

Local Governance Statement

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Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

To be a vibrant attractive and thriving District by developing sustainable lifestyles based around our unique environment; the envy of New Zealand and recognised world wide.

Tirohanga

Ka kitea te Ihi, te ataahuatanga kia anga mua tonu nga mahi i roto i tō tātou rohe.

Kia pūmau tonu, te ahurei o te taiao.

Ka āhua puhaehae te titiro mai o te ao whanui ki Āotearoa.

Mission

Creating the ultimate living environment.

Auahi

Āuaha mutunga kore o te ao turoa.

Values

The Vision for our district and the Mission for our organisation are underpinned by Whangarei District Council's commitment to the fundamental core values of:

- Communication
- Customer first
- Innovation and excellence
- Valuing employees and partnerships
- Visionary leadership

Wariu

Nga tirohanga mō tō tatou rohe, mē nga aronga mō tō tatou roopu whakariterite, nā te roopu tautoko kaupapa. Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Whangarei. Kia noho here ki nga pu taketake whai wāriū.

- Whakawhitiwhitinga korero
- Te kai tonu i te tuatahi
- Whakatakoto kaupapa hou, whakahirahira
- Wāriūtanga o ngā kaimahi i roto i te haerenga tahitanga, pērā i nga tikanga o te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Tirohanga kaiarahi (nga tirohanga whakamua kaiārahi)

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Introduction

A Local Governance Statement is a collection of information about the processes through which the community can engage with Whangarei District Council ("Council"), how Council makes decisions and how citizens can influence those processes. It helps support the purpose of local government by promoting local democracy.

Functions, Responsibilities and Activities

The purpose of local government, as defined in the Local Government Act 2002, is to enable democratic local decision-making to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost effective for households and businesses.

The Local Government Act 2002

The purpose of the Local Government Act 2002 is to provide for democratic and effective local government that recognises the diversity of New Zealand Communities. It also provides a framework and powers for local authorities to decide which activities they undertake and the manner in which they will undertake them. The Act promotes the accountability of local authorities to its communities and provides for local authorities to play a broad role in meeting the current and future needs of their communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions.

In meeting this purpose, Council exercises powers and fulfils responsibilities conferred on it by the legislation outlined in Appendix A, the most prominent being:

- Local Government Act 2002 and 1974
- Local Government (Rating Act) 2002
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987
- Building Act 2004
- Local Electoral Act 2001.

In addition to the legislation that applies to all local authorities, Council is also bound by local legislation (Acts that apply specifically to it). A list of these Acts is attached at Appendix B.

Bylaws

There are also a number of Council bylaws, the details of which are set out below:

| Name of Bylaw | Adopted | Review status | Purpose |
|--|----------------|----------------------|---|
| Dog Management | 2013 | Current | To regulate the control and management of dogs. |
| Fire Prevention | 2005 | Current | To regulate the lighting of fires. |
| Food Premises Grading | 2005 | Current | To outline the process for food premises grading. |
| Hawkers, Mobile Shops, Stands & Stalls | 2005 | Current | Authorises the issue of licences to hawkers and the operators of mobile or travelling shops and stands and stalls and governs their activities. |
| Liquor Management | 2011 | Current | To restrict the consumption, bringing and possession of liquor within the specified areas of District between specified hours and dates. |
| Livestock Movement | 2005 | Current | To provide for the safety of road users, the protection of the road and structures. To |

| Name of Bylaw | Adopted | Review status | Purpose |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| | | | prevent roads being used as stock races and remove the inconvenience, nuisance and potential danger to all road users caused by the movement of livestock along public roads. |
| Parking and Traffic | 2007/Amended 2009 | Current | To determine parking areas, times, cost, restrictions, infringement costs as well as powers of parking wardens or officers |
| Public Places | 2005 | Current | To provide for the proper use of roads, streets, beaches and other public places. |
| Rollerskate and Skateboard Control | 2005 | | To prohibit or exempt rollerskates and skateboards from areas in the District. |
| Signs Control | 2005 | Current | To provide guidelines for permitted use of signs. |
| Solid Waste | 2013 | Current | To manage the collection requirements, recycling, the ownership of solid waste stream and storage, separation, transfer and management of solid waste. |
| Speed Limits | 2005 | Current | To allow Council to set speed limits in certain areas. |
| Stormwater Management | 2008 | Current | To manage stormwater to protect people, property and the environment by minimising the impact of flooding, erosion and environmental pollution. |
| The Keeping of Animals, Poultry and Bees | 2007 | Current | To control the keeping of pigs, horses, goats, cattle, birds, bees, poultry and other animals in localities where the keeping of them is, or is likely to become, a nuisance or dangerous or injurious to the health of any person. |
| Trade Waste | 2012 | Current | To regulate the discharge of trade wastes to a sewerage system operated by Council. |
| Vehicles on Beaches | 2009 | Under review | To regulate the use of vehicles on beaches. |
| Wastewater | 2008 | Current | Sets out the requirements and responsibilities of property owners for connection to and maintenance of the drainage system in order to protect it from mis-use and damage. |
| Water Supply | 2005 | Current | To protect the water supply and set out customers' entitlements and responsibilities. |

Electoral Systems

Council currently operates its elections under the first past the post electoral system. This form of voting is also used in parliamentary elections to elect Members of Parliament to constituency seats. Electors vote by indicating their preferred candidate(s), and the candidate(s) that receives the most votes is declared the winner regardless of the proportion of votes that candidate(s) obtained.

The other option permitted under the Local Electoral Act 2001 is the single transferable vote (STV) system. This system is used in the district health board elections. Electors rank candidates in order of preference. The number of votes required for a candidate to be elected (called the quota) depends on the number of positions to be filled and the number of valid votes. The necessary number of candidates to fill all vacancies is achieved first by the counting of first preferences then by a transfer of a proportion of votes received by any candidate where the number of votes for that candidate is in excess of the quota, and then by the exclusion of the lowest polling candidates and the transfer of these votes in accordance with voters' second preferences.

Under the Local Electoral Act 2001 Council can resolve to change the electoral system to be used at the next two elections or conduct a binding poll on the question, or electors can demand a binding poll. Once changed, an electoral system must be used for at least the next two triennial general elections, i.e. Council cannot change the electoral system for one election and then change back for the next election.

In 2011 Council reviewed the way it holds elections and resolved to retain the first past the post system for the 2013 triennial local body elections.

Representation Arrangements

Council is required to review its representation arrangements at least once every six years. This review must include the following:

- the number of elected members (within the legal requirement to have a minimum of six and a maximum of 30 members, including the Mayor)
- whether the elected members (other than the Mayor) shall be elected by the entire district, or whether the district will be divided into wards for electoral purposes, or whether there will be a mix of 'at large' and 'ward' representation
- if election by wards is preferred, then the boundaries and names of those wards and the number of members that will represent each ward
- whether or not to have separate wards for electors on the Maori roll
- whether to have community boards and if so how many, their boundaries and membership and whether to subdivide a community for electoral purposes.

Council must follow the procedure set out in the Local Electoral Act 2001 when conducting this review, and should also follow guidelines published by the Local Government Commission. Through that process you can make a written submission to Council, and you have the right to be heard if you wish.

If you make a submission you also have the right to appeal any decisions on the above to the Local Government Commission which will make a binding decision on the appeal. Further details on the matters that Council must consider in reviewing its membership and basis of election can be found in the Local Electoral Act 2001.

Council last conducted a review and decided on the current arrangements in 2012. It is not legally required to review representation again until 2018.

Current Arrangements

Council has resolved that the present system of being elected by wards had the most merit and resulted in a fairer spread of representatives thereby providing the most fair and effective representation for individuals and communities within the district.

The Whangarei District currently has thirteen councillors, plus the Mayor. The District is currently divided into six wards. The attached map shows boundaries and populations of these wards.

| Ward | Population | Current Members | Population per Councillor |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Mangakahia-Maungatapere | 5,680 | 1 | 5,680 |
| Hikurangi-Coastal | 11,900 | 2 | 5,950 |
| Whangarei Heads | 6,100 | 1 | 6,100 |
| Denby | 19,600 | 3 | 6,533 |
| Okara | 25,500 | 4 | 6,375 |
| Bream Bay | 11,750 | 2 | 5,875 |



Maori Wards and Constituencies

The Local Electoral Act 2001 also gives Council the ability to establish separate wards for Maori electors. Council may resolve to create separate Maori wards or conduct a poll on the matter, or the community may demand a poll. The demand for a poll can be initiated by a petition signed by 5 per cent of electors within the district.

Council last had an opportunity to consider whether or not to have separate Maori wards in 2011.

Community Boards

Community boards are constituted under the Local Government Act 2002 to:

- represent and act as an advocate for the interests of their community
- consider and report on any matter referred to it by Council and any issues of concern to the community board
- make an annual submission to Council on expenditure in the community
- maintain an overview of services provided by Council within the community
- communicate with community organisations and special interest groups in the community
- undertake any other responsibilities delegated by Council.

Council decided in 2012 to retain the current arrangements of a six ward framework with no community boards.

The Reorganisation Process

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out procedures which must be followed during proposals to:

- make changes to the boundaries of the district
- create a new district or dissolve a current district
- create a unitary authority, i.e. combine all of the functions of the Northland Regional Council and Whangarei District Council
- transfer a particular function or functions to another council.

The procedures for resolving each type of proposal are slightly different. In general a reorganisation application is made to the Local Government Commission and can be made by any person, body or group including, but not limited to, one or more affected local authorities or the Minister of Local Government. The Local Government Act 2002, as amended in 2012, details at Schedule 3 the requirements and process for a reorganisation proposal. The Local Government Commission will also have information on procedures for local government reorganisation.

Roles and Conduct

Roles of the Mayor and Councillors

The Mayor and councillors of Council have the following roles:

- setting the policy direction of Council
- monitoring the performance of Council
- representing the interests of the District (on election all members must make a declaration that they will perform their duties faithfully and impartially, and according to their best skill and judgment in the best interests of the District)
- employing the Chief Executive Officer (under the Local Government Act the local authority employs the Chief Executive Officer, who in turn employs all other staff on its behalf)

The Mayor is elected by the District as a whole and as one of the elected members shares the same responsibilities as other members of Council. In addition the Mayor has the following roles:

- presiding member at Council meetings. The Mayor is responsible for ensuring the orderly conduct of business during meetings (as determined in standing orders)
- advocate on behalf of the community. This role may involve promoting the community and representing its interests. Such advocacy will be most effective where it is carried out with the knowledge and support of Council
- ceremonial head of Council
- Providing leadership to the other elected members of Council and to the people in the Whangarei District
- Lead the development of Council's plans (including the long-term plan and annual plan), policies and budgets for consideration by the elected members of Council.
- To appoint the Deputy Mayor and the Chairpersons of Committees if he/she so chooses to exercise this power
- To establish committees of Council if he/she so chooses to exercise this power.
- Sits as a member of each Committee of Council.

The Deputy Mayor is either appointed by the Mayor, if that power is exercised, or elected by the members of Council at the first meeting of Council. The Deputy Mayor exercises the same roles as other elected members. In addition, if the Mayor is absent or incapacitated, or if the office of Mayor is vacant, then the Deputy Mayor must perform all of the responsibilities and duties, and may exercise the powers of the Mayor (except the power to appoint the deputy mayor, committee chairpersons or establish committees). The Deputy Mayor may be removed from office by resolution of Council.

The Mayor has the power to establish one or more committees of Council and appoint the chairperson. If he or she does not choose to exercise this power Council may establish committees of Council and elect the chairperson. A committee chairperson is responsible for presiding over meetings of the committee, ensuring that the committee acts within the powers delegated by council, and as set out in Council's Delegations Manual. A committee chairperson may be removed from the position by resolution of Council.

The Chief Executive Officer is appointed by Council in accordance with section 42 and clauses 33 and 34 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Chief Executive Officer implements and manages Council's policies and objectives within the budgetary constraints established by Council. Under section 42 of the Local Government Act 2002, the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer are:

- implementing the decisions of Council
- providing advice to Council and community boards, if any
- ensuring that all responsibilities, duties and powers delegated to the Chief Executive Officer or to any person employed by the Chief Executive Officer, or imposed or conferred by any Act, regulation or bylaw are properly performed or exercised
- managing the activities of Council effectively and efficiently
- maintaining systems to enable effective planning and accurate reporting of the financial and service performance of Council
- providing leadership for the staff of Council
- employing staff (including negotiation of the terms of employment for the staff).

Conduct

Elected members have specific obligations as to their conduct in the following legislation:

- Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, which includes obligations to act as a good employer in respect of the Chief Executive Officer and to abide by the current code of conduct and standing orders
- the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968 which regulates the conduct of elected members in situations where there is, or could be, a conflict of interest between their duties as an elected member and
- their financial interests (either direct or indirect)
- the Secret Commissions Act 1910, which prohibits elected members from accepting gifts or rewards which could be seen to sway them to perform their duties in a particular way
- the Crimes Act 1961 regarding the acceptance of gifts for acting in a certain way and the use of official information for private profit.

All elected members are required to adhere to a code of conduct. Adopting such a code is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2002. Once adopted such a code may only be amended by a 75% or more vote of Council. The code sets out Council's understanding and expectations of how the Mayor and councillors will relate to one another, to staff, to the media and to the general public in the course of their duties. It also covers disclosure of information that is received by or is in the possession of elected members, and contains details of the sanctions that Council may impose if an individual breaches the code.

Council adopted a code of conduct on 13 November 2013. Copies of the full code of conduct may be obtained from the Council Secretary or from the website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Governance Structures

Council reviews its committee structures after each triennial election. At the last review Council established three standing committees which meet monthly. These committees are:

- Planning Committee
- Finance Committee
- Infrastructure Committee

The Mayor and all councillors are members of each standing committee.

Council also has a number of additional committees and sub-committees established for other purposes. These include:

- CEO Review Committee
- Civic Honours Selection Committee
- 20/20 Inner City Revitalisation Committee
- District Licensing Committee
- Community Funding Subcommittee
- Exemptions and Objections Subcommittee
- Community Funding Subcommittee

Full details of all committees, including their terms of reference, membership and meeting arrangements can be found at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Delegations

The Local Government Act 2002 provides that Council may delegate, to a committee or other subordinate decision-making body, community board, or member or officer of Council, any of its responsibilities, duties or powers except:

- the power to make a rate or bylaw

- the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan
- the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan or annual report
- the power to appoint a chief executive officer
- the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Act in association with the long-term plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement: or
- the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy

Conduct of Meetings

The legal requirements for Council meetings are set down in the Local Government Act 2002 and the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

All Council and committee meetings must be open to the public unless there is reason to consider some item 'in committee'. Although meetings are open to the public, members of the public do not have speaking rights unless prior arrangements are made with Council. The LGOIMA contains a list of the circumstances where councils may consider items with the public excluded (these circumstances generally relate to protection of personal privacy, professionally privileged or commercially sensitive information, and the maintenance of public health, safety and order). The Council agenda is a public document, although parts may be withheld if the above circumstances apply.

The Mayor or committee chairperson is responsible for maintaining order at meetings and may, at his or her discretion, order the removal of any member of the public for disorderly conduct, or remove any member of Council who does not comply with standing orders.

Minutes of meetings must be kept as evidence of the proceedings of the meeting. These must be made publicly available, subject to the provisions of the LGOIMA.

For an ordinary meeting of council, at least 14 days notice of the time and place of the meeting must be given. Extraordinary meetings generally can be called on 3 working days notice.

During meetings the Mayor and councillors must follow standing orders (a set of procedures for conducting meetings). Council may suspend standing orders by a vote of 75% of the members present. For more information on Standing Orders contact the Council Secretary.

Consultation

The legislation under which Council works places a very strong emphasis on being aware of, and considering, community views and preferences during its decision-making processes.

Council provides a number of opportunities for the public to participate in its decision-making processes. One of the most important is through the Long Term Plan consultation process – when Council seeks feedback from the public on Council priorities, services, income and expenditure, and funding tools. Other formal opportunities to participate include District Plan Changes, bylaw reviews and reserve management plan reviews as well as various other opportunities which are not required by law.

The significance of a matter will also guide Council's decisions concerning the extent and nature of consultation to be undertaken with persons likely to be affected by, or interested in, the decision or matter.

Council must comply with section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 principles of consultation in a manner it considers appropriate. In determining what is appropriate Council must have regard to the nature and significance of the matter, including its likely impact from the perspective of persons who may be affected. The more significant a matter from the perspective of persons who may be affected, the more likely Council will need to consult with them on their views.

The public can also contact the Mayor, councillors and staff throughout the year if they have matters they would like to discuss.

Information on current and upcoming consultation processes can be found at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Special Consultative Procedure

When making certain types of decisions, Council must follow what is called the 'Special Consultative Procedure'. For example, it must use this procedure when it is adopting or amending a Long Term Plan, adopting an Annual Plan, adopting, revoking, reviewing or amending a bylaw. The procedure provides for the minimum consultation requirements and Council can also use it for other decision-making processes if it so wishes.

The Special Consultative Procedure involves:

- preparing a description of the proposal (a statement of proposal) and a summary of that description
- making the proposal available to the public (at a minimum at Council offices)
- publicly notifying the proposal and the consultation being carried out on it
- inviting submissions for at least one month
- hearing submitters who request to be heard at a Council meeting
- councillors deliberating at a Council meeting on the submissions received
- providing a copy of the Council's decisions as a result of the submissions process and its reasons to those who submitted.

Council may be required to use the special consultative procedure under other legislation, and it may use this procedure in other circumstances if it wishes to do so.

Consultation and Liaison with Maori

Council recognises its obligations under the Local Government Act 2002 to establish and maintain processes to provide opportunities to Maori to contribute to its decision making processes and make information available to Maori for this purpose. The 2012 Long Term Plan (LTP) has identified a pathway forward to improve and enhance current and future relationships between Council and Maori. The LTP can be found under "Plans" on our website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Council is also involved in the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership Forum between Council and Te Huinga (mandated representatives of hapu of Whangarei) to build relationships with Maori and to develop robust partnership arrangements.

Council has entered into the following agreements/MOU's with hapu and iwi:

- Patuharakeke Trust Board MOU – 2004
- Ngararatunua Marae Committee (Environment Court Decision) – 2004
- Te Iwi o Ngatiwai Iwi Environmental Policy Document 2007
- Ngati Hine Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2008
- Patuharakeke Te Iwi Trust Board Environmental Plan 2007
- Patuharakeke Trust Board Sites of Significance Accord 2012
- Ngatiwai Trust Board Sites of Significance 2012

Management Structures and Relationships

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to employ a Chief Executive Officer whose responsibilities are to employ other staff on behalf of Council, implement Council decisions and provide advice to Council. Under the Local Government Act the Chief Executive Officer is the only person who may lawfully give instructions to a staff member. Any complaint about individual staff members should therefore be directed to the Chief Executive Officer, rather than the Mayor or councillors.

The Chief Executive Officer is Mr M P (Mark) Simpson; Mr Simpson can be reached on 09-430 4200 or by emailing marks@wdc.govt.nz.

Council Management is divided into four Groups. These are:

Support Services Group

This group focuses on the provision of quality customer services, financial services, governance, and information services.

Contact: Mr Alan Adcock, Group Manager Support Services, phone 09 430 4200, email alana@wdc.govt.nz.

District Living Group

This group focuses on the provision of quality environmental consent processing, defining the long term growth vision, community services and regulatory services.

Contact: Mr Paul Dell, Group Manager District Living, phone 09 430 4200, email pauld@wdc.govt.nz

Infrastructure and Services

This group focuses on the main areas of expenditure including Waste, Drainage, Water, Roading, Parks, Library, Major Projects and Civil Defence.

Contact: Mr Simon Weston, Group Manager Infrastructure and Services, phone 09 430 4200, email simonw@wdc.govt.nz.

Positive Growth

This group focuses on economic development, Council property, relationship with Maori, venues and events and promoting the district as a destination.

Contact: Ms Jude Thompson, Group Manager Positive Growth, phone 09 430 4200, email judet@wdc.govt.nz.

Additional information on council's organisational structure is in our Long Term Plan and Annual Plan which can be obtained from our website at www.wdc.govt.nz or customer service centres.

Equal Employment Opportunities

Council is firmly committed to the principles and practices of Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) as a means of ensuring all applicants and employees have equal opportunity to achieve their potential. Council therefore rejects unfair discrimination on any grounds including race, nationality, ethnic origin, sex, religious belief, age, marital status, family or parental status, sexual orientation or disability thereby drawing from the overall pool of talent which exists in New Zealand society.

Council endeavours to create and maintain a safe and supportive working environment for its employees and customers. We believe that our organisation will benefit from a diverse workforce which is free from discriminatory practices.

Council's Equal Employment Opportunities Policy is available on our website at <http://www.wdc.govt.nz> or from the Human Resources Manager, Jenny Antunovich by telephoning (09) 430 4200.

Significant Documents

Annual Plan and Report

The Local Government Act 2002 requires that Council prepares and adopts an annual plan and annual report for each financial year. The special consultative procedure is used for adopting the annual plan. The annual report is adopted by Council resolution. Both the plan and the report are available from the Customer Service Offices or on the council's website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

District Plan

The Resource Management Act 1991 requires local authorities to prepare a District Plan. The District Plan is Council's primary planning document for managing the effects of land use development in the district in a sustainable way. The current plan became operative on 3 May 2007. Council is currently undertaking a 10 year rolling review of the Plan. A copy of the plan is available at our Customer Service counter, our libraries or on the council's website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Councillors' Code of Conduct

Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to adopt a code of conduct for elected members. Amendments can be made to the Code however any such amendments must be supported by a vote of 75% of the elected members present. A copy of the code is on the council's website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Long Term Plan (LTP)

The Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to adopt a Long Term Plan (LTP) which is a document which sets the direction of Council for the next 10 years. It is reviewed every three years using the Special Consultative Procedure.

A copy of the LTP is available from our Customer Services offices, from our libraries or on the council's website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Funding and Finance Policies

Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires that Council adopts funding and financial policies. Key points of Council's Revenue and Financing Policy are contained in the LTP together with the Policy on Significance. The Development Contributions Policy can be found on Council's website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy is available from the Human Resources Manager or on the council's website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Council Agendas are available from the Customer Service Offices, district libraries or on Council's website at www.wdc.govt.nz.

Access to Council and Elected Members

Contacting Council

Council has two offices where you can conduct your business.

Whangarei Central Office

Forum North Building, Rust Avenue, Whangarei 0110

Opening hours: Monday – Friday 8am to 4:30pm. Closed public holidays

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Fax. 4387632

Email. mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

Freephone: 0800 WDC INFO or 0800 932 463 (24 hrs)

Postal. Whangarei District Council
Private Bag 9023
Whangarei 0148

Automated information line: 430 4253

Ruakaka Service Centre:

Takutai Place, Ruakaka

Opening hours: Monday –Friday 8:30am to 4pm. Closed public holidays

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Fax. 432 8330

Email. mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

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Gregory Martin – 433 5629 or 027 2836147

Mangakahia/Maungatapere Ward:

Sharon Morgan – 027 4434679

Whangarei Heads Ward:

Greg Innes – 436 5626 or 027 4953382

Bream Bay Ward:

Shelley Deeming – 432 3779 or 027 2757330

Philip Halse – 432 7945 or 027 3035671

Denby Ward:

Crichton Christie – 430 2848 or 027 3922289

Tricia Cutforth – 437 3481 or 027 2870366

John Williamson – 434 7245 or 021 2174132

Okara Ward:

Stuart Bell – 438 0495 or 021 625115

Sue Glen – 436 2180 or 027 2928420

Brian McLachlan – 436 3660 or 021 2014111

Cherry Hermon – 437 1197

Requests for Official Information

Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) any person may request information from Council. Any request for information is a request made under LGOIMA. You do not have to say you are making a request under LGOIMA.

Once a request is made Council must supply the information unless reason exists for withholding it. The LGOIMA provides reasons for withholding information, for example, if the release of the information would:

- endanger the safety of any person
- prejudice maintenance of the law
- compromise the privacy of any person
- reveal confidential or commercially sensitive information
- cause offence to Tikanga Maori or would disclose the location of waahi tapu
- prejudice public health or safety
- compromise legal professional privilege
- disadvantage the local authority while carrying out negotiations or commercial activities
- allow information to be used for improper gain or advantage.

Council must answer requests within 20 working days (although there are certain circumstances where this time-frame may be extended). LGOIMA allows Council to charge for official information. These charges are contained in our Schedule of Fees and Charges which is available from our Customer Services counter or on our website at <http://www.wdc.govt.nz/RatesandPayments/FeesandCharges/Pages/default.aspx>. In the first instance you should address requests for official information to the Legal Counsel and send to mailroom@wdc.govt.nz or Private Bag 9023, Whangarei 0148.

APPENDIX A:

Further Acts of Parliament which also assist local government in carrying out its roles and responsibilities include:

- Accident Compensation Act 2001
- Airport Authorities Act 1966
- Animals Law Reform Act 1989
- Animal Products (Ancillary and Transitional Provisions) Act 1999
- Arts Council of New Zealand Toi Aotearoa Act 1994
- Auctioneers Act 1928
- Biosecurity Act 1993
- Building Research Levy Act 1969
- Burial and Cremation Act 1964
- Bylaws Act 1910
- Cadastral Survey Act 2002
- Citizenship Act 1977
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- Civil List Act 1979
- Climate Change Response Act 2002
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- Companies Act 1993
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- Credit Contracts and Consumer Finance Act 2003
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- Disabled Persons Community Welfare Act 1975
- District Courts Act 1947
- Dog Control Act 1996
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- Employment Relations Act 2000
- Energy Companies Act 1992
- Engineering Associates Act 1961
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- Estate and Gift Duties Act 1968
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- Fencing Act 1978
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- Financial Reporting Act 1993
- Fire Services Act 1975
- Food Act 1981
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- Gas Act 1992
- Goods and Services Tax Act 1985
- Government Rooding Powers Act 1989
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- Health Act 1956
- Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992
- Historic Places Act 1993
- Holidays Act 2003
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- Housing Assets Transfer Act 1993
- Housing Corporation Act 1974
- Human Rights Act 1993
- Impounding Act 1955
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- Joint Family Homes Act 1964
- Judicature Act 1908
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- Land Transfer Act 1952
- Land Transport Act 1998
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- Libraries and Mechanics' Institute Act 1908
- Litter Act 1979
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- Property Law Act 2007
- Prostitution Reform Act 2003
- Protected Disclosures Act 2000
- Public Audit Act 2001
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- Rates Rebate Act 1973
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- Secondhand Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act 2004
- Secret Commissions Act 1910
- Securities Act 1978
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- Unit Titles Act 2010
- Wages Protection Act 1983
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APPENDIX B – Local Legislation

Whangarei Airport Act 1963

Whangarei City Empowering (Information Centre) Act 1976

Whangarei Borough Council Empowering Act 1962

Whangarei Borough Empowering Act 1928

Whangarei Borough Land Vesting Act 1914

Whangarei City Council Empowering Amendment Act 1974

Whangarei County Council Empowering Act 1926

Whangarei Drill-shed Act 1892

Whangarei Harbour Board Empowering Act 1925.