

Attachment 4 – Synopsis of Maori and Tangata Whenua Engagement Plan – Tauranga City Plan Review, Te Onewa Consultants, June 2020

Kaupapa - Purpose and goals of engagement

The purpose of engagement with tangata whenua/ Māori is to identify and address issues of resource management concern that can be accommodated within the City Plan.

Tauranga City Council is subject to several statutory requirements when reviewing a plan. The Resource Management Act 1991 requires that during the preparation of a proposed plan, the local authority concerned shall consult the tangata whenua of the area who may be affected, through iwi authorities.

Ngā Uara - Principles

Engagement with Māori needs to be conducted early, be inclusive or broad and conducted in a Māori user friendly way to enhance future relationships and effective development of policy options. It should always be front of minds that City Plan processes and the plan itself are technical, complicated and use planning language. As such they are often challenging for people who have little to no knowledge to read, interpret or understand. Dedicated time and thought will be required to ensuring using language that is appropriate and accessible.

The engagement should be broad to cover the diverse perspectives of tangata whenua/ Māori. It will be just as important to offer an opportunity to participate as it will be to identify the right people to engage.

The engagement will require approaches that are organic and meaningful being responsive to community needs and aspirations as well as issues of concerns (problems).

Six principles have been identified to guide and underpin the engagement. These are:

- **Early** – early, plenty of time, respects capability and capacity
- **Informed** - informed discussion, accurate information
- **Inclusive and Broad** – understanding priorities, managing expectations, working together, the opportunity to speak, seeking a diversity of views, creating multiple pathways
- **Māori friendly** - face to face, organic/ natural, and not afraid of contemporary methods
- **Partnerships** – reasonable, accountability, conducted in good faith
- **Active Protection** – active duty, opportunities to empower, protect taonga.

Te Huinga - Potential audiences

The plan has identified more than 40 Māori and tangata whenua groups and organisations that may participate in the City Plan engagement.

Some of these groups are actively and regularly involved in planning projects of Council. Groups such as Te Rangapū Mana whenua o Tauranga Moana and specific iwi authorities will be important partners to have on board working through the development of the City Plan process with Council.

Other audiences will have had little or no involvement in planning processes before, such as Māori sports, health, and education providers.

Each Māori/ tangata whenua group will require different levels of engagement to recognise their influence, status, capacity, and interest in the City Plan. The levels of engagement during each of the City Plan Review phase is set out in the engagement plan.

The plan recommends engagement occur in four collectives due to the benefits of relationship building, building, or maintaining social groups, its time/ resource efficiency and effectiveness, and managing risk of delays.

COLLECTIVE	NAMES OF MEMBERSHIP GROUPS/ORGANISATIONS
Collective 1	Te Rangapū Mana whenua o Tauranga Moana
Collective 2	Iwi Authorities, Post Settlement Governance Entities, Te Papa Group, Te Maru o Kaituna (Kaituna), RMA Units
Collective 3	Māori Education, Rangatahi (yr11+12), Disabilities, Heritage NZ, Te Puni Kokiri, Māori Health providers, Māori Land Trusts, Marae, Kainga
Collective 4	Māori Sports Groups, Māori Religious Groups, Kainga Ora, Taurahere, Māori Business Network, Tatau Pounamu

The engagement plan sets out how engagement should occur and the roles required to facilitate engagement.