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|  Far North District Council <i>Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki</i> | Authorising Body | Mayor/Council |
| | Status | Standing Committee |
| COUNCIL COMMITTEE | Title | Te Kuaka – Te Ao Māori Committee Terms of Reference |
| | Approval Date | 29 June 2023 |
| | Responsible Officer | Chief Executive |

Purpose

The purpose of Te Kuaka Committee is to strengthen a Te Ao Māori perspective within Council decision-making across policies and strategies.

To perform his or her role effectively, each member must develop and maintain his or her skills and knowledge, including an understanding of the Committees' responsibilities, and of the Council's business, operations and risks.

Membership

The Committee will comprise of all Mayor and Councillors as well as 12 iwi representatives nominated through Te Kahu o Taonui.

The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are to be appointed by the Committee.

Kahika/Mayor Tepania
Kowhai/Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
John Vujcich
Ann Court
Babe Kapa
Felicity Foy
Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Mate Radich
Penetaui Kleskovic
Steve McNally
Tāmami Rākena

Quorum

The quorum at a meeting of the Committee is 7 members comprising of 5 FNDC representatives and 2 Te Kahu o Taonui members.

Frequency of Meetings

The Committee shall meet 4 weekly.

Power to Delegate

The Committee may not delegate any of its responsibilities, duties or powers.

Responsibilities

The Committees responsibilities are described below:

- Ensure that the work of Te Kuaka is carried out in a way that enhances the social, economic, cultural, and environmental wellbeing of the Far North District
- **Mahi ngātahi mā te huihui, wānanga:** Recommend to Council, aspects of importance to Māori for incorporation into the development of the Strategic documents (e.g. Te Ao Māori Framework, Annual Plan, Long Term Plan, District Plan)
- **Manaaki:** To assist Council as appropriate in conducting and maintaining effective, good faith working relationships with the Māori community (e.g. Iwi Hapu Environmental Management Plans)
- Recommend to Council aspects that the Far North District Council could pursue to develop and or enhance Māori capacity to contribute to Council's decision-making processes.

Rules and Procedures

Council's Standing Orders and Code of Conduct apply to all meetings.