MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Kia Reretahi Tātau

AGENDA

Māori Partnership Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 17 November 2026

I hereby give notice that a Māori Partnership Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: **Tuesday, 17 November 2026**

Time: **6:00 pm**

Location: **Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street Martinborough**

Janice Smith

Chief Executive Officer

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei
Aroha atu, aroha mai
Tātou i ā tātou katoa
Hui ē! Tāiki ē!

May peace be widespread
May the seas be like greenstone
A pathway for us all this day
Let us show respect for each other
For one another
Bind us all together!

2 APOLOGIES

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

7 URGENT BUSINESS

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2026

Author: **Siv Fjaerestad, Advisor, Community Governance**

Authoriser: **Donna McQuaid, Manager, Corporate Services**

File Number:

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Māori Partnership Committee meeting held on 25 August 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 **Minutes of the Māori Partnership Committee Meeting held on 25 August 2026**

MINUTES OF SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL
MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE SUPPER ROOM, WAIHINGA CENTRE, TEXAS STREET, MARTINBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026 AT 6:00 PM

PRESENT:	Mr Gillies Baker (Chair), Cr Andrea Rutene, Ms Karen Mikaera, Mr Mark Fenwick.
APOLOGIES:	Cr Simone Baker, Mr JD Smith and Mayor Fran Wilde.
NOT PRESENT:	Ms Dorothy Whittaker, Mr Whitu Karauna, Ms Memory Te Whaiti and Ms Denise Riwai.
IN ATTENDANCE:	Clare Barton (General Manager, Planning and Regulatory), Narida Hooper (Pou Māori), Nicki Ansell (Lead Advisor, Performance and Strategy) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy and Committees).
CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:	This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. This meeting was live-streamed is available to view on our YouTube channel. The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 6:06pm to 6:48pm except where expressly noted.

OPEN SECTION

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

All in attendance opened the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 APOLOGIES - 25 AUGUST 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/25

Moved: Ms Mikaera
Seconded: Mr Fenwick

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept apologies from Cr Baker, Mr Smith and Mayor Wilde.

CARRIED

3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No interests were disclosed relating to items on the agenda or interests not already recorded on a relevant register.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND TRIBUTES

There were no acknowledgements and tributes.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6 ACTIONS FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no actions from public participation.

7 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

8.1 MINUTES OF THE MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JULY 2026

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/26

Moved: Mr Fenwick
Seconded: Ms Mikaera

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2026 are confirmed as a true and correct record

CARRIED

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There were no matters arising.

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.1 LONG-TERM PLAN 2027-37

Ms Ansell presented a report outlining the statutory requirements, key milestones and consultation process for the development of the upcoming Long Term Plan (LTP). Ms Ansell advised that formal public consultation on the LTP is expected to occur in March 2027 and recommended that the Māori Partnership Committee consider preparing a formal submission as part of that process. Members were informed that the Committee may also wish to appoint a representative to coordinate the preparation of the submission and speak to it during the formal hearings process.

Members were encouraged to review the priorities identified in the current 2025-34 Long Term Plan and provide informal feedback to officers by the end of September 2026. It was noted that feedback could be provided directly to officers or through the Council representatives serving on the Committee.

During discussion, members considered potential projects and priorities that they may wish to see reflected in the future Long Term Plan. This included discussion on previous funding requests, particularly those relating to urupā maintenance and other community priorities. Members also discussed the availability of printed copies of the current Long Term Plan for those wishing to review the document in hard copy format.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/27

Moved: Ms Mikaera
Seconded: Cr Rutene

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to receive the Long-Term Plan 2027-37 Report.

CARRIED

11 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

11.1 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Committee reviewed the financial report, which outlined the grant funding allocations for the 2026/27 financial year, the budget available for the Strategic Māori Framework work programme, operational expenditure, Committee administration costs, and the proposed development of a transparent assessment matrix for grant applications.

Members noted that a workshop is being arranged for October to develop a funding assessment framework and matrix to support a clear and transparent grants process. Members also noted that previous one-off funding provided for marae development was not included in the current budget allocation.

During discussion, members reflected on the earlier funding provided to local marae for maintenance and development needs and considered whether similar support could be sought through the Long Term Plan process in the future.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/28

Moved: Mr Fenwick
Seconded: Ms Mikaera

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to receive the Income and Expenditure Report.

CARRIED

12 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

12.1 CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE

Mr Baker provided an update on the development of the Strategic Māori Framework, noting that it is intended to be a shared document between Council and Māori that guides engagement and supports Treaty-centred decision-making. Members emphasised the importance of embedding the framework across Council operations and were advised that a facilitated workshop would be held in September 2026 to help shape the framework and identify future work. An update was also provided on the proposal previously submitted to Council, which remains under consideration.

The Committee considered correspondence from the Martinborough Community Board. Members agreed to invite the Community Board to participate in a future Papawai planting day and noted that any matters relating to Considine Park would need to comply with the Reserves

Act. The Committee also discussed a proposal for a trail network linking Martinborough, Greytown and Featherston and agreed that further information was required before any formal support could be considered. It was further agreed to explore community resilience initiatives, including community energy networks, through a future presentation. Mr Baker advised that he would respond to the correspondence and invite the Chair of the Martinborough Community Board to attend a future meeting.

Members discussed priorities for consideration through the Long Term Plan review process, including support for marae maintenance and development, funding for urupā maintenance and associated facilities, and the potential introduction of a rates remission policy for local marae.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/29

Moved: Ms Mikaera
Seconded: Cr Rutene

The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to:

1. Receive the Chairperson's Update Report; and
2. Agree to supply feedback to council officers to be considered as part of the Long Term Plan review process by the end of September 2026 (including items for marae development and urupā maintenance, the Te Rata Road proposal and relief to marae operational expenses).

CARRIED

13 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

All in attendance closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 6:48pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

…….. (Chair)

…….. (Date)

…….. (Chief Executive)

…….. (Date)

9 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10 DECISION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

10.1 APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE'S OCTOBER 2026 FUNDING ROUND

Author: **Siv Fjaerestad, Advisor, Community Governance**

Authoriser: **Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer**

File Number:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Committee with the details of the grant applications received to the Community Development Fund for the October 2026 funding round.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Māori Partnership Committee received two applications in the funding round, which opened on 17 September and closed on 25 October 2026.

Following the oversubscription of the Creative Communities Scheme funding round, discussions between the Pou Māori, Advisor Policy, Engagement and Funding, and the Chair identified two applications that aligned with the Māori Partnership Committee's kaupapa and funding criteria, and these were referred to the Committee for consideration.

Accordingly, the Committee is being asked to consider four applications for funding. The total amount requested is $7,500. The Committee has a total of $20,440 available for allocation in the 2026-2027 financial year. A list of applicants is included in this report.

The Committee has had an opportunity to review all applications in full, including the supporting evidence provided. The Committee is asked to consider the applications received and determine the most appropriate use of the funding available through this grants round.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Officers recommend that the Māori Partnership Committee:

1. Receive the “Applications to the Committee's October 2026 funding round” report.
2. Accept in full/accept in part/accept conditional upon supporting information/decline the application from Hau Ariki Marae for $1,500 to contribute to Lighting for Wharekai (main dining room).
3. Accept in full/accept in part/ accept conditional upon supporting information/decline the application from Pa Wars Komiti for $3,000 to support Wairarapa Pa Wars 2027.
4. Accept in full/accept in part/ accept conditional upon supporting information/decline the application from Small Boat for $2,000 to support RAUKURA Short-film 2027.
5. Accept in full/accept in part/ accept conditional upon supporting information/decline the application from Rotary Club of South Wairarapa for $1,000 to support the 50th Commemoration of the Rotary Martinborough Fair.

BACKGROUND

South Wairarapa District Council is committed to promoting sustainable social, economic, cultural and environmental outcomes within the district. One way to achieve this is to provide community investment via grants to eligible community groups and projects benefiting the people of South Wairarapa.

The Māori Partnership Committee has delegated authority to make financial decisions within the allocated and available budget. The Committee operates its grant fund in accordance with the Council's Grants Policy. The Grants Policy applies to all grants funded by Council, including committees and community boards.

The Committee is allocated funding for grants through the Long-Term Plan/Annual Plan.

Grant allocations and Committee expenditure must be made by resolution at a formal meeting.

DISCUSSION

Under the current Grants Policy, eligibility for Māori Partnership Committee grants include:

- Community organisations, marae committees, school, an individual, or a group of individuals who have come together for a common purpose to benefit the South Wairarapa.
- Whilst the applicant does not need to be based in the South Wairarapa or the ward from where the funds are being sought, they should be able to demonstrate that the activity benefits the local community.

Under the current Grants Policy, the following allocation principles are applied:

- We are impartial and treat all applicants fairly.
- We operate transparently while protecting applicant's financial confidentiality
- We provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants so they can learn and know how to improve next time.
- We consider the outcomes of previous funding assistance given by Council.

To ensure an equitable and impartial process and outcomes, all funding applications must be assessed through a fair, transparent, consistent and evidence-based process.

Each application must satisfy the published eligibility criteria and minimum information requirements.

Eligible applications must be assessed on their own merits against a set of pre-determined criteria, in alignment with the Grants Policy and the Committee's four pou.

Assessors should consider the information submitted through the formal application process, apply the agreed scoring methodology consistently, and consider reasons to support each resolution and provide useful feedback to the applicant.

Before participating, every decision maker must declare any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest; a conflicted member must not assess, advocate for, discuss or vote on the affected application, and the declaration and action taken must be recorded.

The Committee will consider four applications in the October 2026 funding round:

Applicant Name	Organisation/Group	Project Title	Amount Requested
Les Roberts	Hau Ariki Marae	Lighting for Wharekai (main dining room)	$1,500.00
Dianna Sullivan	Pa Wars Komiti	Wairarapa Pa Wars 2027	$3,000.00
Ārana Edmonds	Small Boat	RAUKURA Short-film 2027	$2,000.00
Vivienne O'Reilly	Rotary Club of South Wairarapa Inc.	50th Commemoration of the Rotary Martinborough Fair	$1,000.00
TOTAL			**$7,500.00**

OPTIONS

The options available to the Committee are to accept in full, accept in part, accept conditional upon supporting information, or decline the applications as they are presented. If declining an application, the Committee can request further information from the applicant and accept their application to a future funding round if appropriate.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

Māori Partnership Committee funding was allocated to the Committee from the Council's Annual Plan process. Therefore, the delegation for decision-making is with the Committee and has no further impact on the Council's AP/LTP, OPEX/CAPEX, rating impact or procurement process.

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,

a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and

b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and

c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.

2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the Long Term Plan) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with Grant Policy.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	There are no implications for Māori.
Chief Financial Officer review	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.
State the possible implications for health and safety	None

APPENDICES

Nil

10.2 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2027

Author: **Siv Fjaerestad, Advisor, Community Governance**

Authoriser: **Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer**

File Number:

PURPOSE

To inform members of the Māori Partnership Committee (MPC) of the 2027 meeting schedule of ordinary meetings as approved by Council on 1 October 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council adopted its schedule of meetings for 2027 on 1 October 2026. The Chair of the MPC was consulted on proposed meeting dates prior to the schedule being adopted. The schedule for 2027 is attached to this report for the Committee's reference.

DISCUSSION

Once agreed, the calendar will be updated to reflect the correct dates. The meetings will also be made publicly available via the website and set up in Councils agenda management system.

The schedule shows meetings of the Māori Partnership Committee are to take place six weekly on a Tuesday.

Committee meetings are held in the Martinborough Town Hall Supper Room and are livestreamed. Meetings have a start time of 6pm.

The following meeting dates for 2027 are proposed for the Committee to consider and adopt:

Tuesday 2 February

Tuesday 16 March

Tuesday 27 April

Tuesday 15 June

Tuesday 20 July

Tuesday 7 September

Tuesday 19 October

Tuesday 30 November

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Māori Partnership Committee resolve to:

1. Receive the report "Māori Partnership Committee Meeting Schedule 2027".
2. Adopt the 2027 meeting schedule of ordinary meetings for the Māori Partnership Committee.
3. Delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to alter the schedule of ordinary meetings following consultation with the Chair.

CONSIDERATIONS

Financial

There is no financial impact.

Climate Change

There are no positive or negative effects on climate change from this decision.

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,

a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and

b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and

c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.

2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	**Staff assessment**
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the Long Term Plan) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with Council Standing Orders, local government legislation and Council policy.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	There are no implications for Māori.
Chief Financial Officer review	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.
State the possible implications for health and safety	There are no implications for health and safety.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Schedule of Council Meetings for 2027 Calendar Year

2027	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	2027
MON		1	1								1 MCB		MON
TUE		2 MPC	2			1					2		TUE
WED		3	3			2 FCB			1		3	1 FCB	WED
THU		4	4	1		3	1		2 Council		4	2 Council	THU
FRI	1 New Years Day	5	5	2		4	2		3	1	5	3	FRI
SAT	2 Public Holiday	6	6	3	1	5	3		4	2	6	4	SAT
SUN	3	7	7	4	2	6	4	1	5	3	7	5	SUN
MON	4	8 Waitangi Day	8	5 MCB	3	7 King's Birthday	5	2	6	4	8	6 MCB	MON
TUE	5	9	9	6	4	8	6	3	7 MPC	5	9	7	TUE
WED	6	10 FCB	10	7 GCB	5 FCB	9	7	4 FCB	8	6 FCB	10 GCB	8	WED
THU	7	11	11 ESC/SRC	8 IC	6 LTP Deliberations	10 ESC/SRC	8	5	9 ESC/SRC	7 Council	11	8	THU
FRI	8	12	12	9	7	11	9	6	10	8	12	10	FRI
SAT	9	13	13	10	8	12	10	7	11	9	13	11	SAT
SUN	10	14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12	SUN
MON	11	15 MCB	15	12	10 MCB	14	12	9 MCB	13	11	15	13	MON
TUE	12	16	16 MPC	13	11	15 MPC	13	10	14	12	16	14	TUE
WED	13	17	17	14 LTP Hearing / FCB	12	16	14	11	15	13	17	15 GCB	WED
THU	14	18 IC	18 EGC / PPC	15 LTP Hearing	13	17 IC / EGC	15	12 IC	16 EGC	14 IC	18 RAC/SRC	16	THU
FRI	15	19	19	16	14	18	16	13	17	15	19	17	FRI
SAT	16	20	20	17	15	19	17	14	18	16	20	18	SAT
SUN	17	21	21	18	16	20	18	15	19	17	21	19	SUN
MON	18	22	22	19	17	21 MCB	19	16	20 MCB	18	22	20	MON
TUE	19	23	23	20	18	22	20 MPC	17	21	19 MPC	23	21	TUE
WED	20	24 Council - Adopt LTP Consultation Document / GCB	24	21	19 GCB	23	21	18 GCB	22	20	24	22	WED
THU	21	25	25 RAC / Council	22	20 RAC / Council	24 Council - Adopt LTP	22 RAC / Council	19	23 RAC / PPC	21 RAC	25 ESC/ EGC	23	THU
FRI	22	26	26 Good Friday	23	21	25 Matariki	23	20	24	22	26	24	FRI
SAT	23	27	27	24	22	26	24	21	25	23	27	25 Christmas Day	SAT
SUN	24	28	28	25	23	27	25	22	26	24	28	26 Boxing Day	SUN
MON	25 Wgtn Anniversary		29 Easter Monday	26 ANZAC Day	24	28	26 LGNZ	23	27	25 Labour Day	29	27	MON
TUE	26		30	27 MPC	25	29	27 LGNZ	24	28	26	30 MPC	28	TUE
WED	27		31	28	26	30 Council LTP Adopt back up day / GCB	28 LGNZ	25	29 GCB	27		29	WED
THU	28			29	27		29 LGNZ	26	30	28 Council Adopt Annual Report		30	THU
FRI	29			30	28		30 LGNZ	27		29		31	FRI
SAT	30				29		31	28		30			SAT
SUN	31				30			29		31			SUN
MON					31			30					MON
TUE								31					TUE

Scheduled as six-weekly:

COUNCIL	Council
MCB	Martinborough Community Board
FCB	Featherston Community Board
GCB	Greytown Community Board
MPC	Māori Partnership Committee

Committees scheduled bi-monthly

IC	Infrastructure Committee
PPC	People and Performance Committee
RAC	Risk & Assurance Committee

Committees scheduled as needed (placeholders entered)

SRC	Social Resilience Committee
EGC	Economic Growth Committee
ESC	Environmental Sustainability Committee

Not scheduled - TBC

RCAG	Rural & Coastal Advisory Group (not scheduled)

Other:

	Public & School Holidays
	Workshops / briefngs for Council and Committees - holding space
LGNZ	Superlocal Conference 2027

11 INFORMATION REPORTS FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND STAFF

11.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS) AMENDMENT ACT

Author: **Nicki Ansell, Lead Advisor, Performance and Strategy**

Authoriser: **Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer**

File Number: **NA**

PURPOSE

To inform members of the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Act.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Act came into force upon receiving Royal assent in September. The Act is intended to strengthen councils' focus on core services, improve the clarity of performance information, and enhance accountability for council decision-making.
- These changes include:
    - refocusing the statutory purpose of local government back to cost-effective infrastructure, public services and regulatory functions (moving away from the "four well-beings"), with a new focus on supporting local growth.
    - define a set of "core services" that councils must have particular regard to.
    - improve measurement and public reporting of council performance.
    - strengthen council transparency and accountability, including standardised codes of conduct and members' information rights
    - governance arrangements include changes for non-elected members and strengthening collective governance of elected members.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Officers recommend that the Māori Partnership Committee:

1. Receive the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Act paper.

BACKGROUND

On 18 September 2026, the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Act came into force, introducing a range of amendments to the Local Government Act 2002 across several areas.

The Act removes the focus on the four 'well-beings' and puts councils focus back on core services like infrastructure, regulation and public services.

One of the final amendments introduced to the Act was a change to the role of non-elected members in local authority governance. Under the new provisions, non-elected members can no longer vote at meetings of councils or committees, nor are they counted for quorum purposes. This change applies to individuals serving on councils or committees who have not been elected through the local government electoral process.

Specified committees include standing committees, special committees, joint committees, and subcommittees established by a council under Schedules 3 and 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA).

Councils can still appoint non-elected member to offer professional advice and to represent communities, but these appointments will no longer come with voting rights.

Schedule 7 LGA Amendment includes:

- Non-elected members are not counted as a member of a specified committee.
- A non-elected member must not vote at any meeting of, or in respect of any decision made by, a specified committee to which they are appointed.

This change will require a review of all committees; however, it is anticipated that this will have a significant impact on the Māori Partnership Committee (MPC) as a committee of council. This change means that a non-elected member (anyone who is not an elected member) appointed to MPC will no longer be able to vote at meetings and will not count towards quorum. If MPC remains a committee of council only those elected (eg Mayor Wilde, Cr Rutene and Cr Baker) will be able to vote or count towards quorum.

Further information can be found here: Councils' new operating environment: The Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Act 2026 | Simpson Grierson

Councils have six months from the commencement of the legislation until 18 March 2027 to update their governance arrangements to ensure they comply with the new legislation. During this transition period, there is also the potential for further legislative, or policy changes given the upcoming General Election in November 2026 and the possibility of a change in government. Any new government may choose to review or introduce additional reforms impacting the local government sector.

While no changes are proposed in this paper, officers will support the Māori Partnership Committee using the Framework development process to explore and consider options for its future role and function.

DISCUSSION

At the Māori Partnership Committee 2 February 2027, a paper will be required to outline any changes to the committee structure and terms of reference.

Current Terms of Reference are here: 2025-28-Council-Committees-ToR_v5_Amended_30-July-2026.pdf

Given the ongoing uncertainty in the legislative landscape and the pause of the Head Start program, officers recommend that the MPC extend the scope of its Māori Framework to help identify how the Committee can best fulfil its role and objectives under the revised legislative settings. It is recommended that the scope of work include consideration of how the Framework will be implemented, monitored, and governed into the future. This could also incorporate development of a model for MPC to sit alongside the Framework.

While officers are not proposing any changes at this time, it is recommended that the Framework development remain on track for completion by December 2026. This timing will allow the Māori Partnership Committee adequate opportunity to work alongside officers to consider future options and recommendations for the Committee's role and governance arrangements in 2027.

APPENDICES

Nil

11.2 ACTION ITEMS

Author: **Siv Fjaerestad, Advisor, Community Governance**

Authoriser: **Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer**

File Number: **Not applicable**

PURPOSE

To present the Māori Partnership Committee (MPC) with updates on actions and resolutions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action items from recent meetings are presented to the Committee for information.

BACKGROUND

The Chair may ask the Chief Executive for comment and all members may ask the Chief Executive for clarification and information through the Chair.

If the action has been completed between meetings it will be shown as ‘actioned’ for one meeting and then will be remain in a master register but no longer reported on. Procedural resolutions are not reported on.

DISCUSSION

Please refer to the report appendix.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 **MPC Action Items Detailed Report November 2026**

MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE Number/Item	Meeting Date Raised	Members / Assigned Officers	Action or Task details	Status	Notes
Resolution : MPC 2026/10	2 June 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/10** **Moved: Mr Baker** **Seconded: Ms Mikaera** The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from Hau Ariki Marae for $3,707 to fund the essential infrastructure upgrades. **Abstained: Mr Smith, Mr Karauna** **CARRIED** Action for officers to process grants outcome letters and payments.	**Actioned**	06.06.2026: Outcome letter sent. 30.06.2026: Purchase Order raised. 06.07.2026: Payment processed.
Resolution : MPC 2026/11	2 June 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/11** **Moved: Mr Karauna** **Seconded: Mr Fenwick** The Māori Partnership Committee accepted the amendment from Mr Baker as part of the substantive resolution and resolved to accept in full the application from Kahutara School for $3,000 to fund the Kapa Haka Tutoring. **CARRIED** Action for officers to process grants outcome letters and payments.	**Actioned**	06.06.2026: Outcome letter sent. 30.06.2026: Purchase Order raised. 06.07.2026: Payment processed.
Resolution : MPC 2026/12	2 June 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/12** **Moved: Mr Smith** **Seconded: Ms Mikaera** The Māori Partnership Committee accepted the amendment from Mr Baker as part of the substantive resolution and resolved to Accept in full the application from the South Wairarapa Working Men's Club for $800 to fund a Matariki event at the Club. **CARRIED**	**Actioned**	06.06.2026: Outcome letter sent. 30.06.2026: Purchase Order raised. 28.07.2026: Officers received an e-mail from the applicant who explained they needed to decline the grant due to staffing changes.

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			Action for officers to process grants outcome letters and payments.		
Resolution : MPC 2026/13	2 June 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/13** **Moved: Mr Smith** **Seconded: Mr Fenwick** The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from Pae tū Mōkai o Tauira for $1,456 to purchase a computer and printer, plus $7,700 to deliver their school group environmental sessions. **Abstained: Ms Mikaera** **CARRIED** Action for officers to process grants outcome letters and payments.	**Actioned**	06.06.2026: Outcome letter sent. 30.06.2026: Purchase Order raised. 05.08.2026: Payment processed.
Resolution : MPC 2026/14	2 June 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/14** **Moved: Ms Mikaera** **Seconded: Cr Baker** The Māori Partnership Committee accepted the amendment from Mr Baker as part of the substantive resolution and resolved to accept in full the application from Fareham for $1,000 to fund the Community Blessing and Open Day. **CARRIED** Action for officers to process grants outcome letters and payments.	Open	06.06.2026: Outcome letter sent. 02.07.2026: Purchase Order raised. 25.08.2026: Applicant was contacted by phone to remind them to uplift the grant. 28.08.2026: Applicant was contacted by phone to remind them that they need to uplift the grant. 5.11.2026: No invoice has been received. Officers have contacted the applicant again to enquire if the grant is still needed. The applicant explained that the project development phase had taken longer than expected and that they would invoice shortly. Officers has resent the outcome letter and invoicing details to the applicant and will monitor whether or not the invoice is received and the grant is uplifted.
Resolution : MPC 2026/15	2 June 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/15** **Moved: Mr Fenwick** **Seconded: Mr Smith**	**Actioned**	06.06.2026: Outcome letter sent. 03.07.2026: Purchase Order raised. 06.07.2026: Payment processed.

MĀORI PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE Number/Item	Meeting Date Raised	Members / Assigned Officers	Action or Task details	Status	Notes
			The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from Featherston Matariki Events Committee for $1,500 to fund the Featherston Matariki Festival. **CARRIED** Action for officers to process grants outcome letters and payments.		
Resolution : MPC 2026/16	2 June 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/16** **Moved: Mr Smith** **Seconded: Cr Baker** The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from SMAC Gym for $5,000 to fund the NZ Nationals Black Gloves team camp hosted in South Wairarapa. **CARRIED** Action for officers to process grants outcome letters and payments.	**Actioned**	06.06.2026: Outcome letter sent. 02.07.2026: Purchase Order raised. 06.07.2026: Payment processed.
Resolution : MPC 2026/17	2 June 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/17** **Moved: Ms Mikaera** **Seconded: Mr Karauna** The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to accept in full the application from Papawai Marae for $4,300 to fund the purchase of bedding, basic kitchen cutlery and garden maintenance. **Abstained: Mr Baker** **CARRIED** Action for officers to process grants outcome letters and payments.	**Actioned**	06.06.2026: Outcome letter sent. 30.06.2026: Purchase Order raised. 04.09.2026: Payment processed.
Action: MPC 2026/10.1	14 July 2026	Siv Fjaerestad	Ms Fjærestad to query the rationale behind the name change from “grant fund” to “development fund” and any implications for this in terms of grant applications and consideration against the four	**Actioned**	07.08.2026: Charly Clarke (Chief FO) advised that “Prior to last year, the budget was split across two lines, "Grants" and "Beautification Fund", which didn't fully reflect the range of activities funded through these budgets, and also forced an arbitrary split of the

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			pou; eg. does every application have to have an element of "development"?		budget with some only for grants and some for things such as flags, trees, and dog waste bins. The term "Community Development Fund" was adopted as a broader description that can encompass grants, small-scale community improvements such as trees, benches and bins, and other initiatives that boards and committees choose to support. From a financial management perspective, the account name needs to remain consistent across all boards and committees as it is a single account structure within the financial system, and needs to not change frequently as this creates difficulty in tracking back the transactions."
Action : MPC 2026/11.1	14 July 2026	Narida Hooper	Ms Hooper to provide a road map and timeframe for engagement with marae and mana whenua and milestones to ensure accountability and delivery.	Open	10.08.2026: Ms Hooper provided the committee with a draft road map and timeframe for engagement with mana whenua and milestones: 06.10.2026: A workshop was facilitated by Hononga Consultants; identifying aspirations and priorities for mana whenua in the rohe. (Part 1 Completed) Drafting of a Strategic Māori Framework (SMF) working with MPC chair and Pou Māori. (Part 2: Timeframe TBC) Direction for the draft SMF includes: MPC & council hold a joint workshop on the Framework, MPC marae and iwi representatives are supported to seek input from their respective communities (Expected timeframe: Nov 26) Draft Framework for consideration by SLT and MPC. (Expected timeframe mid Dec 26)

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					Framework for endorsement by council. (Expected timeframe: Feb 27)
Action : MPC 2026/11.1	14 July 2026	Narida Hooper	Ms Hooper to seek further information from GWRC, SWDC Roading and Emergency Management before the next informal hui at 11 August 2026. (This links to resolution MPC 2026/24)	Open	11.08.2026: Actions for the Te Rata Road and Tūranganui River are being managed through by elected members, Rural & Coastal Advisory Group, Greater Wellington Regional Council, and community groups.
Resolution : MPC 2026/24	14 July 2026	Ms Te Whaiti	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/24** **Moved: Mr Smith** **Seconded: Ms Te Whaiti** The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to draft a report or proposal on the roading effects on the river, and what a way forward may look like, as an initial step to be reviewed at our next forum. Ms Te Whaiti to prepare a draft for circulation to members and further discussion at the informal hui.	**Actioned**	23.07.2026: Ms Te Whaiti provided draft report. 24.07.2026: Draft report and supporting information shared via Elected Members Lounge 04.08.2028: Committee members discussed draft report at informal meeting 20.08.2026: Letter of support received from Chair Gillies Baker. Ms Fjaerestad forwarded report and letter of support to Ms Janice Smith (CE) and Amy Andersen (Lead Advisor, Democracy & Committees).
Resolution : MPC2026/02	25 Aug 2026	Members	**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION MPC2026/01** **Moved: Ms Mikaera** **Seconded: Cr Rutene** The Māori Partnership Committee resolved to: 2. Agree to supply feedback to council officers to be considered as part of the Long Term Plan review process by the end of September 2026 (including items for marae development and urupā maintenance, the Te Rata Road proposal and relief to marae operational expenses). **CARRIED**	Open	06.11.2026: A update was provided by Mr Gillies: "The Te Rata Road submission has already been submitted to Council for consideration, with a suggestion for Ms Te Whaiti to verbally present it. The other subjects are still to be drafted for LTP consideration."

11.3 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Author: **Siv Fjaerestad, Advisor, Community Governance**

Authoriser: **Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer**

File Number:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update the Māori Partnership Committee on their current financial position.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The Income and Expenditure Report provides a summary of expenditure for the period ending 31 October 2026.
- The breakdown of expenditure is outlined in the Income and Expenditure Statement, which is attached as Appendix 1. Members may request clarification of any item from the appropriate officer if required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Māori Partnership Committee receive the Income and Expenditure Report.

BACKGROUND

The update is supplied to the community to ensure clear and transparent use of South Wairarapa District Council funds. Funds are used to support the ordinary operation of the Committee and provide grant funding to the community, through their delegated authority.

Refer to the Terms of Reference for South Wairarapa District Council committees for guidelines of financial and non-financial delegations of the Committee.

DISCUSSION

The Committee has operational funding available to support its functions, including general expenses, training, strategic framework and a community development fund.

General Expenses

At 31 October, the funding available in the budget for general expenses is $2,099.

Training and Professional Development

At 31 October the Committee has a budget of $1,050 available for training and professional development for the 2026-2027 Financial Year.

Community Development Fund

At 31 October the Committee has $20,440 available in its Community Development Budget.

Strategic Māori Framework
At 31 October the Committee has $10,930 available in its Māori Strategic Framework Budget.

APPENDICES

Māori Partnership Committee
Income & Expenditure for the Period Ended 31 October 2026

Community Development Fund Annual Budget 2026-27	**$**	**20,440**
Less Expenditure 2026-27 (Funds Uplifted)		
	$	-
Less funds granted and uplifted to 31 October2026	**$**	**-**
Balance as at 31 October 2026	$	20,440
Less funds not uplifted from previous Community meetings		
	$	-
Less committed funds not uplifted from previous community meetings	**$**	**-**
Balance as at 31 October 2026	**$**	**20,440**

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Income & Expenditure for the Period Ended 31 October 2026

Strategic Māori Framework Budget 2026-27	**$**	**15,330**
Less Expenditure 2026-27 (Funds Uplifted)		
Hononga 110488/01 stage 1 Strategic Māori Framework	$	4,400
Less funds granted and uplifted to 31 October 2026	**$**	**4,400**
Balance as at 31 October 2026	**$**	**10,930**
Less funds not uplifted from previous Community meetings		
	$	-
Less committed funds not uplifted from previous community meetings	**$**	**-**
Balance as at 31 October 2026	**$**	**10,930**

Māori Partnership Committee
General expenses for the Period Ended 31 October 2026

Annual Budget 2026-27	**$ 2,099**
Less Expenditure 2026-27	
	$ -
Less expenditure uplifted to 31 October 2026	**$ -**
Balance as at 31 October 2026	$ 2,099
Less committed expenditure not uplifted from previous Community meetings as at 31 October 2026	
	$ -
Less committed expenditure not uplifted from previous community meetings	**$ -**
Operational Account balance as at 31 October 2026	**$ 2,099**

Māori Partnership Committee
Training Expenditure for the Period Ended 31 October 2026

Annual Budget 2026-27	**$ 1,050**
Less Expenditure 2026-27	
	$ -
Less expenditure uplifted to 31 October 2026 (DRAFT)	**$ -**
Less Expenditure 31 October 2026	**$ 1,050**

12 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

12.1 CHAIRPERSON'S UPDATE

Author: **Gillies Baker, Chairperson, Māori Partnership Committee**

Authoriser: **Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer**

File Number:

PURPOSE

To provide members of the Māori Partnership Committee (MPC) with the Chairperson's update on recent activities and progress relevant to South Wairarapa District Council's partnership with Māori.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines recent progress on the strategic framework workshop facilitated by Hononga, exploring a dedicated funding workshop for marae representatives, reviewing annual funding allocations to support alignment with Council priorities and MPC principles and aspirations, and progressing representation on the Considine Park Users Committee.

This report supports informed discussion, enables members to seek clarification, and strengthens shared understanding to guide effective partnership and decision-making. The Chair will lead the discussion of kaupapa of significance and invite the Pou Māori or other members to speak to topics as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Māori Partnership Committee receive the Chairperson's Update Report.

BACKGROUND

The information in this report provides an update to the Committee's ongoing work in supporting and guiding Council decision-making, particularly on matters where a Māori perspective is required. It serves as a key advisory body to Council, providing advice on issues affecting Māori and contributing to the development and review of Council policies, strategies and initiatives. The Committee also helps strengthen relationships between Council, mana whenua and the wider Māori community, ensuring Māori values, aspirations and perspectives are considered in Council processes and decision-making.

DISCUSSION

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It is my pleasure to provide this report on the recent activities and progress of the Māori Partnership Committee (MPC) for the last reporting period of the 2026 calendar year.

Kaupapa of significance include

- Strategic Framework Workshop
- Community Funding Opportunities
- Review of Annual Funding Allocations
- Representation on the Considine Park Users Committee

Strategic Framework Workshop

Members of the Māori Partnership Committee, hapū representatives and Council representatives recently participated in a strategic framework workshop facilitated by Scott Summerfield and Lisa Hopa from Hononga. The workshop explored the key question: "What are the aspirations and priorities for mana whenua in the South Wairarapa?" This kaupapa provided an opportunity to identify shared aspirations and priorities and to begin shaping an iwi/hapū and Council relationship framework. The workshop also examined the Long-Term Plan (LTP) as an important mechanism for supporting and securing hapū and marae aspirations.

The workshop was well attended and generated positive engagement from all participants. The outcomes will inform an initial draft framework, which will be circulated to participants for feedback before being finalised and presented to Council for consideration and ratification. We look forward to the release of the first draft.

Community Funding Opportunities

The Committee received a presentation from the Eastern and Central Community Trust (ECCT) regarding funding opportunities available to community organisations and potential partnerships with iwi and/or marae. Three funding streams were highlighted:

- Sport and Event Fund (up to $10,000)
- Impact Fund (up to $100,000)
- Partnership Fund (up to $300,000)

Trust representatives have indicated their willingness to provide a dedicated presentation and funding workshop for a collective of marae representatives. The workshop would focus on developing funding applications, strengthening proposal-writing capability, and identifying strategic opportunities that can support marae and wider community aspirations.

Review of Annual Funding Allocations

With support from Lina McManus (Policy, Engagement and Funding Advisor) and Council officers, the Committee has commenced a review of how funding allocated through this year's annual budget is distributed. The objective of this review is to ensure future allocations align with both Council priorities and the principles and aspirations of the Māori Partnership Committee.

Representation on the Considine Park Users Committee

The Committee continues to progress the appointment of an MPC representative to the Considine Park Users Committee. We are currently awaiting a response from a preferred candidate. To ensure continuity, Committee members have also been asked to consider alternative nominees should the preferred candidate be unavailable.

Closing Remarks

The Chairperson acknowledges the ongoing commitment of Committee members, mana whenua representatives and Council officers who continue to contribute their time, whakaaro and expertise to strengthening the partnership between Council and Māori communities across South Wairarapa. The work currently underway provides a strong foundation for future collaboration and for advancing the aspirations of mana whenua, hapū, marae and whānau throughout the district.

Nāku noa, nā

Gillies Baker
Chairperson
Māori Partnership Committee
South Wairarapa District Council

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Nil

13 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Kua mutu ā mātou mahi
Mō tēnei wā
Manaakitia mai mātou katoa
O mātou hoa
O mātou whānau
Aio ki te Aorangi

Our work is finished
For the moment
Blessing upon us all
Our friends
Our families
Peace to the Universe