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Thank you for the opportunity for Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke Runanga to respond to the Draft Annual Plan.

Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke wishes to be heard in regard to the plan.

Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke is one of the five papatipu Runanga on the Horomaka who has kaitiaki responsibility for the takiwa of Whakaraupo – Adderley Head to South Shore Spit and 200 miles seaward covering the exclusive economic zone. This also includes the area from Adderley Head to Kaitara in Koukourarata Harbour, which is deemed part of the Whakaraupō rohe as per the Port Cooper Deed of Purchase 1849.

CITY DEVELOPMENT; ENVIRONMENTAL:

Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke supports these sections, as it is important to ensure that compliance with the Resource Management Act 1991 “*to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resource*” is recognised.

Within the Services provided Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke would seek recognition of its takiwa within the Council's zone in all matters relating to city development. Tangata Whenua sees itself as a contributor at the ground and policy level to assist with the outcomes relating to these sections.

Given that Council has legal powers and responsibilities for the management of natural and physical resources there are many examples of where Council and other authorities have encouraged staff to build positive working relationships with tangata whenua.

It is imperative that tangata whenua have input into Council's decisions in protecting many of the places and resources valued by the people.

Heritage Protection is a vital component to all matters concerning development, and in the past tangata whenua values have not been addressed and in some cases valuable heritage (wahi tapu) sites have been lost.

Christchurch City Council has an opportunity to be proactive in building positive relationships with tangata whenua in recognising its kaitiaki responsibilities.

It is also important to comment on the current plans that tangata whenua have written, and are currently implementing. It would be advantageous for Council to have access and to give recognition to these plans when implementing its own policies.

In the past Council has only sought consultation when it is directly affected i.e. required to seek comment on its plans, as opposed to tangata whenua and Council working together on a collective plan. Such an approach would make for a better and more lasting relationships.

COMMUNITY SERVICES; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

CULTURAL:

Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke supports these sections, as it is pivotal to the success of working within the wider community.

Whakaraupo is a special and unique place with strong community and cultural values. The community of Rapaki sees itself as a contributor to the overall outcomes as a non-profit organisation that has a marae venue available to the wider community of Christchurch. This venue is recognised and used by organisations throughout Aotearoa and internationally.

Because of this recognition and the wishes of the Rapaki people, Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke is currently redeveloping its marae to cater for the economic development of its people and the wider community.

Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke would seek assistance with this project as it meets the project outcomes for providing an alternative venue that is of an international standard.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES:

Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke supports this section; Rapaki is currently working with the Parks and Waterways Unit within the City Council on a number of projects by bringing tangata whenua values to these projects.

The City Council has recognised Rapaki Mana Whenua status on the Port Hills within its Port Hills Recreation Strategy 2003.

CAPITAL ENDOWMENT FUND:

It is important to Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke that as a community it is able to contribute to the Community, Social and Heritage outcomes within the Annual Plan.

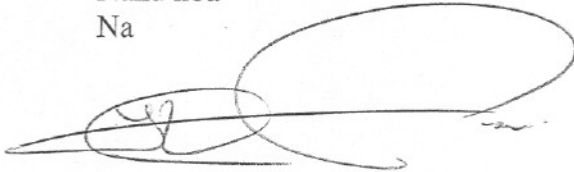
Te Hapu o Ngati Wheke would like to be considered for allocation of funds to assist with the redevelopment of it marae. Funding is sought in regrades to the capital costs for the seminar rooms and administration block. In this respect we would be seeking an allocation of \$200,000.

Attached is the communication pack giving details of the project.

The Rapaki Marae Board Spokesperson would appreciate being heard in regard to this.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Annual Plan.

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