

## ITEM

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**ITEM:** CHAIR'S REPORT

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### Recommendations Contained in Chair's Report

***That the board asks the FNDC to rescind the delegations to the CEO with regard to the halls of the Kaikohe Hokianga ward (excepting the Kaikohe Memorial Hall which the board has asked be classified as a 'hall of district significance') and fully delegate hall responsibility to the Kaikohe Hokianga Community Board.***

The board has, during its current term, received delegations (of the people kind), and other communications, from hall committees. They have usually been of a complaining nature – that the council is not looking after the hall.

Responsibilities for halls are convoluted.

The CEO of FNDC has been delegated the full power of the council – which would naturally include halls.

However, the delegation resolution for community boards also makes mention of halls. Although, to be fair, the wording of the delegations is such that no real authority passes to the community boards.

The hall committees also have some authority. Policy 5003 (Community Facilities and Community Halls) provides for bookings and some responsibilities to be the responsibility of the committee. Just how these delegations get to the committee through the community board is a mystery to me, since no such delegations are made to the community board in the first place.

Nevertheless, there is a table of responsibilities in the policy that everyone can work with – despite any issues with the chain, or overlapping, of delegations.

In that table “Governance” is said to be the responsibility of the community board. Governance is usually the top level of responsibility, yet in the context of the policy it is definitely a subservient one.

There has been some talk of “Localism” whereby decisions and authority are delegated closer to the community that is most affected. Of particular note is the experience in the Thames Coromandel area where the community boards were delegated large chunks of responsibility – along with the budgets.

The members of the KHCB have discussed this informally and have been receptive to the idea.

I suggest that a low risk delegation would be that of halls. The CB could delegate, to the CEO, those responsibilities that are needed to actually organise and do work that his staff are best suited to do. But governance (the highest meaning of the word) would remain with the CB.

I recommend **“that the board asks the FNDC to rescind the delegations to the CEO with regard to the halls of the Kaikohe Hokianga ward (excepting the Kaikohe Memorial Hall which the board has asked be classified as a ‘hall of district significance’) and fully delegate hall responsibility to the Kaikohe Hokianga Community Board.”**

I would expect that the policy and strategy work would take some months to work through, so 1 July 2020 might be a good date for commencement.