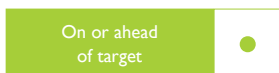


How we performed against the first year of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2012/22

The tables below reflect the progress of our key work during 2012/13. Each action/project is linked to the strategic objectives and priorities set in the LTP. The progress at the end of the financial year against each action/project has been represented by:



Strategic Objective:
Community Development.

2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
PRIORITY 1: Promote Māori representation.		

Māori Representation	Council in partnership with Māori have developing a unified model for direct Māori representation within a Far North unitary authority	●
<p>Progress comments: In developing a unified model for direct Māori representation within a Far North unitary authority, both parties have undertaken a campaign to inform the community of the benefits of Māori representation. A recent telephone poll initiated by Council to gauge demonstrable support for a unitary authority and Māori representation generated the following results :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 98% want more efficient Local Government. • 86% support a single Far North unitary authority, rather than a Northland wide authority. • 69% accept Māori representation (and in the Kaikohe-Hokianga Ward this is as high as 91%). • 62% strongly agree/agree that better representation and participation for Iwi-Māori in the Far North will be achieved through Māori wards. • In an effort to consolidate this relationship, a partnership agreement has been drafted for consideration which will be presented to Council in the very near future. 		

2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
PRIORITY 2: Develop effective Māori Engagement.		

Māori engagement	Effective Māori engagement has occurred through Council / community boards and Iwi Leadership, the General Management Team and staff forums on matters of importance at a local, district and regional level.	●
<p>Progress comments: Over the last 12 months these engagements have resulted in the establishment of a number of working parties i.e. unitary authority, economic development, rating and Māori reference groups, and key focus groups to develop better working relationships and build the capacity of these communities of interest.</p>		
<p>Unitary Authority Working Party The application has been lodged with Local Government Commission. Te Waka Taiao (Iwi Leaders) and Council are working on a partnership agreement to firm up this relationship and ensure that this relationship is not put at risk should there be a change in leadership through the Local Elections 2013.</p>		
<p>Economic Development Working Party This forum has proved to be an extremely valuable tool for Māori to discuss economic development issues. It was agreed to facilitate economic development via Far North Holdings Limited (FNHL). FNHL has provided Council with an economic development progress update to Council.</p>		
<p>The Rating Working Party Council and Iwi Leaders have yet to confirm Terms of Reference for engagement and this is work in progress. Matters pertaining to rating have been put into abeyance in the interim due to concentrated efforts being placed on the unitary authority application and the associated relationships with Council, Iwi and community.</p>		
<p>The Māori Reference Groups Have been placed on hold until such time a determination is made in relation to Māori representation in Local Government.</p>		



2012/13 Action/project	Background	Progress
PRIORITY 3: Promote Māori Development		
Māori Development	Council is contributing to the sustainable development and management of the Far North resources through partnership, participation and protection.	●
Progress comments: Council has contributed to the following projects over the last 12 months.		
<p>Organic bee venom business: - Mills Farm, Peria Mills Farm (Māori owner / operator) is in the business of utilising organic bee venom for the manufacture of anti-aging skincare products. This business has a unique point of difference in that it is the only organic bee venom producer in the world. Assistance by FNHL has been by way of focusing on current practices and assisting in the development of a business and marketing strategy. FNHL is currently working with Mills Farm to cement a joint venture start up partnership.</p>		
<p>Parahirahi C I Trust – Development of the Ngawha Springs mineral pools Traction with Parahirahi C I Trust has been minimal as Trustees are trying to work through issues in relation to land ownership. Once this matter is addressed and an amicable outcome is reached development progress will be relatively slow. Also connected to a claim over adjacent 4 acres.</p>		
<p>Te Hiku Social Accord Te Hiku Social Accord have met with Central Government and reached an agreement on commitment to achieving a number of key shared social development and well-being outcomes. These outcomes are based on establishing, maintaining and strengthening positive, co-operative and enduring relationships with the communities of Te Hiku. Although this project is not directly associated with Council, it does have implications on the social fabric of the Te Hiku Ward and as a result should be given due consideration when drafting Council's Sustainable Growth Strategy.</p>		
<p>Omanaia Water Treatment Plant Discussions are ongoing in relation to the Omanaia Water Treatment Plant and Council is reviewing its options on this matter</p>		
<p>Te Runanga A Iwi o Ngapuhi housing Council's Māori Development Team and Environmental Management staff are working closely with Te Runanga A Iwi o Ngapuhi (TRAION) and multiple shareholders in an effort to achieve better sustainable housing outcomes. TRAION has been granted Social Housing Development funding from Central Government. This will enable 10 new homes to be built in Kaikohe. TRAION are currently engaging with technical experts to enable the correct planning to support the consent process.</p>		
<p>Lake Omapere Hydro Power Plant In 2007 Clearwater Hydro Ltd completed research on the possibility of setting up a power generation plant along the Utakura River (Lake Omapere Falls). Discussions with landowners came to a halt due to the inability to reach an agreement. Landowners have now reached agreement and requested assistance from Council with re-opening these discussions with Clearwater Hydro Ltd. An introductory meeting has been held with FNHL to discuss the opportunity. A teleconference between Clearwater Hydro Ltd and landowners has taken place and a process outline was agreed. The scheduled meeting of shareholders was held and a satisfactory agreement reached. Stakeholders are waiting for confirmation of land transfer from the Māori Land Court.</p>		