

AGENDA

Supplementary Reports

Te Kuaka - Te Ao Māori Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 11 December 2024

Time: 10:00 am
Location: Council Chambers
Memorial Avenue
Kaikohe

Membership:

Chairperson Harry Burkhardt - Chairperson
Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira
Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania
Kōwhai – Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
Cr Ann Court
Cr Felicity Foy
Cr Babe Kapa
Cr Penetaui Kleskovic
Cr Steve McNally
Cr Mate Radich
Cr Tāmati Rākena
Cr John Vujcich
Te Kahu o Taonui Representatives

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5.2 REGIONAL DEAL TE TAI TOKERAU NORTHLAND

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TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To receive the process and response to the Governments' invitation to apply for a Regional Deal.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This is a copy of a report that Council will consider at their 12 December Council meeting. FNDC CEO Guy Holroyd will speak with the Committee to seek their views for Council to consider.
- On 21 November 2024, Hon Simeon Brown, Minister of Local Government sent a letter to the mayors / chairs of all local authorities inviting them to submit a regional deal proposal (Attachment 1).
- Regional deals are focused on delivering connected and resilient infrastructure, building economic growth and improving the supply of affordable housing. There will be based on a 30-year vision with 10-year strategic plans.
- In terms of boundaries, "regions" should be a configuration of territorial authorities within a defined economic and geographic area and must include the relevant regional council. It is left to territorial authorities to determine how they collaborate with one another.
- In terms of timing, a registration form (Attachment 2) is due by 18 December 2024 and the "light-touch" proposal (Attachment 3) by 28 February 2025. A key part of the "light touch" proposal is for the region to list five projects/initiatives that it wishes to be included in a regional deal, detailing the outcomes expected, the contribution that councils will be making to these, and what the region is seeking from central government to achieve these outcomes.
- Cabinet will then agree on next steps for each region by mid-2025. The intention is to finalise the first regional deal with one selected region by December 2025 with two more deals finalised by October 2026 (ahead of the next general election).
- Staff recommend agreeing to the steps outlined in this report as they make use of existing resource and governance roles within the region and provide an efficient mechanism for responding to the tight deadlines set by government.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Kuaka recommend that Council:

- endorse the preparation of a Regional Deal proposal for submission to central government.**
- agree to collaborate with the other three local authorities, Kaipara District Council (KDC), Whangārei District Council (WDC), and Northland Regional Council (NRC) as a single "region" for the purpose of the Regional Deal.**
- approve Northland Inc as the lead organisation responsible for coordinating the development of the Regional Deal proposal, with support from all four councils.**
- approve the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee as the governance entity overseeing the development of the proposal.**

- e) **approve the amendment to the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Terms of Reference as provided in Attachment 4 of this agenda item.**
- f) **agree that the Chair of the Northland Mayoral Forum be the spokesperson of the Regional Deal programme on behalf of the region.**
- g) **approve the Registration form being submitted by Northland Inc. on behalf of Northland Local Authorities (by 18 December 2024), following review by the Chief Executive.**
- h) **note that the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee may be required to meet outside of the normal council meeting cycle during the traditional Christmas recess period.**
- i) **note that similar recommendations are being presented to KDC, WDC, and NRC at their December 2024 meetings to ensure regional alignment and collaboration.**

1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The government's Regional Deals (RD) initiative is a new framework aimed at supporting regional economic growth through customised agreements between central and local government. The initiative aligns with the shared economic development vision of Northland and emphasises collaboration on projects that address local opportunities and challenges. Each regional deal will cater to local priorities while sharing the following foundational components:

- Each regional deal will be based on a 30-year vision for the region.
- Each deal will have a 10-year strategic plan with clear outcomes and actions required to achieve them.
- Deals will rely on existing resources to achieve shared goals over new funding.
- Deals establish a framework through which new funding can be allocated as it becomes available.

2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

The Northland Mayoral Forum (NMF) discussed the Minister's letter at its meeting on Monday 25 November 2024 and agreed that the following steps be taken:

- **Proposal Submission:** A regional deal proposal be submitted.
- **Regional Collaboration:** All four Northland councils (Far North District Council (FNDC), Northland Regional Council (NRC), Whangārei District Council (WDC) and Kaipara District Council (KDC)) will participate collectively as a single "region".
- **Coordination Role:** Northland Inc, as the council-controlled organisation jointly owned by all four councils, will coordinate the development of the proposal with support from key staff within each council.
- **Governance Mechanism:** The Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (Joint Committee), made up of two members from each of the four councils, will act as the governance entity for developing the proposal, engaging with central government, and Regional Deals decision-making. A new role and responsibility are required to be added to the Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee to allow it to carry out this function (Attachment 4).
- **Spokesperson:** The NMF Chair, Mayor Vince Cocurullo, will be the spokesperson for the Regional Deals initiative.

To ensure that Council's meet the central government timeframes, this paper seeks agreement to the recommended steps for Northland's participation in this opportunity.

Similar papers are being provided to the other three councils for their agreement. The respective council meeting dates are 10 December (NRC), 11 December (KDC) and 12 December (both FNDC and WDC).

Options

No.	Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1 Recommended Option	Agree to the recommended collaborative approach (single “region” with Northland Inc as coordinator and Joint Committee as governance body).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligns with government’s preference for a unified regional approach. • Strengthens Northland’s proposal with a comprehensive and cohesive vision. • Leverages Northland Inc’s expertise and existing inter-council governance structures. • Builds stronger regional identity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires significant coordination across councils, potentially leading to delays.
2	Don’t agree to participate in the Regional Deals initiative and the steps outlined above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid administrative workload and resource allocation for proposal development. • Allows focus on other strategic priorities of council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misses a significant opportunity to attract long-term government investment. • Risks Northland falling behind other regions that actively engage in the initiative. • Damages the council's reputation as a collaborator in regional development.

TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Option 1 as it positions Northland to secure investment while fostering collaboration across councils. The proposed approach provides a mechanism for responding to the tight timeframes given in the invitation from Hon Minister Brown by leveraging existing governance structures, such as the Joint Committee and Northland Inc. This ensures efficiency, aligns with government expectations, and enhances Northland’s ability to present a unified and compelling regional vision.


E WHAIAKE NEI / NEXT STEPS

A staff operational group has been formed from the four councils to progress this work and schedule. This will need be communicated to the Joint Committee. This will set expectations on the work needed and commitments over the next two-to-three-month period.

3) PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

The cost for developing the “light-touch” proposal and any subsequent negotiation with central government are expected to be minimal and largely administrative. Any associated expenses will be covered by the Investment and Growth Reserve (IGR) or existing council resources, as approved by the Chief Executives. Any funding implications arising from specific projects or developments that are incorporated into a regional deal will need to be subject to separate and future council decisions.

ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Letter from Hon Simeon Brown to all Mayors and Chairs - A5002460** [↓](#) 
2. **Regional Deals initial registration form - A5002459** [↓](#) 
3. **Regional Deals - light touch proposal application - A5002458** [↓](#) 
4. **Joint Regional Economic Development Committee ammended Terms of Reference - A5002461** [↓](#) 

Hōtaka Take Ōkawa / Compliance Schedule:

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

He Take Ōkawa / Compliance Requirement	Aromatawai Kaimahi / Staff Assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	Low level of significance as this proposal does not meet any of the thresholds in Councils Significance and Engagement Policy. No feedback is required, and the public will be informed of Council's decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	A new role and responsibility is required to be added to the Terms of Reference for the Joint Regional Economic Development Committee to allow it to undertake its governance task in relation to Regional Deals. It is proposed that the following new role and responsibility be added to the Terms of Reference provided in Attachment 4. <i>4) Make decisions relating to the government's Regional Deals initiative for establishing long-term agreements between central and local government, including but not limited to submitting a proposal, finalising a Memorandum of Understanding and negotiating a deal, ensuring alignment with regional priorities and collaboration among councils.</i>
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	The recommendation in this report has District Wide Relevance.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water. State the possible implications and how this report aligns with Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi.	Māori have not been engaged in the decision-making process because of the tight timeframes between receiving the invitation letter from the Minister and the need for a council decision. However, the "light-touch" proposal form requires local government to engage with both Māori and the private sector to obtain their input into any submission and this will be completed prior to submission approval.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and	There are specific persons or groups outside of staff from the Northland Councils and Northland In that will directly

<p>how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).</p>	<p>be affected by the recommendation given in this agenda item.</p>
<p>State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.</p>	<p>The cost for developing the “light-touch” proposal and any subsequent negotiation with central government are expected to be minimal and largely administrative. Any associated expenses will be covered by the Investment and Growth Reserve (IGR) or existing council resources, as approved by the Chief Executives. Any funding implications arising from specific projects or developments that are incorporated into a regional deal will need to be subject to separate and future council decisions.</p>
<p>Chief Financial Officer review.</p>	<p>Type here</p>

Hon Simeon Brown

MP for Pakuranga

Minister for Energy
Minister of Local Government
Minister of Transport

Minister for Auckland
Deputy Leader of the House



Dear Mayor/Chair,

21 November 2024

Invitation to submit a regional deal light-touch proposal

The Government is pleased to invite your council to submit a regional deal proposal.

Regional deals is our Government's initiative to boost economic growth through infrastructure development. Deals will be focused on delivering connected and resilient infrastructure, building economic growth and improving the supply of affordable housing. They will be based on a 30-year vision for the region, with negotiated 10-year strategic plans.

Proposal process

Each region has the opportunity to submit one proposal for consideration. The proposals must be a collaborative submission by the territorial authorities involved and the relevant regional council. 'Regions' in the context of regional deals should be a configuration of territorial authorities within a defined economic and geographic area and must include the regional council where relevant. One relevant regional council will be involved in each regional deal alongside territorial authorities.

The proposal is intended to be straightforward and high level. We are looking for simple, in-house proposals supported by readily accessible information. Each proposal should identify 3-5 key infrastructure priorities or projects for the region. These should clearly show how they will boost regional economic growth or unlock growth for housing. To support the development of your proposal, a light-touch form is attached to guide you.

Should you wish to submit a regional deals proposal, please complete the attached registration form and submit it to regionaldeals@dia.govt.nz by 18 December 2024. Final proposals are due by 28 February 2025.

Please find additional guiding material below. Further information will be available at the <https://www.dia.govt.nz/Regional-Deals>. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to refer them to your Department of Internal Affairs Partnership Director or to regionaldeals@dia.govt.nz.

We are pleased to begin this journey and look forward to working with you to deliver infrastructure investment and economic growth for your communities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simeon Brown".

Hon Simeon Brown

Minister of Local Government

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What classifies as a 'Region'?

'Regions' in the context of regional deals should be a configuration of territorial authorities within a defined economic and geographic area and must include the regional council where relevant. One relevant regional council will be involved in each regional deal alongside the territorial authorities.

Territorial authorities should determine how they collaborate with one another, alongside the relevant regional council, on a proposal that will support economic growth or unlock growth for housing for the region involved.

Why are all councils being invited to submit a light-touch proposal?

We have made the decision to invite all territorial authorities at the same time to enable all regions to put forward proposals that will boost economic growth, and to support the building of relationships between these territorial authorities and their relevant regional council.

What is a light-touch proposal?

A light-touch proposal is a document that outline ideas that can be implemented to address clearly understood issues and opportunities. We are not looking for exploratory studies or huge glossy documents.

While each regional deal will reflect the priorities for each region, deals should address the following criteria:

- Regional alignment - shared strategic objectives, developed in partnership and reflecting the particular local characteristics of each region;
- Identification of economic opportunities for long term growth potential;
- Financial and non-financial resources that will be brought to the table;
- Alignment and commitment on approach to broader government reform objectives such as Local Water Done Well – to provide confidence that councils are meeting their regulatory standards;
- Commitment to use of shared services; and
- Identification of alternative funding and financing tools for projects.

My expectation is that territorial authorities take a 'no-frills' approach to these proposals, which are practical and focused on achieving results. The information needed to complete your proposal is expected to be able to be sourced from your existing resources and materials, minimising any unnecessary additional costs and reducing reliance on external parties.

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How should I confirm my intention to submit a light-touch proposal?

To confirm your intention to submit a light-touch proposal, submit the attached registration form to the Regional Deals Team at DIA (RegionalDeals@dia.govt.nz) before 18 December 2025.

How will light-touch proposals be assessed?

Proposals will be assessed according to the assessment criteria on page 24 of the Regional Deals Strategic Framework (<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-08/Regional%20Deals%20Strategic%20Framework.pdf>).

When will my region get a deal?

We expect the first regional deal to be finalised with the selected region by December 2025, with two more deals finalised by October 2026. Plans for future rounds of deals are still being developed.

We encourage councils that are not selected in the first tranche to continue to build relationships and planning with neighbouring territorial authorities and the relevant regional council to develop their future proposal. The regional deals secretariat will continue to provide support and share information on the rollout of the deals.

What are the key dates I need to know?

Activity	Date
Letters sent to all Councils inviting a regional deal proposal	21 Nov 2024
Online Q&A sessions for all councils	Late Nov 2024
Regions confirm intention to submit a proposal	By 18 Dec 2024
Regions submit final proposals for consideration	28 Feb 2025
Cabinet agreement on next steps for each region	Mid-2025

Further information

In the meantime, I encourage you to review the information at [\[https://www.dia.govt.nz/Regional-Deals\]](https://www.dia.govt.nz/Regional-Deals), including the Regional Deals [Strategic Framework - DIA](#).

For further questions, please contact your DIA Partnership Director in the table ahead or email RegionalDeals@dia.govt.nz.

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Action required: Please confirm your acceptance of this invitation to submit a regional deal proposal. Include the councils you will be partnering with to develop your proposal and form your 'region'.

To confirm your intention to submit a regional proposal, please submit the attached registration form to the Regional Deals Team at DIA (RegionalDeals@dia.govt.nz) before 18 December 2025.

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Regional Deals

Registration form

The purpose of this form is to confirm your region's intention to submit a proposal for a Regional Deal by 28 February 2025. Please note that 'regions' in the context of regional deals should be a configuration of territorial authorities within a defined economic and geographic area and must include the regional council where relevant.

Please include:

- The councils that intend to form a region for the purposes of a Regional Deals' proposal.

Insert details here...

- Key contact people (including names, titles, contact details).

Insert details here...

Optional:

- Please identify any projects/focus areas you are considering including in your final proposal. Note you will not be assessed on this, this is to assist in central government coordination.

Insert details here...

Please complete the attached registration form and submit it to RegionalDeals@dia.govt.nz by 18 December. For further questions, please contact your DIA Partnership Director below or email us at RegionalDeals@dia.govt.nz.

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Light-Touch Proposal Template Guidance

The purpose of this template is to support the development of proposals for regional deals. The content in this template will help central government confirm alignment with the objectives set out in the [Regional Deals Strategic Framework](#), confirm the proposed areas of work to be included in a potential Memorandum of Understanding between central and local government, and provide early indications for the work required to support a potential regional deal.

The Department of Internal Affairs acknowledges that all parties are expected to treat proposals in confidence as they may contain confidential and commercially sensitive information. All parties will keep the information confidential, unless obliged to disclose it (such as by law under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) or the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)), or until it no longer remains confidential (such as being agreed to in a Memorandum of Understanding). Where a relevant OIA or LGOIMA request is received, each party must consult with each other.

Use this template to complete and submit your “light-touch” Regional Deals proposal, consistent with the [Regional Deals Strategic Framework](#).

Regional Deals will be based on a 30-year vision, with negotiated 10-year strategic plans to deliver shared objectives and outcomes between central and local government. Deals will be long-term commitments, intended to endure, to promote economic growth and productivity, delivering connected and resilient infrastructure, and improving the supply of affordable, quality housing.

Your proposal should outline the economic objectives and project outcomes that your region is proposing will be delivered. It should also include what actions your region will take to unlock or enable growth, and what policy, legislative or other actions your region needs from central government to assist in achieving the objectives of the regional deals strategic framework.

Light-touch in the context of this template means that you should provide brief answers to the questions. Evidence and data included should be from sources that are already available such as Long-Term Plans (2024-2034), economic development and infrastructure strategies and other pre-existing information. It is not envisaged that regions prepare a full business case or deal proposition at this stage. The intention is to gather initial information that can inform a deal proposition. We also do not encourage the use of external consultants or preparing detailed supporting information to complete the light-touch proposal.

Please complete one application per regional deal, approved by all councils included in the region. Further supporting information may be attached as an appendix.

For further questions, please contact your Department of Affairs (DIA) Partnership Director below or email us at RegionalDeals@dia.govt.nz.

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Final proposals to be sent to RegionalDeals@dia.govt.nz by 28 February 2025.

Region and Contact Details

Please confirm your region's economic/geographical area and list all the local authorities involved, contact names and roles, emails addresses and phone numbers. Highlight the primary contact point(s) for all future correspondence related to this proposal.

For this section please include:

- A description of the region's economic/geographical area
- Please list all local authorities involved

Insert details here...

Light-Touch Proposal

1. Executive Summary

Please provide a title for the proposal.

Insert details here...

Present a high-level vision for your region and your region's economic role in New Zealand. Please also include a summary of the proposed regional deal, with clear economic outcomes sought and the actions required to achieve them. List up to five projects/initiatives and clearly state for each project/initiative the outcomes you are proposing will be delivered, aligned with the Strategic Framework. You should also include what your region/councils will be contributing towards your regional deal. Please add what your region is seeking from central government to achieve these outcomes.

For this section please consider:

- *Outline your region's vision for a deal, your region's economic role in New Zealand and the economic objectives for your regional deal.*
- *List the five projects/initiatives your region seeks to be included in the deal and include the project outcomes to be delivered because of your regional deal. Note that more detail on proposed projects/initiatives is to be covered in Section 7.*
- *What is your region/councils contributing towards your regional deal?*
- *What is your region seeking from central government to achieve these outcomes?*

Insert Text Here (maximum 4 paragraphs only):

2. Alignment with the Strategic Framework

Identify how the proposal aligns with the priority objectives of the Regional Deals Strategic Framework to build economic growth, deliver connected and resilient infrastructure, and/or improve the supply of affordable, quality housing. This is required as part of the application.

You may also include alignment to the secondary objectives of greater regional and private sector collaboration, improving local government decision-making and funding and financing, promoting collaborative ways of working between central and local government, and ensuring regions are resilient and sustainable. This is optional.

For this section please include:

- *Alignment with one or more priority objectives*
- *Alignment with secondary objectives (optional)*

Insert Text Here (maximum 4 paragraphs only):

3. What drives growth in your region?

Please identify the areas of growth, existing and potential, in your region and key drivers of that growth. What actions do you intend to take to unlock or enable growth? What do you need from central government to support growth? What is the anticipated growth that would be triggered by a regional deal?

For this section please include:

- *Key Growth Sector(s) (identify which sectors, annual expected growth in revenue and % increase)*

Insert Text Here (maximum 4 paragraphs only, additional information may be attached):

4. Central and Local Government Partnership

Please include:

- details of the proposed councils involved in the regional deal proposal.
- a summary of any current/previous collaboration between the councils involved in this application and central government, including but not limited to any urban, regional or provincial partnerships, etc., including information on how long they have been in existence, broadly the activities they cover etc., and their outcomes. Please note, relationships outside of existing central government partnerships, such as with New Zealand Land Transport, Ministry of Education, Kainga Ora etc., that may need to be engaged as part of a Regional Deal.
- an explanation of how these partnerships/ previous examples of collaboration may support a Regional Deal. This may also include progress towards delivery of current central government funded projects.

Please note that one of the selection criteria in the Regional Deals Strategic Framework is to support delivery of other government work programmes. This could include current and planned progress towards alignment with the following reforms and objectives:

- Water reforms (Local Water Done Well)
- Transport (Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, including Roads of National and Regional significance, Rural roads)
- Increasing Housing Supply (Going for Housing Growth)
- Infrastructure (Alignment with the National Infrastructure Pipeline and/or where appropriate for those infrastructure projects of national significance included in the Infrastructure Priorities Programme)
- Fast-track consenting Bill
- Resource Management Reforms
- Any other central government reforms/objectives that you consider relevant for your deal, such as the National Policy Statement on Urban Development, Medium Density Residential Standards, etc.

For this section please include:

- *Central and local government partnerships (including crown entity and department relationships)*
- *Actions councils in the region can take to achieve reform outcomes*
- *How can central government help councils meet reform expectations*

Insert Text Here (maximum 6 paragraphs only):

5. Commitment to Regional Spatial Priorities

Please confirm if there is an existing commitment to clear regional spatial priorities as set out in a regional plan, growth strategy, Future Development Strategy (FDS) or any similar strategic document.

Comment briefly on how these priorities could be supported by a regional deal?
Comment on how the regional deal could change/improve your spatial plan?

For this section please consider:

- *Is there a commitment to clear regional spatial priorities?*
- *How can the regional spatial priorities support the deal?*
- *How could the regional deal change/improve your spatial plan?*

Insert Text Here (maximum 4 paragraphs only):

6. Capability, Capacity and Readiness to Implement and Deliver

Please outline your region's readiness to deliver a regional deal. How will the projects/initiatives be successfully implemented and delivered? This can include proven existing partnerships with central government, other councils in the region, private sector and iwi/Māori. Provide examples of delivering infrastructure projects and how these were managed. Please note support from the private sector and iwi/Māori for the regional deal, including what role they may play in funding and implementing projects/initiatives. The proposed governance arrangements between local authorities working together within the regional deal. Please include proposed arrangements with other key actors in your region such as the private sector and iwi/Māori.

For this section please consider:

- *Readiness to implement and deliver a regional deal (including projects/initiatives). This may be demonstrated by including proven existing partnerships, avenues for implementing and funding projects/initiatives, examples of successful implementation and delivery of infrastructure projects.*
- *Proposed governance arrangements between local authorities included within the deal and (optional) with any others, such as the private sector and iwi/Māori.*

Insert Text Here:

7. Regional Deal Priority Projects/Initiatives

Please provide a brief description of priority projects or initiatives that the regional deal could include and how they will contribute to your region's overall vision. Projects or initiatives, including proposed regulatory relief should be aligned with the objectives outlined in the Strategic Framework. For the top five priority projects or initiatives, include an outline of what information is currently available:

- A summary of economic benefits and costs from the projects/initiatives to be included within the regional deal, including both local and national.¹
- The anticipated economic costs and benefits (monetised and non-monetised) – both local and national.
- The anticipated costs, any revenues and a summary of how the project/initiative will be funded.
- how the project/initiative will unlock economic growth or local regulatory relief in your region or otherwise contribute to the vision of your region through a deal.
- estimated timeframes to commence and complete.
- whether the projects/initiatives are included in current council planning, such as in the long-term plan and infrastructure strategy.
- For any proposed infrastructure projects/initiatives, please note if these are included in the National Infrastructure Pipeline and/or the Infrastructure Priorities Programme (as managed by the Infrastructure Commission – Te Waihanga). Include any initiative identifiers from these systems to support easy identification
- how the projects/initiative relate to the central government interventions requested. Note any potential risks and how these will be mitigated.
- If the proposed project/initiative relates to a central government priority and how (note not all projects need to align with government reforms)
- Please note that if the above information is not available, we do not expect analysis to be developed. Only include what is available from pre-existing information.

Insert details here (continue over)...

¹The economic summary should outline the monetised and non-monetised benefits, and costs, to evidence value for money for the overall proposal. The economic proposition should align to the Strategic Framework objectives. Detailed economic analysis is not required for the light-touch proposal, however if supporting material this has previously been developed it can be attached as supplementary material.

Insert details here (continued)...

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8. What will your region bring to a regional deal?

Summarise what your region will bring to a regional deal (this may be covered above). This could include (but is not limited to):

- coordination of planning and funding tools;
- planning decisions;
- funding and financing; and
- contributions in-kind.

Insert details here ...

9. What are you seeking from Central Government as part of a deal?

Outline what policy, legislative or other actions the proposal requires from central government to advance or unlock expected economic growth (this may be covered above), deliver connected and resilient infrastructure and or improve the supply of affordable, quality housing. This could include regulatory relief, improved use of existing or new funding and financing tools, better central government coordination. Outline in order of priority, under each category, how each intervention applies to your proposed projects/initiatives.

For this section please consider:

- *Regulatory relief*
- *Improved use of existing or new planning and funding and financing tools*
- *Government coordination*

Insert details here...

10. Further Supporting Information

Additional supporting information may be provided but may be excluded from consideration in the assessment process. Please provide a schedule of any additional supporting information provided.

Insert schedule of additional information here...

11. Approval

As mentioned in the guidance, there is to be one application per regional deal, approved by all councils included in the region.

Please indicate that this regional deal proposal is approved by each local authority included within the deal (listed in Page 1). You could do this by each local authority providing a signatory or have it signed by an authorised person on behalf of all local authorities to be partners to the regional deal.

Approval of proposal
Title of the proposal: Enter Title Here
Chair/Mayor names and signatures: Insert names and signatures here
Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Joint Regional Economic Development Committee Terms of Reference¹

Background

Economic development is listed as one of the five policy priorities of Local Government New Zealand. Globalisation and the relaxation of border controls have been radically changing the way in which local and regional economies work. Cities, districts and regions in New Zealand are now competing against their peers in other parts of the world for the same capital and same skilled workers. The COVID-19 pandemic and associated policy responses disrupted this long-term trend and brought additional challenges to the economy. To succeed, local authorities need to ensure that they not only offer a good life and effective infrastructure and services they must also promote these attributes. Economic development agencies such as Northland Inc Limited play an important role in bridging the gaps in local economies, leveraging local advantage, and promoting the region both nationally and internationally.

Economic growth is vital for generating the resources needed to address some of the pressing problems affecting Northland, such as poor housing, health and education. Councils wish to improve Northland's economic performance to support strong communities and environmental sustainability.

A joint committee of the Northland Regional Council and the Far North, Kaipara and Whangarei district councils elected council members is fundamental to ensuring these outcomes are achieved in a coordinated and collaborative way across Te Taitokerau.

Membership

The Joint Regional Economic Development Committee (the **committee**) is a joint committee made up of elected members from the Northland Regional Council, the Far North District Council, the Kaipara District Council and the Whangarei District Council.

The committee shall have eight members as follows:

Two elected members from:	Kaipara District Council
	Far North District Council
	Northland Regional Council
	Whangarei District Council

Each council shall also appoint one alternative elected member who will have full speaking and voting rights when formally acting as the alternate.

Ex officio: Whereas the Mayors of Far North, Kaipara and Whangarei district councils are a member of all committees by virtue of section 41A(5) of the Local Government 2002, the Mayors have agreed not to exercise this right of membership.

Role and Responsibilities

- 1) All responsibilities, duties and powers of a local authority as a shareholder in Northland Inc Limited are, as far as legally possible, delegated to the committee. For avoidance of doubt, a meeting of the committee is not a meeting of shareholders under the Companies Act 1993.

¹ Approved by NRC at its meeting on 23 July 2024, WDC on 25 July 2024, KDC on 31 July 2024 and FNDC on 8 August 2024.

- 2) Make funding allocations from the Investment and Growth Reserve (IGR) administered by Northland Regional Council.
- 3) Receive advice and provide direction and support to economic development in Te Taitokerau.
- ~~3)4)~~ Make decisions relating to the government's Regional Deals initiative for establishing long-term agreements between central and local government, including but not limited to submitting a proposal, finalising a Memorandum of Understanding and negotiating a deal, ensuring alignment with regional priorities and collaboration among councils.
- ~~4)5)~~ Make recommendations to member councils to ensure a consistent regional approach is applied and adopted to economic development activities.
- ~~5)6)~~ Act collectively as an advocate for regional economic development generally and within the individual bodies represented on the committee.
- ~~6)7)~~ Ensure the bodies represented on the committee are informed of economic development activities in Te Taitokerau.

Status

The committee is a joint committee of council as provided for under Clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and shall operate in accordance with the provisions of Clause 30A of Schedule 7 that Act.

The committee has no powers under the Local Government Act 2002 (or any other Act) other than those delegated by decision of all member councils.

The committee shall operate under Northland Regional Council Standing Orders.

Joint Committee not discharged at triennial elections

Pursuant to Clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the councils have resolved that this joint committee is not discharged at the triennial elections. However, on coming into office following an election, a council may choose to review its appointments to the committee.

Committee Chair and Deputy Chair:

The Chair and Deputy Chair are to be elected by members at the first meeting of the committee according to System A of clause 25 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Meetings

The committee shall meet a minimum of four times per annum.

Quorum

At least 50% of members shall be present to form a quorum with at least one member from each council present.

Decision making

The committee will endeavour to make all decisions by consensus, i.e. 100%. However, if consensus cannot be reached, matters will be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast by the members present. For the avoidance of doubt the Chair shall not have a casting vote at committee meetings.

Service of meetings

The Northland Regional Council will provide secretarial and administrative support to the committee.

Draft agendas are to be prepared by Northland Regional Council and approved by the Chair of the Committee prior to the committee meeting.

Northland Inc Limited can request the committee hold a confidential committee meeting for discussion about commercially sensitive matters, subject to this request meeting the requirements of section 7(2) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. Any report submitted by Northland Inc needs to be accompanied by council management advice to the committee.

Remuneration

Remuneration and / or reimbursement for costs incurred by committee members is the responsibility of each council.

Amendments

Any amendment to the Terms of Reference or other arrangements of the committee shall be subject to approval by all member councils.

Should Kaipara District Council, Far North District Council, Northland Regional Council or Whangarei District Council cease to be a shareholder of Northland Inc Limited (a **departing Council**):

1. The number of members that the committee is to have (as referred to in paragraph 2 of the section entitled "Membership" above) shall reduce by two for each departing Council.
2. Any elected member(s) appointed by the departing Council to the committee shall automatically cease to be a member(s) of the committee.
3. The right of the departing Council to appoint members to the committee (as referred to in paragraph 2 of the section entitled "Membership" above) shall automatically cease.
4. All references to the departing Council in these Terms of Reference shall be deemed deleted.

These Terms of Reference replace the prior Terms of Reference approved by Kaipara District Council, Far North District Council, and Northland Regional Council for the committee in June 2021.

[These Terms of Reference are amended to incorporate governance responsibilities for the Regional Deals initiative as outlined above.](#)