

## 1. REPORT OF THE MAORI LIAISON OFFICER

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Maori Liaison Subcommittee on the current position of the Maori Liaison Officer, the kaupapa and overview of the position, and current progress of projects (refer to the attached summary).

### BACKGROUND

The Council approved, in its 1999/2000 Annual Plan, provision for \$40,000 to be administered by the Community Relations Unit.

The objectives are to:

- Build/enhance positive relationships between Tangata Whenua and other Maori groups and the Council
- Provide advice and assistance to the Council on issues affecting Maori
- Develop and oversee a process of cultural audit for the Council

The following key outputs provide my focus for the coming year:

1. **Bicultural Processes reviewed:** These will be achieved by reviewing the relevant processes of the Council and making recommendations on steps to be taken to assist the Council in carrying out its functions in a bicultural manner, that is in accord with the Treaty of Waitangi.
2. **Recognition of manawhenua and kaitiakitanga:** This will be achieved by developing draft proposals which recognises manawhenua and kaitiakitanga (the exercise of guardianship) in accordance with the provisions of Sections 33 and 35 of the Resource Management Act.
3. **Annual Plan Preparation:** This was to be achieved by providing advice and assistance with the preparation of the Annual Plan in identifying Maori requirements for 2000-2001.
4. **Resource Management Issues:** This has been achieved by responding on appropriate resource management issues including notified and non complying resource consent applications which allows the Council to determine issues relating to the management use, development and protection of the City's physical resources.
5. **Maori Consulted:** This is being achieved by ensuring that the Maori community is included in discussions and representation on all projects associated with the Council.

## PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR FORMAL REPORTING AT NEXT MEETING

1. **Maori History Database:** Discussions and planning have commenced with Haneta Pierce at the Library, Terry Ryan at Ngai Tahu Whakapapa Unit, Bill Karaitiana and Rakiihia Tau. This database will contain all sites of significance to Ngai Tahu, Ngaiti Mamoe and Waitaha. The meanings of Maori place names, rivers and reserves will be held on the database ensuring access for all units of the Council.
2. **Internal Protocol Process:** This process will be designed to improve inter unit relationships and will provide a consistency in process of Maori protocol and consultation methods within the Council.
3. **Council Treaty/Partnership Booklet:** The Council in its Job Value Statement and within the General Conditions of Appointment advocates its commitment to honour the terms of the Treaty of Waitangi. It is proposed that a booklet would provide assistance to all staff and elected members.
4. **Nga Taonga o Nga Iwi:** This booklet was one of the many Council initiatives in support of He Taonga Te Reo – Maori Language Year 1995. Funding was required for the launch, and positive discussions have been held with Ngai Tahu Development Corporation and te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga to fund the Launch.
5. **Assessment of Present Council Bicultural Training:** The basic aim of the two day workshop is to provide an environment for people to address the treaty and its implications in a safe and non confrontational, participatory process. The evaluation comments from staff have been very positive. However, on a face-to-face feedback, participants are requesting further advanced workshops by Maori.
6. **Cultural Audit:** Meetings with unit managers and key staff have raised issues regarding basic understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi, Ngai Tahu history and present management and basic marae protocol including the Council's commitment to biculturalism. Resource management staff believe they require particular understanding of the implications of the Treaty for contemporary environmental management including the implications of the Ngai Tahu Settlement Act 1998 for Council environmental management policy. Discussions have been held with Moana O Hinerangi and Paraire Huata on treaty compliance methodologies.
7. **Regional Employment Strategy:** Regional governance has been a subject of general discussion for some time with community leaders in Canterbury. This committee will explore the concept with regard to policy and delivery of an employment strategy. This is not an initiative of the Maori Liaison Officer, however there is a strong commitment to this kaupapa.

8. **Taskforce on Poverty:** The aim of the Taskforce is to identify and advocate for solutions to poverty. Its focus would be to find solutions that address the causes of poverty, not just its symptoms.
9. **Reputation Bank:** This project aims to provide advisory services to groups for community evaluation, community education and brand management. The name Reputation Bank was chosen because it identifies at least three ways. Firstly, the bank plans to add value by way of the role of reputation in the community sector, secondly, reputation impacts on a group's long term survival and thirdly, the name acknowledges the importance to the Reputation Bank maintaining effective quality assurance guarantees over the evaluations completed under their banner.

#### **POSITIVE ASPECTS**

- Communication & support from Unit Manager
- Kaupapa Maori Information flow from Director of Policy
- Position to be outcome based

#### **CONCERNS**

- Hours allocated to continue with issues, process development with Units.

In conjunction with consideration of the above report, the meeting also discussed the following matters:

#### ***FORMATION OF HE ORUNGA POUNAMU***

*A new group named He Orunga Pounamu has been formed to facilitate consultation on social issues.*

*It was agreed by consensus that the Subcommittee work through He Orunga Pounamu collective representatives.*

#### ***MAORI LIAISON***

*The Maori Liaison Officer advised that she was working with Moana O Hinerangi of the Ngai Tahu Development Corporation and preparing an overview of potential projects which will identify any gaps.*

*Assistance was requested from the Committee with the project prioritisation due to the significant number of requests for meetings, assistance, information and consultation. The importance of defining the projects was stressed, as this will affect the workload of the Maori Liaison Officer.*

## **MAORI HISTORY DATABASE**

*The Maori history database was discussed and it was suggested that the Mayor, Councillor Close and the Maori Liaison Officer meet with the heads of Council Units to discuss access to this database, and clarify funding provisions. It was acknowledged the database could be built on the existing systems available at the Canterbury Public Library. It was agreed it would be of value for Rik Pitama, Mark Solomon, and the Maori Liaison Officer to check the authenticity of the information available within the Christchurch City Council's system.*

## **INTERNAL PROTOCOL PROCESS**

*It was suggested that the ChCh Chat (staff newsletter) be utilised more fully to inform readers of the internal protocol process.*

*Mr Rik Pitama outlined his role as "Cultural Projects Manager", for the Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu. The seven steps of the Maori welcome were described, and Rik suggested it may assist with understanding if he walked interested parties through the process as part of a visit to the Nga Hau E Wha Marae.*

*It was agreed that a visit to the marae by elected members would be of considerable value. The meeting also agreed it would be appropriate for Councillor Sue Wells to be approached seeking her future involvement with the Subcommittee.*

## **LAUNCH OF "NGA TAONGA O NGA IWI"**

*The launch is to be arranged for this booklet, preferably on a date with some significance, and when elected members are available.*

## **REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY**

*Following discussion on progressing the Regional Employment Strategy, it was agreed it would be appropriate to make the Canterbury Development Corporation the "first point of call", particularly concerning apprenticeships. Rik Pitama also pointed out it would be of value to put together a strategic plan, as the Council appeared to be the missing link at present, especially regarding wetlands and kai gathering.*

*It was agreed by consensus that the Canterbury Development Corporation be invited to be involved with the Maori Liaison Subcommittee and to report every two months on employment outcomes.*

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council advance the objectives of the following priority projects as referred to in the report:
    2. Internal Protocol Process.
    3. Council Treaty/Partnership Booklet.
    5. Assessment of present Council bi-cultural training.
    6. Cultural audit
- by:
- (i) The production of a small booklet,
  - (ii) The investigation into production of a video in co-operation with the Polytechnic Broadcasting School,
  - (iii) Facilitating a visit for an “on the spot” experience at the Nga Hau E Wha Marae, and
  - (iv) Requesting the Mayor to hold a Council meeting at the Nga Hau E Wha Marae.
2. That the Maori Liaison Subcommittee meet every two months, and the Committee Secretary be instructed to prepare a meeting schedule accordingly.
  3. That the Subcommittee receive regular reports on the Regional Employment Strategy in order to monitor progress in reducing the disparity between Maori and non-Maori.
  4. That discussions be held with the Council’s Unit Managers on resourcing from Units for unit projects.