

Māori participation in decision making

Councils are required to include a section in their 10 Year Plan about how they encourage Māori to participate in Council decision making. Council's description of how it currently does this can be found in our current 10 Year Plan on page 229 pncc.govt.nz/plans-policies-and-public-documents/plans/10-year-plan/

Council is engaging with Rangitāne and with Māori generally to improve our working relationships in the following ways. This work will culminate in a revised description for the final Plan.

Rangitāne

The Council continues to value its close relationship with Rangitāne o Manawatū. Elected members and staff see Rangitāne as a key partner in achieving the outcomes in the 10 Year Plan and they will be building on existing relationships over the next few months as they work closely with the iwi on the 10 Year Plan.

Māori community

The Council's commitment to ensuring its goals and intent are achieved alongside Māori is expressed in the Māori Community Strategy. Council's proposed new strategic

direction continues to acknowledge that Māori have a key role to play in the positive development of the city.

In late October 2017, elected members affirmed the importance of Māori involvement in Council decision making by deciding to establish a Māori ward or wards for the city. The Council is undertaking further work to identify options used by other local authorities to enhance relationships with Māori.

The Council will also continue to prioritise its collaboration with Māori in local and regional projects, including those led by Te Tihi Whānau Ora Alliance, which are making a tremendous difference to whānau in the city and region.

Council is committed to its engagement with Rangitāne, iwi partners in the region and the wider Māori community to ensure it makes a significant contribution to positive Māori development through the 10 Year Plan.