



**ROTORUA
LAKES COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera o ngā Roto o Rotorua

Kaupapataka Agenda

NOTICE OF A MEETING OF TE ARAWA 2050 VISION COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 16 April 2025

Time: 12:30 pm

Venue: Council Chamber

MEMBERSHIP

Chair

Cr Maxwell

Members

Mr Hamiora (Deputy Chair)

Cr Barker

Mr Biasiny-Tule

Cr Brown

Mrs Hotene

Cr Kai Fong

Cr Kereopa

Mayor Tapsell

Cr Lee

Cr O'Brien

Cr Paterson

Mrs Tibble

Cr Wang

Cr Waru

Mr White

Quorum

8

**Andrew Moraes
Chief Executive**

**NGĀ TUKUNGA HAEPAPA A TE KAUNIHĒRA
COUNCIL DELEGATIONS**

Type of Committee	Standing Committee
Subordinate to	Council
Subordinate Committees	N/A
Legislative Basis	Schedule 7 s30 (1) (A), Local Government Act 2002
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable a collaborative partnership to advance mutual benefits for both Te Arawa and the Rotorua District. • Seek to facilitate meaningful engagement, and effective implementation of initiatives that align with the strategic goals outlined in the Te Arawa 2050 Vision where they align with the community outcomes of Rotorua Lakes Council. • Through mutual commitment and acknowledgment of the relationship, adhere to 'Ngā Mātāpono me ngā uaratanga (Principles and Values)' of the 2015 Manatū Whakaaetanga Partnership Agreement.
Membership	Mayor Deputy Mayor All Councillors Te Tatau o Te Arawa Chairperson 4 Te Tatau o Te Arawa Board Members
Quorum	8
Meeting frequency	Minimum of four times a year, with at least on hui, annually, to be hosted at a Te Arawa Marae or location of choice by Te Tatau o Te Arawa.

Delegations	<p>The Committee's function is recommendatory only.</p> <p>The Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee will have the responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set at the start of each term, up to a maximum of 5 Key projects. • Ensure the Key Projects fit within the intersect (overlap) of the Te Arawa 2050 vision and the community outcomes of the Rotorua Lakes Council. • Ensure meaningful and thorough engagement with Te Arawa whānui (families) and others, as determined and in accordance with Councils legislative responsibilities on the Key projects. • Maintain support and guidance, as required, to ensure the effective implementation and risk management of the Key projects that support the Te Arawa 2050 Vision. • Receive and report Key project progress and ensure accountability for achieving the key projects, including risks and mitigations. • Uphold the 'Ngā Mātāpono me ngā uaratanga (Principles and Values)' of the 2015 Manatū Whakaaetanga Partnership Agreement. • Provide financial, political and operational feedback on the agreed Key Projects to Council.
Relevant Statutes	<p>All the duties and responsibilities listed above must be carried out in accordance with the relevant legislation.</p>
Limits to Delegations	<p>The committee does not have the delegated authority to make decisions for and on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>All matters requiring a decision of Council must be referred, by way of recommendation, to the Council for final consideration and determination.</p> <p>In the event that the council resolves not to approve or adopt a committee recommendation, the item shall be returned to the committee via the Chief Executive for review and subsequent referral to the Council for further consideration and determination.</p>

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1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA**Tūtawa Mai**

Tūtawa mai i runga

Tūtawa mai i raro

Tūtawa mai i roto

Tūtawa mai i waho

Kia tau ai te mauri tū

Te mauri ora, ki te katoa

Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

Tūtawa Mai

I summon from above

I summon from below

I summon from within

I summon the surrounding environment

The universal vitality and energy to infuse and enrich all present

Enriched, unified and blessed

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA – APOLOGIES

The Chair invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future meetings of the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee; or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

4 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE - URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed**

The Chair will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of Rotorua Lakes Council

The Chair shall state to the meeting.

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Rotorua Lakes Council.

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Discussion of minor matters not on the agenda.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Rotorua Lakes Council.

The Chair shall state to the meeting that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Rotorua Lakes Council for further discussion

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5 TE WHAKAŪ I NGĀ MENETI - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE TE ARAWA 2050 VISION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2025

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the minutes of the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee Meeting held 18 February 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Minutes

**Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee meeting
held Tuesday 18 February 2025 at 9:30 am
Council Chamber, Rotorua Lakes Council**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Tapsell (Chair)
Cr Maxwell, Mr Hamiora, Cr Barker, Mr Biasiny-Tule, Cr Brown,
Mrs Hotene, Cr Kai Fong, Cr Kereopa, Cr Lee, Cr O'Brien, Cr Paterson,
Mrs Tibble, Cr Wang, Cr Waru, Mr White (via Zoom).
- APOLOGIES:** Cr Paterson (Early Departure).
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Jude Pani, Manahautū, Te Tatau o Te Arawa;
Kayla Christensen, Kaitakawaenga, Te Tatau o Te Arawa.
- STAFF PRESENT:** A Moraes, Chief Executive;
A Wilson, Group Manager, Community Experience;
P Warbrick, Manahautū Te Arawa Hourua;
S Michael, Group Manager, Infrastructure and Assets;
T Collé, Group Manager, Organisational Performance & Innovation;
J-P Gaston, Group Manager, Destination Development;
G Kieck, Manager - Governance, Strategy & Compliance;
N Michael, Executive of Communications – Mayor's Office;
A Morgan, Kaitohu Whakahono,
D Cossar, Governance & Democracy Lead;
R Griffith, Governance & Democracy Advisor;

The meeting opened at 9.32am.

The Chairperson welcomed elected members, media, staff and members of the public.

Cr Waru provided mihi to Te Tatau o Te Arawa members of the committee.

Mr Hamiora provided mihi to members and staff of Rotorua Lakes Council.

1 KARAKIA WHAKAPUAKI – OPENING KARAKIA

Cr O'Brien opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA – APOLOGIES**APOLOGY****RESOLVED TAVC 25/02-001**

Moved: Cr O'Brien

Seconded: Cr Barker

1. That the apologies from Cr Paterson and Cr Waru for early departure be accepted.

CARRIED**3 WHAKAPUAKITANGA WHAIPĀNGA – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4 NGĀ TAKE WHAWHATI TATA KĀORE I TE RĀRANGI TAKE – URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

5 NGĀ TĀPAETANGA - PRESENTATIONS**5.1 TE ARAWA 2050 VISION PRESENTATION**

Jude Pani spoke to a presentation titled “Te Arawa 2050 – Te Arawa Vision” (DOC ID: 21172294).

6 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS**6.1 TE ARAWA 2050 VISION COMMITTEE PROJECT FEEDBACK****RESOLVED TAVC 25/02-002**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Cr O'Brien

1. That the report ‘Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee Project Feedback’ be received.

CARRIED

Paul Warbrick overviewed the report.

At 11:02am, Cr Paterson left the meeting.

RESOLVED TAVC 25/02-003

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Mr Hamiora

2. That the Committee instruct Council officers to report back to the Committee with key project information, and overview on the following projects:

- i. Reo Rua
- ii. Housing
- iii. Sustainable Waste Water Management – Mauri o te Wai
- iv. Election Engagement
- v. Technology & Innovation – Connectivity

Future Items:

- vi. Engagement
- vii. Rangatahi
- viii. Stock take of Council Policies & Procedures
- ix. Civil Defence Preparedness

3. That the Committee recommends to Council that the identified key projects be adopted as its work programme for 2025.

In Favour: Mr Hamiora, Mayor Tapsell, Cr Barker, Mr Biasiny-Tule, Cr Brown, Mrs Hotene, Cr Kai Fong, Cr O'Brien, Mrs Tibble, Cr Wang, Cr Waru, Mr White, Cr Maxwell and Cr Kereopa.

Against: Nil.

Abstained: Cr Lee.

CARRIED 14/0

Mayor Tapsell acknowledged Cr Maxwell's significant experience, passion and dedication.

Mayor Tapsell noted her power under Section 41a: paragraph 3(c), of the Local Government Act to appoint the Committee Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson.

Mayor Tapsell appointed Cr Maxwell as Chairperson, and Mr Hamiora as Deputy Chairperson.

Cr Maxwell assumed the Chair.

6.2 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE TE ARAWA 2050 VISION COMMITTEE - 1 JANUARY 2025 - 31 AUGUST 2025**RESOLVED TAVC 25/02-004**

Moved: Cr Waru

Seconded: Mr Hamiora

- 1. That the report 'Schedule of Meetings for the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee - 1 January 2025 - 31 August 2025 ' be received.**

CARRIED

Greg Kieck overviewed the report.

The Chair noted the following dates:

- Tuesday 18th February 2025;
- Wednesday 16th April 2025 – 12.30-4.30pm;
- Monday 4th August (12.30-4.30pm).

The Chair noted that the proposed committee meeting date in July clashed with significant dates for local Iwi and that a new date would be circulated to committee members.

RESOLVED TAVC 25/02-005

Moved: Mayor Tapsell

Seconded: Mr Hamiora

- 2. That the Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the schedule of meetings for the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee for the period 1 January 2025 – 31 August 2025.**

CARRIED**7 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA**

Cr O'Brien closed the meeting with a karakia.

The Meeting closed at 11.30am.

To be confirmed at the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee meeting on 16th April 2025.

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6 NGĀ TĀPAETANGA - PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

7 PŪRONGO KAIMAHI – STAFF REPORTS

7.1 TE ARAWA 2050 VISION COMMITTEE - CONFIRMATION OF KEY PROJECTS

Prepared by: Paul Warbrick, Manahautū Te Arawa Hourua
Approved by: Andrew Moraes, Chief Executive
Attachments: 1. Iwi and Hapū Engagement - FDS and NPD-UD

1. TE PŪTAKE PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present information on the key projects identified and adopted in the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee meeting, 18 February 2025, so that Committee members are updated on the scope of each project and desired outcomes.

HE TŪTOHUNGA RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report 'Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee - Confirmation of Key Projects' be received.
2. That the Committee recommends to Council that Committee members feedback be provided to council officers on the key projects discussed in this report.

2. TE TĀHUHU BACKGROUND

In the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee meeting, 18 February 2025, the Committee adopted the key projects to be included in the work programme for 2025. The Committee also instructed council officers to report back to the Committee with project information and an overview for each of the adopted projects, as listed below:

- Reo Rua
- Housing
- Sustainable Waste Water Management – Mauri o te Wai
- Election Engagement
- Technology and Innovation - Connectivity

Following the Committee meeting, follow-up meetings have been held between Council officers and Te Tatau o Te Arawa Board members and staff, to further discuss and plan how each of the individual projects can be managed and desired outcomes identified and achieved.

3. TE MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Detailed below is preliminary information on the scope of each project, and how council officers and Te Tatau o Te Arawa Board members and staff propose to work together to achieve agreed outcomes.

3.1. Reo Rua

On 11 August 2017, Te Tatau o Te Arawa, Rotorua Lakes Council and Te Puni Kōkiri, launched Rotorua Reorua, with Rotorua being the first Bilingual city in New Zealand. A city which supports and promotes both te reo Māori and the English language. To progress this initiative, a 2024-2026 Rotorua Reorua Strategy was developed, and funding was secured for Te Tatau and Council to jointly complete activities that contribute to the following:

- **Rautaki Rotorua Reorua (2024-2026 Rotorua Reorua Strategy):** To support towns and cities to become bilingual centers and contribute to the revitalization of te reo Māori. To restore te reo Māori as a nurturing first language within homes and communities. Key activities include:
 - o Designation of two Reorua spaces (such as playgrounds) with appropriate signage.
 - o Completion of a tactical urbanism and wayfinding project for the upgrade of Tūtanekai Street including new story boards, decorative enhancements and a seasonal lightshow.
 - o Promotion of the Rotorua Reorua Business Toolkit developed for use by local businesses.
 - o Effective use of the sound system in Te Manawa to promote reo Māori and other important community messaging.
- **Tutua Mai:** To accelerate the progress of Rotorua in creating spaces and places where te reo Māori is seen, heard and celebrated, this programme aims to create a high-impact, high visual project that will bring attention to Aotearoa Reorua, bilingual towns and cities, and will encourage the Rotorua community to use te reo Māori more often in their daily lives

Outcomes:

Te Tatau o Te Arawa and Rotorua Lakes Council will work together to complete activities set out in the 2024-2026 Rotorua Reorua Strategy and Tutua Mai project. Upon completion of current work, Te Tatau and Rotorua Lakes Council will develop a new strategy for Reorua activities in Rotorua.

3.2. Housing

Rotorua Future Development Strategy

The Rotorua Future Development Strategy (FDS) is a key strategic document that will guide future growth planning and investment decisions. The FDS identifies the broad locations for residential and business growth to meet demand over the next 30 years, and the infrastructure necessary to support it. With respect to the Te Arawa Vision 2025, the FDS:

- Identifies iwi and hapū development opportunities including in and around Ngongotahā, central and in the Eastside, for new and intensified housing and business activities.
- Provides for a sizeable portion of the new residential and business greenfield locations for growth on whenua Māori.
- Provides for the protection of the cultural villages of Ngāpuna, Ōhinemutu and Whakarewarewa in their current form.
- Provides for Papakāinga development to grow and establish outside of the urban area.

Rotorua Housing Plan

The Rotorua Housing Plan identifies the priorities and key actions to address known challenges and enable greater housing delivery over the next 3-5 years. A key objective of the Housing Plan is to 'Enable Iwi and Hāpu Housing Aspirations.' The identified actions to deliver on this include:

Action	Lead Agency & (support partners)
1. Endorse and advocate for key identified Iwi housing projects (national funding applications)	RLC (HUD)
2. Continue to provide development support to deliver Māori housing/papakāinga across the District	RLC (Māori land trusts)
3. Investigate opportunities from KO review to develop local strategies and support local leadership/Iwi leadership	RLC (HUD, Iwi partners)

Papakāinga Toolkit

Rotorua Lakes Council is in the process of developing a Rotorua Papakāinga Toolkit to help Māori landowners navigate the process of developing papakāinga on their ancestral land.

Housing for Everyone – Plan Change 9

The Housing for Everyone Plan Change (PC9) was undertaken to give effect to the government's medium density residential standards and enable greater housing densities to be achieved across the residential zone.

Outcomes:

There is an opportunity to develop a Iwi Spatial Plan that would identify specific iwi and hāpu housing aspirations.

A large volume of material has been captured through engagement undertaken during the development of existing housing strategy and policy that would provide an effective starting point for the development of a spatial plan, an example of which can be seen through Iwi and Hapū engagement carried out during FDS and NPS-UD engagement (Attachment 1).

Additional spatial layers including current and proposed infrastructure and constraints and hazard mapping could be added to provide a complete picture. Support from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council would be sought for the spatial plan.

Engagement undertaken using FDS methodology would provide a consistent base to include other Districts at a later time to achieve mai maketu ki tongariro described in TA2050. The development of an Iwi spatial plan could achieve a number of outcomes including:

- Promotion of the Papakāinga toolkit.
- Demonstrate the iwi development potential across the District.
- Inform any further changes needed in rural plan change reviews e.g. Lakes A.
- Guide priorities for Council development support resource to create a pipeline of shovel-ready projects.
- Inform effective advocacy to government for iwi housing investment/grants.
- Assist in identifying a pilot Papakāinga project for the application of the Mauri Ora Wellbeing Compass.

3.3. Sustainable Waste Water Management – Mauri o te Wai

Te Tatau o Te Arawa (TTOTA) and Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) have collaboratively reviewed the Wastewater focus area project schedule, ensuring alignment with the Te Arawa 2050 Vision. This effort highlights the importance of co-designed solutions, valuing the intergenerational thinking, historical context, and innovative contributions that iwi and hapū bring to shared challenges and opportunities. This approach reaffirms our commitment to fostering meaningful partnerships with iwi and hapū, promoting their active participation in council processes, and building capacity and capability in communities.

The various projects and initiatives reflect RLC's commitment to enhancing water and wastewater infrastructure while addressing environmental, community, and cultural priorities. Below is a summary of the work streams:

1. Tarawera Sewerage Reticulation: Involves installing systems for 450-550 properties, connecting them to the Okareka pump station and the main treatment plant. This supports the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Water Quality works to enhance water quality.
2. Rotoiti/Rotomā Sewerage Reticulation: Serves 650 current properties (capacity for 770) through new systems, addressing long-term environmental and community needs.
3. Rotorua City Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP): A vital part of the sewerage network, with plans to replace land discharge in Whakarere Forest due to agreements with CNI iwi landowners.
4. Wastewater Services Strategy: Aims to address risks in the 30-year Infrastructure Strategy, particularly for the aging wastewater network (67% in poor condition), by boosting renewal investments and safeguarding critical assets.

Outcomes:

To support RLC with effective engagement with the Wastewater Project. TTOTA staff will join RLC staff on the Wastewater Engagement plan.

In addition, this work will inform the development of Rotorua Lakes Council's Engagement Framework that reflects our District and communities. A council engagement framework for all communities fosters inclusivity, strengthens relationships, and builds trust, whilst ensuring we meet our relationships responsibilities and obligations, by integrating diverse perspectives into decision-making. It supports compliance with our legislative relationship responsibilities and obligations, promotes cultural recognition, empowers communities, and drives positive social and economic outcomes. By providing a platform for all voices, such a framework ensures more representative and effective collaboration. A critical outcome is also the mitigation of risk arising from litigation and potential judicial reviews of decisions.

Te Tatau o Te Arawa has recommended the following outcome:

TTOTA will work with RLC Staff to build understanding and report on, the impacts of the proposed Water Reforms on Iwi, Hapu and the wider community. This includes supporting engagement and consultation as required.

Staff acknowledge that Te Mauri o Te Wai was discussed in the inaugural TA2050 Vision Komiti. It is recommended that the Committee engage in further discussion and determine if the Outcome above should be included.

3.4. Election Engagement

One of the key projects identified by the Te Arawa 2050 Vision Committee, is for Council and Te Tatau o Te Arawa board members and staff to work together to encourage better community participation in the upcoming local government elections.

It is expected that through this key project, the Te Tatau o Te Arawa board members and staff will bring expertise, advice and additional resources, with a focus on encouraging Māori voter turnout, that will provide significant assistance to the work already underway.

The specific target areas of focus for the key project are:

1. Encouraging the public to **enrol**
2. Ensuring that potential candidates have the information they need to **stand**, and
3. Providing information that will encourage the public to **vote**, to improve voter turnout overall.

Previous Voter Turnout in Rotorua

Rotorua voter turnout in the 2022 local elections was 46.46%. This was an increase on the last three local elections with 45.15% voter turnout for 2019, 45.99% in 2016 and 43.44% in 2013.

While the Rotorua results were higher than the national average, 42% for all local authorities and 45% for District Councils, a breakdown of voter participation for the three Rotorua Wards in 2022 shows a significant difference in voter turnout between the two General Wards and the Māori Ward.

Rotorua Wards	Electors Total	Total Voters	Overall turnout (%)
Te Ipu Wai Auraki/ General Ward	32,414	17,136	52.9%
Te Ipu Wai Taketake/ Māori Ward	12,282	4,046	32.9%
Rural Ward	4,637	2,463	53.1%

Vote 2025 Pōti 2025 (Supporting the three phases of the election year: enrol/stand/vote)

Council's preparations for the 2025 Local Government Elections are underway, led by an external Electoral Officer (EO), an internal Deputy Electoral Officer (DEO) and an internal Elections Project Team.

The role of the EO is to conduct the election in accordance with the legislation, supported by the DEO who is responsible for providing administration requirements within Council. The Elections Project Team is responsible for defining the approved scope, deliverables and critical success factors of the project and provide the mechanism to manage the project, including formulating an engagement and communications plan.

While, there is further work to be done to identify the specific tasks that will form the Te Tatau o Te Arawa contribution to the project, it is proposed that:

- Representative/s from Te Tatau o Te Arawa join the Elections Project Team and attend the regular fortnightly meetings.
- The TToTA representatives, as part of the Project Team work closely with the Marketing and Communications team to provide insights and advice on Māori participation to inform the development of the election engagement and communications plan. This includes advice on engaging Rangatahi Māori.
- TToTA representatives, alongside Council staff and Electoral Commission staff, attend community events, to share information as part of Council's communication and engagement.
- TToTA representatives, utilising their networks to reach out to hard-to-reach voters with information on how to enrol, vote and stand.
- TToTA representatives, alongside Council staff and Electoral Commission staff, contributing to the sharing of information on the reinstatement of the binding poll on the establishment of Māori wards.

Outcomes

The overall goal of the Elections Project Team is to increase voter participation in Rotorua to over 50%. An increase in voter turnout for the Te Ipu Wai Taketake / Māori Ward would support this endeavour.

Desired, associated outcomes include:

- Bringing expertise into the Elections Project Team and developing new collateral focused on engaging with Māori to increase voter turnout by Māori.
- Bringing expertise into the Elections Project Team and developing new collateral focused on engaging with Rangatahi Māori and youth in general.
- Identifying new engagement methodologies and strategies to communicate effectively with hard-to-reach individuals and communities, which could be used in the future for other Council projects.
- Increasing the knowledge and expertise of all members of the Elections Project Team, which could be utilised for future elections and other projects.

3.5. Technology and Innovation

Te Tatau and Council have an opportunity to create a formal, resourced partnership that leverages technology and innovation to achieve the LTP's community outcomes, while embedding Te Arawa cultural, environmental, and economic aspirations as outlined in the Te Arawa 2050 Vision.

This project could explore collaboratively designing, building, and managing a Te Arawa-led 5G network that connects rural communities, farms, marae, and urban centres, enhancing digital inclusion and future-proofing Rotorua for innovations in education, economic development, and environmental management.

Low internet access hinders RLC's LTP goals of housing, safety, and economic recovery—especially in rural areas critical to the Te Arawa rohe. The Te Arawa 2050 Vision document's call for a 5G network aligns with LTP infrastructure investment but requires collaboration to succeed.

Māori spectrum ownership and Te Arawa leadership make for ideal lead drivers, while RLC's resources and telco partnerships ensure feasibility. This initiative not only bridges the digital divide but positions Rotorua as a future-ready, indigenous-led tech hub. The initiative also:

- Empowers iwi-led innovation, preserves mātauranga Māori, and unlocks economic opportunities (e.g., 10,000 jobs, \$50 billion investment potential per the Te Arawa 2050 Vision) for the community.
- Advances LTP community outcomes with cutting-edge technology, meets climate and housing targets, and strengthens community trust through partnership.
- Positions the district as a global leader in indigenous technology and sustainability, enhancing tourism and resilience.

A Te Arawa Innovation Partnership (TAIP) with Rotorua Lakes Council could lead the following potential projects:

- Housing and Communities: Develop a "Smart Papakainga" prototype, integrating 5G connectivity and sustainable design, supporting the LTP's 6,000-home goal with culturally responsive tech.
- Community Safety: Deploy a Te Arawa-led smart app for real-time safety alerts and cultural education, enhancing RLC's safety hub efforts.
- Infrastructure & Digital Connectivity: Launch a Te Arawa 5G network using allocated Māori spectrum, followed by a Rotorua-based data centre, positioning Rotorua as a digital hub and supporting LTP infrastructure goals.
- Cultural Partnership & Place-Making: Create an "Immersive Te Arawa Experience" combining VR/AR at Te Puia, marae, and the Lakefront, co-funded by RLC and tourism operators, to enhance cultural storytelling.
- Economic Development: Host annual Te Arawa Start-Up Weekends and Investor Pitch Nights, targeting digital nomads and Māori entrepreneurs, boosting the local economy in line with LTP recovery plans.
- Bilingual Rotorua (Rotorua Reorua): Develop a "Te Reo Smart App" with VR-guided walks and language lessons, reinforcing bilingual goals through digital innovation.

Outcomes:

- Explore a Te Arawa Innovation Partnership (TAIP) with Rotorua Lakes Council.
- Explore a potential Te Arawa Innovation Partnership that includes other industry partners and representatives, conducive to advancing the connectivity aspirations of Rotorua.

4. TE TINO AROMATAWAI ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The decisions or matters of this report are not considered significant in accordance with the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

5. NGĀ KŌRERA O TE HAPORI ME TE WHAKATAIRANGA COMMUNITY INPUT/ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLICITY

We are committed to conducting additional engagement and thorough research to ensure compliance with our Engagement and Relationship responsibilities. This approach ensures that our strategies and initiatives are well-informed, culturally aligned, and reflective of the aspirations and needs of the community. This will ensure the outcomes serve the communities and priorities we have committed to.

**6. HE WHAIWHAKAARO
CONSIDERATIONS**

**6.1. Mahere Pūtea
Financial/Budget Considerations**

Any costs associated with the key projects will be included in and not exceed existing budgets.

**6.2. Kaupapa Here Me Ngā Hiraunga Whakariterite
Policy and Planning Implications**

Any policy or planning implications are accounted for within existing plans and policies.

A wider iwi spacial plan would not affect Council's current policies such as the Future Development Strategy, as it would cover those areas of the district outside of the urban footprint.

**6.3. Te Aromatawai Whakapātanga Ki Te Tāngata Whenua
Tāngata Whenua Impact Assessment**

The five projects are intended to progress opportunities for our Communities and Tangata Whenua. These will contribute directly toward advancing the Te Arawa 2050 Vision outcomes.

**6.4. Tūraru
Risks**

There are no major risks are associated with the decisions or matters in this paper.

**6.5. Te Whaimana
Authority**

The Committee has the authority to make these recommendations to Council.

Group	Date	Purpose/ Actions
Iwi and hapū <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ngāti Tura Ngāti Te Ngākau Hapū Trust Ngāti Ngararanui Iwi Trust, Te Tahuu o Tawakeheimoa Trust Te Maru o Ngāti Rangiwewehi Iwi Authority Raukawa Settlement Trust Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Kea Ngāti Tuara Tūhourangi Tribal Authority Ngāti Roro o terangi Hapū Trust Ngāti Uenukukopako Iwi Trust Te Komiti Nui o Ngāti Whakaue Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands Trust Pukeroa Ōruawhata Trust Tiki Te Kohu Ruamano Ahu Whenua Trust Ōwhatiura 1B2C Ahu Whenua Trust Ōwhatiura South 5 Inc Ōwhata 2B Ahu Whenua Trust Ōwhata 7 Ahu Whenua Trust Tauhara North Trust Ōhinemutu Committee Te Papaïouru marae, Tunohopu marae Te Kuirau marae Hurungaterangi marae Hinemihī marae Owhata Marae Tumahaurangi Marae Waikuta Marae Te Komiro Tatau Pounamu-Eastside Collective Te Tatau o Te Arawa Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Te Arawa Lakes Trust Te Maru o Ngāti Rangiwewehi Te Tahuu o Tawakeheimoa Trust 	14/02/2022	The workshop discussed the key issues and concerns, and collectively discussed the objectives and high-level aspirations for urban growth and housing in Rotorua. The korero from this workshop will affect a range of Council planning projects that address how we facilitate sustainable urban growth; enable more housing choice through intensification; promote greater access to housing; ensure good housing outcomes and how we manage hazard risk (such as flooding).
	14/03/2022	<p>Discussion at this session focussed on progress on the Future Growth Strategy and changes to the District Plan to enable housing (through plan change 9, PC9).</p> <p>A summary of the engagement and workshops on Growth and Housing that had been undertaken to date was given. This included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first hui in February was a first step in planning and delivering a work programme to support better urban growth and more homes (and types of homes) in Rotorua. The second hui on 14 March discussed in more detail the FDS for Rotorua and the changes to the District Plan to enable housing. We also held a papakāinga workshop to identify issues with the current papakāinga rules.
	4/05/2022	<p>The workshop focused on the development of Rotorua's FDS.</p> <p>It was explained that the FDS would indicate where Council expects new housing and business growth to be located, what kind of development (commercial, residential) is expected, and what infrastructure would be needed to support that growth.</p> <p>During this session it was discussed with attendees what their aspirations were with respect to the growth and development of our District over the next 30 years.</p>

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Ngongotahā Hapu	7/07/2022	A presentation was given by RLC to discuss and get feedback on the draft spatial scenarios for the Future Development Strategy
Ngati Rangiwehewehi	30/09/2022	A presentation was given by RLC to discuss and get feedback on the draft spatial scenarios for the Future Development Strategy
Rotorua Iwi & Hapū located in the West	30/10/2022	A presentation was given by RLC to discuss and get feedback on the draft spatial scenarios for the Future Development Strategy
Uenukukopako Iwi Trust	7/12/2022	A presentation was given by RLC to discuss and get feedback on the draft spatial scenarios for the Future Development Strategy
Pukeroa Oruawhata	7/12/2022	A presentation was given by RLC to discuss and get feedback on the draft spatial scenarios for the Future Development Strategy
Ngāti Rangiteaorere	9/12/2022	A presentation was given by RLC to discuss and get feedback on the draft spatial scenarios for the Future Development Strategy
Peka Lands Trustees	15/12/2022	A presentation was given by RLC to discuss and get feedback on the draft spatial scenarios for the Future Development Strategy
Te Arawa Lakes Trust	10/02/2023	A discussion took place in relation to Iwi aspirations and cultural values for the FDS. Noting that TALT were involved in and invited to attend the additional technical sessions that evaluated the spatial scenarios.
Te Tatau o Te Arawa	14/02/2023	A discussion took place in relation to Iwi aspirations and cultural values for the FDS. Noting that Te Tatau were involved in and invited to attend the additional technical sessions that evaluated the spatial scenarios.
Ngāti Whakaue Tribal Lands	15/02/2023	A hui was held in relation to future plans for development of their whenua as they relate to the draft FDS and to get feedback on the draft spatial scenarios the FDS.

8 TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING KARAKIA

Kia whakairia te tapu
Kia wātea ai te ara
Kia turuki whakataha ai
Kia turuki whakataha ai
Hāumi e. Hui e. Tāiki e!

Restrictions are moved aside
So the pathway is clear
To return to every day activities
To return to every day activities
Allied, enriched, unified, and blessed