Huihuinga o Te Poari o Te Oneroa-A-Tōhe

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board

Friday 24 July 2026 at 10:00 am

AGENDA

RĀRANGI TAKE

Te Oneroa a Tohe Beach Board Meeting will be held in the Conference Room, Te Ahu Centre, Cnr State Highway 1 & Matthews Ave, Kaitāia on: Friday 24 July 2026 at 10:00 am

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Te Paeroa Mahi / Order of Business

1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Committee and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive Officer or the Manager - Democracy Services (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

Representation roles

Members of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board are appointed to represent their respective iwi organisations or councils. The existence of these representative roles does not, of itself, constitute a conflict of interest. Members should consider whether they have a personal financial interest or other interest that differs from, or goes beyond, their representative role and could reasonably be seen to influence their decision-making.

3 NGĀ KAIKŌRERO / SPEAKERS

Ben White – Chief Advisor (Ministry for the Environment)

Rachel Ropiha – Policy Advisor (Ministry for the Environment)

Roger Ackers – Head of Reforms Initiatives (Far North District Council)

4 TE WHAKAAETANGA O NGĀ MENETI O MUA / CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

File Number: **A5876812**

Author: **Marlema Baker, Democracy Advisor**

Authoriser: **Aisha Huriwai, Manager - Democracy Services**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board to confirm that the minutes of the previous meeting are a true and correct record of the proceedings.

The minutes are attached.

RECOMMENDATION

That Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2026 as a true and correct record.

1) BACKGROUND

The Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board is a statutory co-governance partnership established under Te Hiku Treaty Settlement legislation and operates as a permanent joint committee of the Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council. The Board's purpose is to provide governance and direction to protect and enhance the environmental, economic, social, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe for present and future generations.

Clause 7 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires local authorities to keep minutes of their proceedings. Minutes that are duly entered and authenticated, as prescribed, provide prima facie evidence of those proceedings.

As part of good governance practice and in accordance with legislative requirements, the Board is required to confirm the minutes of its previous meeting. Confirmation provides assurance that the official record accurately reflects the decisions, discussions and proceedings of the meeting.

2) DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Relevant legislation and policies

The requirement to keep and confirm meeting minutes is provided for under Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Standing Orders require that minutes are kept as the official record of meetings and that only the correctness of the minutes may be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

Standing Orders further state that "no discussion shall arise on the substance of the minutes in any succeeding meeting, except as to their correctness."

Confirmation of the minutes supports transparent and accountable governance and ensures an accurate public record of the Board's proceedings.

Options

Option 1 (Recommended): Confirm the minutes as a true and correct record

Advantages:

- Satisfies legislative and governance requirements.

- Confirms the official record of the meeting.
- Ensures certainty regarding resolutions and actions arising from the previous meeting.
- Supports transparency and accountability.

Disadvantages:
- None identified.

Option 2: Amend the minutes prior to confirmation

Advantages:
- Allows correction of any errors or omissions identified by members.
- Ensures the official record accurately reflects proceedings.

Disadvantages:
- May delay final confirmation until corrections are agreed.

Option 3: Do not confirm the minutes

Advantages:
- None identified.

Disadvantages:
- Does not meet good governance practice.
- Creates uncertainty regarding the official record of the meeting.
- May impact the Board's ability to rely upon the minutes as an accurate record of proceedings.

The recommended option is Option 1, subject to any minor corrections identified by the Board.

Significance and engagement

The confirmation of meeting minutes is an administrative governance matter and is considered to be of low significance under the Far North District Council Significance and Engagement Policy.

No specific public engagement is required because the decision relates solely to confirming the accuracy of the record of a previous meeting.

Policy and strategy considerations

Confirmation of the minutes is consistent with:
- Local Government Act 2002 requirements relating to governance and record keeping.
- Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Terms of Reference.
- Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Standing Orders.
- Principles of transparency, accountability and effective governance.

The decision does not alter or affect the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Management Plan, Board policies, strategic priorities or operational programmes.

Risk and mitigations

The primary risk associated with this report is that the minutes may contain errors or omissions.

This risk is mitigated through the Board's review of the minutes prior to confirmation and the opportunity to amend the record where necessary before confirmation is granted.

Implications for Māori

There are no direct implications for Māori arising from the confirmation of meeting minutes.

Any implications for Māori associated with matters considered at the previous meeting are addressed through the relevant reports and decisions recorded within those minutes.

The confirmation process itself is administrative in nature and does not involve decisions relating to land, bodies of water, wāhi tapu, taonga or Treaty settlement matters.

Costs of each option

There are no additional costs associated with any of the options outlined in this report.

Confirmation of minutes forms part of the Board's standard governance and administrative processes and is undertaken within existing resources.

REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

The reason for the recommendation is to confirm that the minutes represent a true and correct record of the proceedings of the previous Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board meeting.

3) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no financial implications or the need for budgetary provision arising from this report.

ATTACHMENTS

1. DRAFT Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Minutes - 22 May 2026 - A5877978 ⇩

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, wāhi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	**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	This is a matter of low significance as it relates solely to the confirmation of meeting minutes and does not involve any substantive policy, financial or strategic decision.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Terms of Reference, and the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Standing Orders relating to the keeping and confirmation of minutes.
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 confirmation of minutes is a matter for the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board. The views of other boards or committees are not required.
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.	There are no implications for Māori arising from the confirmation of minutes. Any implications relating to matters recorded in the minutes are considered through the relevant reports and decisions of the Board.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences.	This report seeks confirmation of the minutes as a true and correct record. Any affected parties or stakeholder interests associated with matters discussed at the meeting are considered through the relevant agenda reports.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	There are no financial implications or budgetary provisions required.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.

Ngā Miniti o Te Poari o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe
Te Oneroa-A-Tōhe Board Minutes

Meeting held in the Banquet Room, Te Ahu Centre cnr State Highway 1 & Matthews Ave, Kaitaia on Friday 22 May 2026, commencing at 10:00 am

TUHINGA (PRESENT):

CHAIRPERSON
Lisa McNab - Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa

BOARD MEMBERS

Hilda Halkyard-Harawira	- Far North District Council (via audio visual link)
Abbey Brown	- Ngāti Kuri Trust Board (via audio visual link)
Harata Brown	- Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri
Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania	- Far North District Council (via audio visual link)
Cr Arama Morunga	- Northland Regional Council (via audio visual link)
Cr Colin "Toss" Kitchen	- Northland Regional Council (via audio visual link)

I TAE MAI (IN ATTENDANCE)

George Riley	- Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa
Auriole Ruka	- Northland Regional Council
Ruben Wylie	- Northland Regional Council
Meloney Tupou	- Northland Regional Council
Tammy Wooster	- Far North District Council - Manager (Integrated Planning)
Aisha Huriwai	- Far North District Council - Manager (Democracy Services)
Llani Harding	- Far North District Council - Pouhautu (Te Hono)
Will Davis	- Far North District Council - Senior Coms & Engagement Advisor
Dena-Maree Hemara	- Far North District Council - Kaiarahi Kaupapa Māori (via audio visual link)
Marlema Baker (Dolly)	- Far North District Council - Te Kuaka Committee Coordinator

The Chair declared the meeting open at: 10:00 am

KARAKIA TIMATANGA AND WHAKATAU

Cr Arama Morunga opened the meeting with karakia and George Riley provided the mihi whakatau.

Members acknowledged the passing of Graeme Neho and Waitai Petera, recognising their significant contributions as founding representatives of the Board and their enduring legacy to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

Members also acknowledged the ongoing contributions of Matua Haami Piripi and welcomed Abbey Brown, attending on behalf of Ngāti Kuri.

The Board reflected on the importance of maintaining kotahitanga across the rohe in support of the shared vision and kaupapa of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

A quorum was confirmed at 10:05am.

NGĀ MAHI WHAKAPAI / HOUSEKEEPING (ITEM 1.0)

The Chair welcomed attendees and noted the attendance of Will McNab as an observer.
It was confirmed that all future recordings of Board meetings would commence from the opening karakia.

NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA / APOLOGIES (ITEM 2.0)

MOVED (MORUNGA/BROWN)

That the apology from Guy Holroyd be received.

CARRIED

NGĀ WHAKAPUAKANGA / DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (ITEM 3.0)

Members were reminded to declare any conflicts of interest as agenda items were considered.
No new conflicts were declared.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 20 MARCH 2026 (ITEM 4.1)

Members reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2026.
The following corrections were noted:

- Dena-Maree attended the March meeting and should be included in attendance.
- "North District Council" to be corrected to "Far North District Council".
- Future references to Te Aupōuri to use the full title Te Rūnanga Nui o Te Aupōuri.

MOVED (MCNAB/MORUNGA)

That the minutes of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board meeting held on 20 March 2026, as amended, be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED

ACTION UPDATES (ITEM 4.2)

Auriole Ruka provided an update on actions arising from the previous meeting.

Funding Strategy

Work remains underway between Northland Regional Council (NRC) and Far North District Council (FNDC) to undertake financial analysis and identify future funding requirements to support the Board's aspirations and activities.

Technical Steering Group (TSG)

NRC, FNDC and the TSG will continue to work together to monitor progress against Board priorities and report back regularly.

Sites of Significance and Rautaki Review

The Board discussed the need to review and correct place names, sites of significance and associated references within the Rautaki.

ACTION

Workshop to be organised to review:

- Sites of significance;
- Place names and affiliations;
- Proposed amendments to the Rautaki;
- Processes for adopting any recommended changes.

An editable working copy of the Rautaki will be circulated to iwi representatives in advance of the workshop.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE (ITEM 5.1)

Members considered the development of a Board communications approach, including establishment of a dedicated Facebook presence.

Discussion included:

- Development of a TOAT Board Facebook page;
- Attendance of communications staff at Board meetings;
- Post-meeting communications from the Chair;
- Cross-posting opportunities through iwi communication networks;
- Adoption of social media protocols;
- Inclusion of iwi communications representatives;
- Refreshing and standardising Board photographs.

It was confirmed that Sheila Taylor will continue as a technical advisor on behalf of Ngāti Kuri and be included in relevant communications discussions.

ACTIONS

- FNDC and NRC Communications Teams to provide a detailed communications proposal by the next meeting.
- Communications proposal to include:
    - stakeholder and partner engagement;
    - budget requirements;

  - timelines and deliverables;
  - social media governance and administration arrangements.
- Updated Board photographs to be arranged.
- Lisa McNab to liaise with Wallace regarding iwi communications engagement.

FINANCIAL REPORT (ITEM 5.2)

Report from Meloney Tupou

The Board received an update on financial activity since the previous meeting, including meeting allowances and software licensing costs.

Members discussed:

- Funding currently administered through NRC governance budgets;
- Potential opportunities to grow Board funding;
- Development of a longer-term financial strategy;
- Future funding requirements required to implement the Rautaki.

Wallace expressed the view that future funding discussions should focus on innovative delivery and outcomes directly linked to the restoration and protection of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

ACTIONS

- Develop a financial strategy for consideration by the Board.
- Explore opportunities to grow Board funds, including investment and alternative funding options.
- Clarify operational budget arrangements between NRC and FNDC.
- Review the Rautaki and identify future funding implications associated with delivery of actions.

MOVED (BROWN/MORUNGA)

That the Financial Report be received.

CARRIED

TRANSITION OF SECRETARIAT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM UPDATE (ITEM 5.3)

The Board acknowledged the contribution of NRC staff in providing secretariat, governance and technical support since the Board's establishment.

Particular appreciation was expressed to:

- Ruben Wylie;
- Auriole Ruka;
- Meloney Tupou;

- NRC support staff.

Members discussed proposed local government reforms, including potential implications for governance arrangements across Te Tai Tokerau.

The Board agreed that further information was required to ensure members were fully informed regarding risks, opportunities and timeframes.

ACTION
A report is to be provided to the next Board meeting addressing:

- Local Government reforms;
- Potential impacts on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board;
- Risks and opportunities for Te Hiku iwi;
- Relevant timelines and decision points;
- Implications of both "Head Start" and "Back Stop" reform pathways.

The Board also requested iwi technical representatives be included in these discussions.

Iwi Technical Steering Group Membership

The following representatives were identified:

- Harata Brown / Tipene (Te Aupōuri)
- Sheila Taylor (Ngāti Kuri)
- George Riley / Louise
- Theresa (Ngāi Takoto representative to be confirmed)
- Auriole Ruka / Ruben Wylie
- Roger, Tammy and Llani Harding
- Wallace (Ngāi Takoto)

The TSG will further develop options relating to future Board governance arrangements for consideration by the Board.

BEACH MANAGEMENT PLAN AND RAUTAKI DISCUSSION (ITEM 5.4)

Members discussed the continuing importance of achieving tangible environmental outcomes for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

Wallace reiterated that the original intent of settlement discussions centered on protection and restoration of the health and mauri of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, including Toheroa populations.

The Board agreed that a workshop should be held prior to the next Board meeting to:

- Review the current Rautaki;
- Consider sites of significance;

- Review names and locations;
- Identify required amendments;
- Clarify implementation responsibilities;
- Develop recommendations for Board consideration.

Llani Harding sought clarification regarding how any proposed amendments would interact with District Plan processes and statutory planning requirements.

ACTION
Workshop to be convened prior to the next Board meeting to review the Rautaki and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Board.

GENERAL BUSINESS (ITEM 5.5)

Communications and Facebook Page

Discussion occurred regarding establishment and management of a Board Facebook page and broader communications opportunities.

Ngā Tai Aotearoa Symposium

Correspondence was received regarding an invitation to attend the Ngā Tai Aotearoa Symposium in Waitangi.

The Board was advised that six sponsored registrations had been made available.

ACTION
Lisa McNab to contact iwi representatives to determine allocation of the six available registrations.

WHAKAMOEMITI WHAKAMUTUNGA

The meeting concluded shortly after 12:00pm following completion of Public Excluded business.

Te Poari o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe
Action Sheet
24 July 2026 Meeting

Ref	Action	Responsibility	Due Date	Status
A01	NRC and FNDC to complete financial analysis to identify future funding requirements needed to support delivery of Board priorities and present recommendations to the Board.	NRC / FNDC	Next Board Meeting	Open
A02	Organise a workshop hui to review Sites of Significance, place names, affiliations and proposed amendments to the Rautaki.	FNDC Secretariat / TSG	Prior to next Board meeting	Open
A03	Circulate an editable working version of the current Rautaki to iwi representatives for review.	Auriole Ruka / TSG	Prior to workshop	Open
A04	Confirm iwi Technical Steering Group participation in the Rautaki review process.	TSG	Prior to workshop	Open
A05	FNDC and NRC Communications Teams to provide a detailed Communications Plan, including timelines, key messages, stakeholder engagement, governance arrangements and budget requirements.	FNDC Comms / NRC Comms	Next Board Meeting	attached
A06	Develop proposal for establishment and administration of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Facebook page including protocols and governance arrangements.	Moko Tepania / FNDC Comms / NRC Comms / Will	Next Board Meeting	attached
A07	Moko to provide draft Facebook page proposal to both Communications Teams.	Moko Tepania	As soon as practicable	Complete
A08	Include iwi communications teams and opportunities for cross-posting in the Communications Plan.	FNDC Comms / NRC Comms	Next Board Meeting	ongoing
A09	Sheila Taylor to continue as Technical Advisor representing Ngāti Kuri in communications-related workstreams.	Secretariat	Ongoing	Open
A10	Update and standardise Board member photographs and visual assets for communications purposes.	FNDC Comms	Before implementation of Communications Plan	Open
A11	Clarify whether NRC will reimburse governance-related expenditure currently allocated against Board funds at the end of the financial year.	Auriole Ruka	Next Board Meeting	Open
A12	Develop a Financial Strategy identifying long-term funding opportunities, investment options and funding growth opportunities for the Board.	NRC / FNDC / TSG	Next Board Meeting	Agenda item
A13	Break down the Rautaki into clear responsibilities, actions and indicative funding requirements to support implementation planning.	TSG	Workshop and subsequent Board Meeting	Open
A14	Remove operational budget line from future Financial Reports where costs are met through council operational budgets.	Secretariat	Next Financial Report	Open

A15	Report back on opportunities to grow Board funds and identify sustainable future funding mechanisms.	NRC / FNDC	Next Board Meeting	Report item
A16	Prepare a report outlining the implications, risks and opportunities arising from Local Government Reform proposals for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board and Te Hiku iwi.	Kate Ivicheva / TSG	Next Board Meeting	Open
A17	Ensure iwi technical representatives are actively involved in development of the Local Government Reform report.	TSG	Prior to next Board Meeting	Open
A18	Confirm Ngāi Takoto iwi representative membership on the Technical Steering Group (noted as potentially Theresa).	Ngāi Takoto	Next Board Meeting	Open
A19	Harata Brown to join the Technical Steering Group.	Harata Brown	Immediate	Open
A20	Technical Steering Group to further explore and report back on options regarding future iwi governance arrangements and Board succession planning.	TSG	Future Board Meeting	Open
A21	Continue Local Government Reform as a standing agenda item through appropriate governance channels including Te Kuaka Committee.	FNDC / TSG	Ongoing	Open
A22	Identify a date for a workshop to review outstanding actions from the Rautaki and Beach Management Plan implementation.	FNDC Secretariat	Prior to next Board meeting	Pending
A23	Clarify expectations, process and outcomes for the proposed Rautaki review workshop, including interaction with District Plan processes.	Llani Harding / FNDC	Workshop Planning Stage	Open
A24	Prepare recommendations arising from the Rautaki review workshop for consideration by the Board.	TSG	Following Workshop	Open
A25	Continue monitoring progress of Beach Management Plan implementation and report regularly to the Board.	TSG	Ongoing	Open

Standing/Ongoing Actions

Ref	Action	Responsibility	Status
S01	NRC to continue administration and coordination support for the Technical Steering Group.	NRC	Ongoing
S02	FNDC to provide secretariat support to the Board.	FNDC	Ongoing
S03	Maintain Action Register and report progress at each Board meeting.	Secretariat	Ongoing
S04	Ensure Board funding requirements are integrated into Long Term Plan and future council planning processes where appropriate.	FNDC / NRC / TSG	Ongoing
S05	Continue strengthening communications and engagement with iwi organisations and key stakeholders.	Board / Comms Teams	Ongoing

This action sheet consolidates all actions discussed and agreed during both the **Ordinary** and **Public Excluded** sections of the 22 May 2026 Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board meeting and is formatted as a governance action register for ongoing monitoring.

5 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

5.1 TE ONEROA-A-TŌHE BOARD FINANCIALS JUNE 2026

File Number: **A5877001**

Author: **Marlema Baker, Te Kuaka Committee Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Aisha Huriwai, Manager - Democracy Services**

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board with an update on the financial position of the Board as at 30 June 2026 and to receive the financial report for information.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board's financial position and expenditure for the period ending 30 June 2026.

- Key matters covered in this report include:
  - The Board's current financial position and available funding balances.
  - Expenditure incurred through Board operational activities and Beach Management Plan implementation activities.
  - Ongoing administrative and governance costs associated with delivery of the Board's functions.
  - Confirmation that expenditure remains aligned with the Board's statutory purpose, Terms of Reference and governance responsibilities.
  - The remaining balances available to support future Board operations and implementation of Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.
  - As at 30 June 2026, the Board retains a total fund balance of $99,262.69, comprising $61,228.91 in Operational Funds and $38,033.78 in Plan Development Funds.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board:

a) receive the report titled "Financials June 2026"; and

i) note the financial position of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board as at 30 June 2026, including a remaining balance of $99,262.69, consisting of:

- **$61,228.91 remaining in the Board Operational Fund; and**
- **$38,033.78 remaining in the Plan Development Fund.**

1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board is a co-governance partnership established under Te Hiku Treaty Settlement legislation and operates as a permanent joint committee of Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council. The Board's purpose is to provide governance and direction to protect and enhance the environmental, economic, social, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe for present and future generations.

The Board is responsible for monitoring implementation of Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (Beach Management Plan), engaging with iwi, councils and beach management agencies, and providing governance oversight of activities occurring within the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe management area.

To support these responsibilities, the Board maintains separate funding allocations for operational activities and Beach Management Plan implementation and development activities. Financial reporting enables the Board to monitor expenditure, maintain accountability and ensure funds are managed in accordance with the Board's statutory obligations and governance responsibilities.

The attached financial statements provide a detailed breakdown of income, expenditure and fund balances for the reporting period ending 30 June 2026.

2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Relevant legislation and/or policies

This report has been prepared having regard to:

- Local Government Act 2002.
- Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- Te Hiku Treaty Settlement legislation.
- Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Terms of Reference.
- Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Standing Orders.
- Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (Beach Management Plan).

The Beach Management Plan emphasises responsible governance, collaboration, leadership and accountability in protecting and enhancing Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. Regular financial reporting supports these outcomes by providing transparency regarding the use of resources allocated to the Board.

Options

Option 1 (Recommended): Receive the financial report

Advantages

- Provides transparent financial information to Board members.
- Supports good governance and accountability.
- Enables ongoing monitoring of operational and project expenditure.
- Ensures members are informed when considering future priorities and implementation actions.

Disadvantages

- None identified.

Option 2: Request further financial analysis before receiving the report

Advantages

- Allows additional financial detail to be considered if required.

Disadvantages

- Delays formal acknowledgement of the Board's financial position.
- May result in unnecessary administrative work where sufficient information has already been provided.

Option 1 is recommended.

Significance and engagement

In accordance with the Far North District Council Significance and Engagement Policy, this report is considered to be of low significance.

The report provides financial information only and does not propose any new policy, operational change or decision affecting the public, iwi or stakeholders. No engagement is required for the purpose of receiving the report.

Policy and strategy considerations

Receiving the report supports implementation of the governance and leadership objectives contained within Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, particularly the outcomes that seek effective stewardship, collaboration and responsible management of resources associated with Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

The report aligns with the Board's statutory purpose and assists in maintaining oversight of activities funded to support implementation of the Beach Management Plan.

Risk and mitigations

The primary risk is ineffective monitoring of Board expenditure and available funding.

This risk is mitigated through regular financial reporting, review by Board members and oversight from council staff responsible for administration of Board finances.

Implications for Māori

The Board itself exists as a Treaty settlement co-governance arrangement between Te Hiku iwi and local government partners. The Board's governance functions, including financial oversight, help support delivery of the vision and objectives contained within Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

This report does not seek a decision relating to land, a body of water, wāhi tapu or other taonga. Therefore, no direct implications for Māori arise from receiving the report.

The report supports the ongoing partnership approach established through Treaty settlement legislation and reflects the Board's statutory governance responsibilities.

Costs of each option

Option 1

- No additional cost. Financial reporting forms part of normal Board administration.

Option 2

- Potential additional staff time and administrative costs associated with preparing supplementary analysis.

TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

Receiving the financial report ensures the Board remains informed of its current financial position and can continue to exercise effective governance and oversight of funds allocated to support delivery of its statutory functions and the implementation of Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

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

As at 30 June 2026:

Fund	Balance Remaining

Operational Fund	$61,228.91
Plan Development Fund	$38,033.78
Total Available Funds	**$99,262.69**

Revenue for the reporting period consisted primarily of interest earnings totalling **$1,529.55**. Expenditure totalled **$5,496.66**, including meeting allowances, administrative costs, software subscriptions and venue hire.

The recommendation to receive the report has no additional financial implications beyond existing approved budget provisions.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Financials June 2026 - attachment 1 - A5877351** ⇩
2. **Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board Financials June 2026 - attachment 2 - A5877354** ⇩

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:

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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 significance. The report is informational only and does not seek a significant decision or change in service levels.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	Local Government Act 2002; Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; Te Hiku Treaty Settlement legislation; Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Terms of Reference; Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Standing Orders; Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.
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.	This report relates specifically to governance and financial management of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board. Community Board views have not been sought as no decision affecting community board delegations is required.
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.	The Board is a Treaty settlement co-governance body comprising Iwi and council representatives. The report does not seek a decision relating to land or water and therefore has no direct implications for Māori.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	Interested parties include Board members, iwi partners, Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council. The report is informational and does not directly affect the public.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	Financial implications are outlined in Section 3. Existing Board funds provide for current operational requirements.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The report should be submitted to the Chief Financial Officer for review through the Infocouncil review process prior to final agenda publication.

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board
24 July 2026

ITEM: 0

TITLE:	**Financial Report**
From:	Meloney Tupou, Māori Governance and Engagement Support Admin
Authorised by Group Manager/s:	Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - Strategic Partnerships and Engagement, on

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the financial statement of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board for the period ending 1 July 2026

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Financial Report' by Meloney Tupou, Māori Governance and Engagement Support Admin and dated 29 June 2026, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

A detailed Financial Report is provided as Attachment 1.

In summary, to date the Board has expended **$300,737.31** from the following funds:

1.	Board Operational Fund	$150,000	**$61,228.91** remaining
2.	Plan Development Fund	$250,000	**$38,033.78** remaining

In total **$99,262.69** remaining.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Financial Report

Te Hiku Beach Board Funding										
Actual Income and Expenditure for the As at 30-06-25 (NZ$ GST exclusive)		TOTAL (A/c 00-6259)			Operations (CC4701)			Plan Development (CC4702)		
		INCOME	EXPENDITURE	FUND BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENDITURE		INCOME	EXPENDITURE	FUND BALANCE
OPENING BALANCE - 1 JULY 2025				$103,229.80			$65,387.67			$37,842.13
2025/2026 Actual Transactions										
Income										
	Interest July 25	$0.00			$0.00			$0.00		
	Interest small balance adj 24/25	*$0.74*			$0.37			$0.37		
	Interest Aug 25	$219.16			$138.79			$80.37		
	Interest Sep 25	$197.66			$125.18			$72.49		
	Interest Oct 25	$187.21			$116.92			$70.28		
	Interest Nov 25	$158.93			$98.69			$60.24		
	Interest Dec 25	$141.92			$88.11			$53.81		
	Interest Jan 26	$128.32			$79.67			$48.65		
	Interest Feb 26	$128.48			$79.77			$48.71		
	Interest Mar 26	$116.16			$72.11			$44.06		
	Interest Apr 26	$128.26			$79.42			$48.83		
	Interest May 26	$122.71			$75.39			$47.32		
				$1,529.55			$954.42			$575.13
Less Payments										
Cost centre	Detail									
			-							
4702	TOATB conference room hire		247.83							
4701	24/25 year adjustment Te Ahu Charitable		- 257.39							
4702	24/25 year adjustment Google account Fee		21.60							
4702	TOATB conference room hire		393.04							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		1,650.00							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		720.00							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		34.20							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		550.00							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		360.00							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		34.20							
4701	Google Software		25.20							
4701	Google Software		25.20							
4701	Google Software		28.98							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		360.00							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		34.20							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		825.00							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		360.00							
4701	Iwi Meeting Allowance		34.20							
4701	Google Software		25.20							
4701	Google Software		25.20							
				-$5,496.66			-$5,113.18			-$383.48
ACTUAL CLOSING BALANCE		$1,529.55	$5,496.66	$99,262.69	$954.42	$5,113.18	$61,228.91	$575.13	$383.48	$38,033.78

5.2 TE ONEROA-A-TŌHE BOARD - FUTURE FUNDING OPTIONS

File Number: **A5877334**

Author: **Marlema Baker, Te Kuaka Committee Coordinator**

Authoriser: **Aisha Huriwai, Manager - Democracy Services**

TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek the Board's endorsement of a preferred future funding option to support the ongoing statutory functions of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board and the implementation and review of Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe through the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan processes of Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council.

WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the Board's current funding position, projected future funding requirements, and options available to ensure the Board can continue to fulfil its statutory functions and obligations.

- Key matters include:
  - The Board's current funding source originated from a $400,000 establishment grant received in 2016.
  - As at May 2026, approximately $99,389.65 remained available.
  - The current funding level is insufficient to undertake the statutory review of Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe required by 2030 while continuing operational and engagement activities.
- Future funding requirements include:
  - statutory review of Te Rautaki;
  - communications and public engagement activities;
  - engagement with haukāinga;
  - ongoing Board operational costs.
- Three funding options have been identified for consideration by the Board.
- Endorsement of a preferred option is required to allow partner councils to consider funding requests through their 2027-2037 Long Term Plan processes.

TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

That Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board:

a) receive the report titled "Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board - Future Funding Options"; and

i) endorse Option 3: Comprehensive Funding Package as the Board's preferred funding model for consideration by Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council through their respective 2027-2037 Long Term Plan processes; and

ii) request that the Technical Advisory Group report back to the Board with recommendations on work programme approval, expenditure authorisation, monitoring and reporting processes to support future funding arrangements.

1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

The Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board was established under Te Hiku Treaty Settlement legislation as a co-governance partnership between Te Hiku iwi, Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council. Its purpose is to provide governance and direction to protect and enhance the environmental, economic, social, cultural and spiritual wellbeing of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe for present and future generations.

One of the Board's principal functions under its Terms of Reference is to prepare, monitor and review Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (Beach Management Plan). The Beach Management Plan became operative on 25 January 2021 and must be reviewed within the timeframe prescribed by settlement legislation, requiring review by 2030.

The Board's current funding was established through an initial grant of $400,000 received in 2016 to support development of the Beach Management Plan, consultation, implementation activities and Board operations. Interest earned over the life of the fund totals approximately $41,190.

As at May 2026:

- Total cumulative expenditure was approximately $341,800.36.
- Approximately $235,058 was spent on development of Te Rautaki.
- Approximately $106,742 was spent on Board operations.
- Remaining available funds totalled approximately $99,389.65.

At its December 2025 and March 2026 meetings, the Board considered future communications and engagement requirements and directed that future funding requirements be explored for inclusion within upcoming Long Term Plan processes.

The Technical Advisory Group considered future funding requirements in July 2026 and has provided advice for Board consideration.

2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Relevant legislation and/or policies

This report relates to:

- Te Hiku Treaty Settlement legislation.
- Local Government Act 2002.
- Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Terms of Reference.
- Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Standing Orders.
- Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (Beach Management Plan).
- The Board has statutory responsibilities to monitor, implement and periodically review Te Rautaki. The proposed funding package is intended to support these obligations and the Board's ongoing governance role.

Options

Option 1 - Status Quo (Do Nothing)

Continue operating using the residual balance of the existing fund.

Advantages

- No immediate impact on council rates.
- Existing funds can be prioritised toward essential activities.
- Allows additional time to refine future funding arrangements.

Disadvantages

- Insufficient funding to complete the statutory review of Te Rautaki by 2030.
- Does not provide for communications, engagement or long-term operational sustainability.

- Does not provide certainty for future Board activities.

Option 2 - Statutory Review Only

Seek LTP funding solely for the statutory review of Te Rautaki.

Advantages

- Addresses the Board's primary statutory obligation.
- Limits the impact on councils and ratepayers.
- Allows future operational requirements to be considered separately.

Disadvantages

- Does not address communications and engagement aspirations.
- Does not provide sustainable operational funding.
- Does not support expanded engagement with haukāinga.

Option 3 - Comprehensive Funding Package (Recommended)

Seek an annual funding envelope of approximately $90,000 through the 2027-2037 Long Term Plans.

- Components would include:
  - Te Rautaki review.
  - Communications strategy and implementation.
  - Website improvements.
  - Public education and outreach.
  - Haukāinga engagement.
  - Operational activities and governance support.

Advantages

- Supports the statutory review requirement.
- Aligns with Board aspirations regarding communications and engagement.
- Provides operational certainty.
- Supports stronger relationships with iwi, hapū, whānau and haukāinga.
- Enables improved implementation of Te Rautaki objectives and outcomes.

Disadvantages

- Creates an ongoing funding requirement.
- Will compete against other council funding priorities.
- Requires agreement between partner councils regarding contributions, governance and reporting arrangements.

Significance and engagement

This report is considered to be of moderate significance.

While the report itself does not commit either council to expenditure, it seeks endorsement of a preferred funding proposal that may ultimately be considered through Long Term Plan consultation processes. Public engagement regarding any future funding proposal will occur through the statutory Long Term Plan processes undertaken by each council.

Policy and strategy considerations

The proposal directly supports delivery of:

- Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.
- Treaty settlement outcomes.
- Council objectives relating to meaningful partnerships with tāngata whenua.
- Healthy waters, land and coast.
- Protection and enhancement of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

The proposal is also consistent with the Board's leadership, collaboration, education and engagement objectives contained within Te Rautaki.

Risk and mitigations

Risk

Partner councils may not support the proposed funding package through their Long Term Plans.

Mitigation

Early endorsement by the Board enables councils to properly consider funding options through their LTP development process. Clear work programme governance, reporting and accountability arrangements can strengthen the proposal.

Risk

Future funding is approved but lacks sufficient governance oversight.

Mitigation

The Technical Advisory Group is proposing a revised decision-making and reporting framework to ensure accountability and transparency.

Implications for Māori

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe holds significant cultural, spiritual and historical importance to Te Hiku iwi and forms part of Te Ara Wairua. The Board itself was established as part of Te Hiku Treaty settlement arrangements.

The proposed funding package supports:

- implementation of Treaty settlement objectives;
- ongoing iwi participation in governance;
- protection and enhancement of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe;
- direct engagement with hapū, whānau and haukāinga;
- long-term review and implementation of Te Rautaki.

The Board includes representatives of Ngāti Kuri, Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa and NgāiTakoto. These iwi are directly represented in the governance and decision-making processes associated with this proposal.

The Board will continue to work collaboratively with iwi, hapū and haukāinga as future work programmes and funding proposals are developed.

Costs of Each Option

Option	Estimated Cost
Option 1	Existing residual funds only
Option 2	Approximately $112,000 additional funding required to complete Te Rautaki review
Option 3	Approximately $90,000 per annum plus phased review costs through the LTP period

TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

Option 3 is recommended because it provides the most comprehensive and sustainable approach to supporting the Board's statutory obligations, implementation of Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, engagement with haukāinga and ongoing governance functions. It establishes a longer-term funding pathway that reduces reliance on diminishing historic grant funding and better positions the Board to deliver its co-governance responsibilities.

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

The proposed funding package would require a combined annual funding envelope of approximately $90,000 per annum through the 2027-2037 Long Term Plans of Far North District Council and Northland Regional Council.

Indicative future costs include:

Component	Indicative Cost
Review of Te Rautaki	Up to $150,000 (phased to 2030)
Communications Strategy and Website Review	$15,000 one-off
Communications Programme	$70,000 per annum
Haukāinga Engagement	$15,000 per annum
Operational Baseline	$5,000-$10,000 per annum

No immediate budget commitment occurs through endorsement of this report. Funding decisions remain subject to future council Long Term Plan processes.

ĀPITIHANGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board - Future Funding Options - A5877356 ⇩

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	Moderate significance. The report seeks endorsement of a preferred future funding option but does not commit councils to expenditure. Consultation will occur through LTP processes.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	Local Government Act 2002, Te Hiku Treaty Settlement legislation, Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Terms of Reference, Standing Orders and Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. The proposal aligns with outcomes relating to healthy waters, protection of native biodiversity and meaningful partnerships with tāngata whenua.
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 proposal relates specifically to the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe management area and Board functions. Community Board views have not yet been sought. Any future funding proposal would be considered through district-wide Long Term Plan consultation processes.
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.	The Board is a Treaty settlement co-governance body comprising iwi and council representatives. The proposal strengthens the Board's capacity to engage with iwi, hapū, whānau and haukāinga and supports delivery of Te Rautaki.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	Interested parties include Te Hiku Iwi, Hapū, whānau, haukāinga, Far North District Council, Northland Regional Council, beach users, local communities and stakeholders associated with Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. Future consultation will occur through Long Term Plan processes.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	Financial implications are outlined in Section 3. No budget provision is currently in place. Funding would be considered through the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan processes.

Chief Financial Officer review.	The report should be referred to the Chief Financial Officer for review through the Infocouncil review process prior to agenda publication.

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board
24 July 2026

ITEM: 0

TITLE:	**Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board - Future funding options**
From:	Ruben Wylie, Pou Tiaki Taiao
Authorised by Group Manager/s:	Ruben Wylie, Pou Tiaki Taiao, on

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

The purpose of this item is to brief Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board (the Board) on the current funding position, the forecast trajectory of that funding, and to seek the Board's endorsement of a preferred option to be advanced to the partner councils for consideration through their 2027–2037 Long Term Plan (LTP) processes. The recommended option set out below reflects the advice of the Technical Advisory group following its meeting held in July 2026.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the report 'Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Board - Future funding options' by Ruben Wylie, Pou Tiaki Taiao and dated 9 July 2026, be received.
2. That the Board endorse Option 3 – Comprehensive funding package as its preferred funding scope for consideration by Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council through their 2027–2037 Long Term Plans;
3. That the Technical Advisory Group report back to the Board at its August meeting with advice on an improved decision-making and reporting protocol to support future activities overseen by the Board.

Options

No.	Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1	**Status quo (do nothing).** Continue drawing down residual funds on current assumptions.	Avoids an immediate new rates requirement. Preserves flexibility while the future work programme and funding arrangements are developed. Existing funds could be targeted to the highest-priority preparatory work, including scoping the review and developing the decision-making protocol.	This option leaves the Board unable to meet its statutory obligation to review Te Rautaki by 2030 and does not resource the communications programme requested by the Board.
2	**Statutory review only**	Prioritises the clearest statutory requirement and limits the immediate impact on rates. Avoids	Does not respond to the Board's December 2025 direction on communications and

	Seek LTP funding to close the ~$110,000 gap on the Te Rautaki review.	establishing ongoing funding until the Board's work programme, delivery capacity and accountability arrangements are clearer.	does not resolve the operational funding cliff.
3	**Comprehensive funding ($90k/annum)** Seek LTP funding for the statutory review, sustained communications programme, and regular meetings and engagement with Haukāinga	Supports the statutory review of Te Rautaki; responds to the Board's direction for sustained communications; establishes an enduring operational baseline; reduces reliance on the remaining historic grant.	Creates the greatest ongoing rates requirement and competes with other council priorities through the LTP. The proposed annual communications cost may be difficult to justify unless linked to defined outcomes and deliverables. Requires agreement between the councils on contributions, administration, decision-making and reporting before funding commences.

The staff's recommended option is Option 1.

Considerations

1. **Alignment to council strategic direction - community outcomes**

   The matters covered in this report relate to the following long term outcomes:

   ☒ Protected and flourishing native life

   ☒ Healthy waters, land and coast

   ☐ Resilient and connected communities

   ☐ A thriving and innovative economy

   ☒ Meaningful partnerships with tāngata whenua

   ☐ Regional leadership – future focussed, delivering excellence and affordability

2. **Climate Impact**

   The recommendations contained in the report do not have a direct climate impact because they relate to administrative matters associated with financial planning arrangements. It is acknowledged, however, that climate considerations inherently form part of the Board's functions.

3. **Environmental Impact**

The recommendations contained in the report relate to administrative matters associated with financial planning arrangements. The implementation of Te Rautaki is strongly connected with the care and management of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, and future funding decisions associated with this work will therefore have implications for the environment.

4. **Community views**

Community views in respect of the recommendations contained in this report are unknown. The LTP process will require partner councils to consult with their communities in respect of financial planning arrangements, and community views in respect of any proposals linked with the Board's activities will be sought as part of that process.

5. **Māori impact statement**

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe is of significant cultural and spiritual importance to the four Te Hiku iwi represented on the Board. Sustainable funding would strengthen the Board's ability to fulfil its co-governance role, implement Te Rautaki and maintain direct relationships with iwi, hapū, whānau and haukāinga.

6. **Financial implications**

The recommended option would require the partner councils to provide a combined funding envelope of $90,000 per annum through their 2027–2037 LTPs. The allocation between councils has not yet been determined. The Board's endorsement does not commit either council to expenditure. A detailed budget, phasing proposal and allocation between councils will be required to support their respective LTP decisions.

7. **Implementation issues**

In order to ensure partner councils are able to consider funding options for the Board under the upcoming LTP, it will be necessary for the board to endorse a preferred option at its July meeting. Delays in providing direction will increase the risk that the matter will fall outside the critical milestones for the LTP process.

8. **Significance and engagement**

The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to confirm a preferred funding proposal and delivery model to be advanced to the partner councils. It does not itself set a rate or commit either council to expenditure.

Each council will assess the proposal against its own significance and engagement policy and determine the consultation required through its LTP process. This report does not predetermine those council decisions.

9. **Policy, risk management and legislative compliance**

The recommendations contained in this report are intended set out a funding model to support the ongoing function of the Board in a manner that is consistent with the settlement legislation under which the Board was formed. The principal risk is that decisions of partner councils reflect reduced budget.

Background/Tuhinga

Current Funding Position

The Board's existing operating fund originated from a $400,000 grant received in 2016. The grant was intended to support development of the beach management plan, associated consultation, implementation activity and Board operations. Interest of approximately $41,190 has been earned over the life of the fund.

Cumulative expenditure to May 2026 was $341,800.36. Approximately $235,058 was spent on development of Te Rautaki, with approximately $106,742 spent on operations. The most significant expenditure occurred during the main plan-development phase and during subsequent implementation activity, including signage.

As at May 2026, the residual balance was $99,389.65.

The remaining balance would support the Board's existing operations for a limited period. However, it is not sufficient to meet the combined cost of reviewing Te Rautaki, delivering the communications programme requested by the Board and maintaining the Board's wider operational activity.

Key Future Activities

Review of Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe

Te Rautaki became operative on 25 January 2021. The relevant Treaty settlement legislation provides for its review within a ten-year cycle, meaning that the review will need to be undertaken by 2030.

The original plan-development expenditure was approximately $235,000. An indicative provision of $150,000 has been identified for the review. This assumes that the review may involve amendments to Te Rautaki and therefore require technical work, engagement, consultation, notification and potentially hearings. The final cost will depend on the scope agreed by the Board and the statutory process required.

Approximately $38,000 remains within the plan-development component of the existing fund. On current estimates, further provision of approximately $112,000 would therefore be required to fully fund a $150,000 review. It is proposed that this additional funding be sought through the councils' 2027–2037 LTP processes and phased to enable the review to be scoped, procured and completed by 2030.

Funding the review alone would address the immediate statutory requirement, but it would not provide for the Board's communications, engagement and ongoing operational needs.

Communications and engagement programme

At its December 2025 meeting, the Board directed that a communications and engagement approach be developed. High level options and costings were presented to the board at its March 2026 meeting, which identified the following potential activities:

- development of a communications strategy and implementation plan;
- review and updating of the Board's website;
- dedicated communications support;
- preparation of physical and digital collateral;
- advertising and promotional activity; and
- a summer beach ambassador providing kanohi ki te kanohi engagement with beach users.

The indicative funding for the programme includes $15,000 as a one-off provision for development of the strategy, implementation plan and website update, followed by $70,000 per annum for sustained delivery. At the March meeting the board directed that the costs presented by staff were included in the broader LTP funding package for consideration by the partner councils.

The annual programme is intended to establish dedicated capacity rather than relying solely on intermittent communications support from the partner councils. It would allow the Board to maintain a visible presence, explain its role, communicate priorities from Te Rautaki and engage with communities and users of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

Hui and engagement with haukāinga

At the recent July 2026 TAG meeting, discussion identified that the Board's future arrangements should support regular hui and direct engagement with haukāinga. At present, formal meetings are generally held at Te Ahu. While Te Ahu provides a consistent meeting venue, relying on a single location limits the Board's ability to meet in communities connected to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

An annual provision of $15,000 is therefore proposed to support regular Board hui and engagement with haukāinga. The funding could support venue, travel, facilitation, catering and other costs associated with holding hui in relevant locations.

This provision is separate from the broader communications programme. The communications programme is intended to provide sustained public-facing communications and engagement capacity, while the haukāinga provision is specifically intended to support regular, place-based engagement by the Board.

Total future funding requirements

The below table sets out an estimate of costs to deliver a review of the management plan, implement the communications and engagement plan, and support the ongoing operation of the board, including engagement and meetings with haukāinga.

Component	Indicative requirement	Purpose
Review of Te Rautaki	Up to $150,000 phased over 2027-2030, less the residual plan-development balance	Scope, prepare and complete the review by 2030
Communications strategy, implementation plan and website update	$15,000 one-off	Establish the programme and update the Board's digital presence
Sustained communications programme	$70,000 per annum	Deliver ongoing communications, collateral, promotion and kanohi ki te kanohi engagement
Hui and engagement with haukāinga	$15,000 per annum	Enable regular Board hui and direct engagement in communities associated with Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe
Operational baseline	$5,000–$10,000 per annum	Meet other agreed Board operating costs
Total ongoing funding	**$90,000 per annum**	**Support sustained Board operations and delivery**

It is proposed that the funding package is a combined funding envelope of $90,000 per annum through the partner councils' 2027–2037 Long Term Plans. The funding would be phased across the LTP period rather than treated as separate allocations for each activity.

In the initial years, it can be expected that a greater proportion of the annual funding would be directed towards completing the review of Te Rautaki by 2030, supplemented by the remaining plan-development balance. As the review progresses, funding could be progressively redirected towards communications, implementation, haukāinga engagement and other agreed operational priorities.

The $90,000 is therefore an annual funding ceiling rather than the sum of fixed annual allocations. The Board would approve the allocation each year through its work programme and budget. Not all indicative programme components would necessarily be delivered at their full estimated cost in the same year.

This approach provides funding certainty while allowing the Board to adjust expenditure as priorities change. It also avoids repeated funding requests for individual activities. A detailed phasing and allocation proposal will be required before the partner councils make final LTP decisions.

Work programme decision-making and reporting

A key risk identified by the TAG at its July meeting was the need for a clear process to approve the Board's future work programme, authorise associated expenditure and report on delivery. This is a critical step to support decision making by partner councils in respect of their co-funding towards the Board's work programme.

It is proposed that the Advisory Group report back to the Board at its next meeting on options for addressing this matter

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

6 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING PRAYER

7 TE KAPINGA HUI / MEETING CLOSE