

15 September 2020

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Dear Shaun

**REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DELIVERY WORKING PARTY:
APPOINTMENT OF FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

At its meeting on Tuesday 15 September, council agreed to establish the Regional Economic Development Service Delivery Working Party. This working party has been established in response to the Mayoral Forum proposal for moving to the joint delivery of economic development services in Northland.

The working party will consist of six members, being two councillors from each of the Northland Regional Council (NRC), Far North District Council (FNDC) and Kaipara District Council (KDC). It was hoped that Whangarei District Council (WDC) would join our three councils in this process but at this time they have chosen not to be involved. We will work to ensure that the arrangements we set in place for the joined-up approach leave the door wide open for WDC to join later if they wish to.

The primary objectives of the working party are to make recommendations to NRC on the appointment of directors to Northland Inc. Limited during 2020/21 and the Northland Inc. Statement of Intent 2021-2024. I have attached to this letter the full terms of reference for the working party.

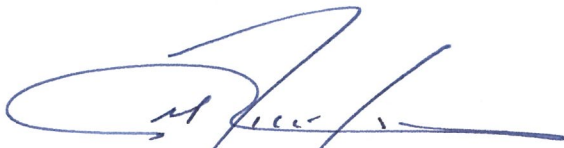
It is envisaged that the working party will hold its first two meetings on Friday 27 November and Tuesday 8 December. A timetable for the remaining meetings in 2021 will be agreed to at the first meeting. The term of the working party will expire on 30 June 2021.

I invite you to provide me with the names of the two elected members to represent FNDC on the working party. This invitation is contingent on both FNDC and KDC agreeing to proceed with consultation on the joint council ownership of Northland Inc. in the absence of WDC.

The establishment of the working party is a significant step in the process of moving towards the joint delivery of economic development services in Northland. Council very much looks forward to working with you in this matter to the benefit of all Northland.

I look forward to receiving advice of your representatives in due course.

Yours sincerely



Malcolm Nicolson
Chief Executive Officer

CC. Penny Smart, Chair, Northland Regional Council