



Minutes

Northland Local Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 19 August 2022

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Venue: Ōmāpere Fire Station

Present:

Gordon Lambeth	LAC Chair
Sarah Hoyle	LAC Member
Rolien Elliot	LAC Member
Karen Joyce-Paki	LAC Member
Colin (Toss) Kitchen	LAC Member

In Attendance:

Christine Watson	Senior Advisor, Local Advisory Committees
Wipari Henwood	District Manager, Northland
Mitchell Brown	Community Risk Manager
Michael Champteloup	Senior Advisor, Community Readiness and Recovery
Jason Goffin	Acting Senior Advisor, Risk Reduction
Craig Bain	Acting Senior Advisor, Risk Reduction

Guests:

Laure Chisaka	People Services Manager
Meredith McGrath	Senior Regional Advisor, Communications and Engagement
Valerie Fono	Manager, Te Pae Tata
Rocky Radovanovich	Consultant, Te Pae Tata

Apologies:

Mita Harris	LAC Deputy Chair
Ken Rintoul	LAC Member
Lucy Chamberlain	National Manager, Local Advisory Committees
Ron Devlin	Region Manager, Te Hiku

Welcome

The meeting opened with a karakia.

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The minutes of the Committee's meeting on 20 May were confirmed as a correct record.

Meeting dates

The Committee agreed on dates of 7 March and 22 May for its quarter 3 and 4 meetings.

District update

The District team provided updates on planning for consultation with the Hihi community, preparation for the two upcoming World Cups and work with Channel Terminal Services (previously Refining New Zealand) and Whangarei and Bay of Islands Airports.

People Manager, Laure Chisaka thanked members for their assistance with research on barriers, pipelines and pathways to volunteerism and provided a summary of the results.

The *Saving Daylight, Saving Lives* Home Fire Safety Visit programme to be rolled out in September was outlined and the Committee noted the positive partnerships involved.

The next section of the Youth in Emergency Services (YES) Programme is to be based at Paihia Fire Station. The Committee enquired as to whether young people from other parts of the region could participate. The District Manager will work with members to explore this.

The Committee discussed with the District team the potential for working with Brigades in a support role to act as a positive pathway for people with a criminal record – particularly young people. The proposal would be that once the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act enabled it, they could apply for full volunteer membership.

Community engagement

Members continue to bring a Fire and Emergency perspective to cross-agency fora and initiatives, identifying opportunities through their other work in the community.

Work with Te Roroa on a Mana Enhancing Agreement (MEA) and on response plans for Waikara Marae is ongoing.

A committee member had an initial meeting with the Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee, which monitors the Regional Council's legislative responsibilities to Māori and promotes whānau, hapū and iwi participation in Council processes and decision-making. The Committee has asked for a formal presentation from the LAC in late 2022 or early 2023.

After introductory engagement, the Auckland Provincial Fire Brigades Association has also requested a presentation from the Committee in coming months.

An LAC member is working alongside the District team with Age Concern in Kaitiāia, to better link Fire and Emergency with older people.

At a meeting with the Chair of Utakura 7 Incorporation (managing Māori land in the Utakura valley in the South Hokianga), a member heard about the high risk profile of the area around Hōreke due to the closure of a fire station, substandard housing and frequent burning of rubbish. The community requested some response capability and the District team will consider appropriate mitigations.

Engagement was undertaken with Ngāti Kuri, alongside the District team, in the Far North. The remoteness of communities such as Te Paki and Te Hāpua (around 50 kms from the nearest fire station)

mean they are looking for support from Fire and Emergency and the Community Risk Team will meet with Ngāti Kuri again in coming weeks.

LAC Insights Report

The Committee considered a first draft of its local Insights Report to be provided to the Board in December, alongside the Consolidated LAC Chairs' Insights Report. Changes discussed will be incorporated into the final version of the report.

Committee membership and succession

Appointment processes will be run in the 2022-23 financial year to appoint new members to the LACs and current members who have expressed interest in being appointed for a further term. The Committee discussed membership and network, geographic, demographic and skills gaps members would like to see addressed for Northland in the process. Additional capability in the agricultural and business communities and members located in the south of the LAC district would be useful. The Committee noted that a tuakana-teina mentoring model could strengthen the Committee going forward.

Te Pae Tata projects – Communicating Wildfire Risk and Firebreak Policy

The Committee received a presentation on work being done at national level to understand the most effective ways to communicate wildfire risk with communities. LAC members have completed a survey, providing their input into this project.

Members were pleased to hear about work being done on firebreak policy and will act as a conduit with land managers for the project. To prevent firebreaks going through wāhi tapu, information can be included in MEA, such as that being currently agreed with Te Roroa.

Risk Reduction team

Northland's Risk Reduction team provided an overview of current work and initiatives in areas such as fire investigation and post-incident analysis, evacuation schemes, fire permitting and engagement with Territorial Authorities and the community.

Engagement planning

In addition to providing presentations to Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee and the Auckland Provincial Fire Brigades Association, the Committee is planning engagement with community business associations, such as Rotary and Lions Clubs, and continuing work on a Mana Enhancing Agreement with Te Roroa.

The Committee will also work to support volunteerism, assisting the District team with its focus on the eight Brigades targeted by the Volunteer Surge Project to receive additional support with recruitment in the coming months.

Board report

The LAC Chair discussed and agreed content for Northland's contribution to the LAC quarterly report to the Board.

Action Log

Date	Action	Responsible	Due	Status/Notes
20 May 2022	Advise the Committee of opportunities for LACs to contribute to review of Māori liaison capacity	National LAC Team	Jul 2022	DCE Kaupapa Māori to meet with the LAC in quarter 3
19 Aug 2022	Complete engagement reports for the last quarter (Q1)	LAC members	Ongoing	Completed
19 Aug 2022	Share results of Volunteerism research with the LAC	Laure Chisaka / National LAC Team	Aug 2022	Completed
19 Aug 2022	Liaise about potential Kaipara attendees for YES Programme	Wipari Henwood / Karen Joyce-Paki	Sept 2022	Dates for 2023 to be advised
19 Aug 2022	Set up a formal presentation for the LAC to Te Tai Tokerau Māori Advisory Committee	Colin Kitchen	Nov 2022 or Feb 2023	In progress
19 Aug 2022	Arrange LAC presentation to Auckland Provincial Fire Brigades Association	Colin Kitchen	Oct 2022	Presentation delivered at conference 6-7 August
19 Aug 2022	Connect with the Freemasons to gauge interest in engagement with the LAC	Gordon Lambeth	Oct 2022	To be progressed in quarter 3
19 Aug 2022	Arrange engagement for LAC with local business through Rotary Club/s	Mitchell Brown	Oct 2022	In progress