

• Section 8 Schedule 10 requires Council to include in its Long Term Plan the steps that it intends to take to foster the development of Māori capacity to contribute to the decision-making.
What is the current policy?

Manawatu District Council

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The Manawatu District Council has established a committee in recognition of the importance of engaging the Maori community in the decision-making process. This committee, known as the Maori Consultative Standing Committee, is tasked with ensuring that the Maori voice is heard and their interests are represented in council decisions.

The committee is composed of representatives from the local Maori communities, including representatives from the Ngati Toa, Te Whiti, and Te Arawa tribes. The committee meets regularly to discuss and address issues identified by the community, and its meetings are open to the public.

The council's goal is to ensure that the Maori community has a voice in the decision-making process, and that their interests are represented fairly and effectively. This includes considering the impact of council decisions on the Maori community and ensuring that their needs and concerns are taken into account.

The council is committed to working closely with the Maori community to strengthen their representation in decision-making, and to ensuring that the council's decisions are inclusive and respectful of Maori culture and traditions.
Proposed Timeline for Review

- Current policy is being presented for review by Ngā Manu Tāiko at its 10 October 2017 Hui.
- Any changes to be recommended to Council by Ngā Manu Tāiko at its 12 December 2017 Hui.
- Policy to be considered and adopted by Council on 22 February 2018 for inclusion in the Draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan.
- Above timeline may alter depending on Nga Manu Taiko’s consideration of Maori Wards and Council’s decision.
  - Any decision to establish Maori Wards is required to be publicly notified and would be open to a demand for a poll to be held to countermand that resolution.
Timeline Under Local Electoral Act 2001 for Maori Wards Decision-Making for any changes to take effect for 2019 Local Election

- 23/11/2017: Last day for resolution on Maori Wards 19Z(3)(a)
- 30/11/2017: Last day for public notice of resolution 19ZA(3)(a)
- 28/02/2018: Closing date for valid demand to hold a poll 19ZC(4)
- 21/05/2018: Last day to hold poll 19ZF(5)
- 31/08/2018: Last day for resolution on district representation Schedule 1A