

Report No.	19-202
Decision Required	

TRIENNIAL AGREEMENT - MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGION

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this item is to present the existing Triennial Agreement for endorsement.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 19-202 and Annex.
- b. notes that all the signatory councils have been asked to sign the new Triennial Agreement by 1 March 2020;
- c. endorses the existing Triennial Agreement with the following changes:
 - updates in regard to names and dates;
 - additional reference and annex regarding the signed Memorandum of Understanding for Climate Change;
 - removal of paragraph relating to review agreement;
 - referral to economic growth and development, to economic prosperity.
- d. agrees to review the agreement annually in regard to its effectiveness.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. There is no financial impact.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. All member councils have received and been asked to consider the existing Triennial Agreement.

5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 5.1. There is no significant business risk in relation to this report.

6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. The Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) encourages local authorities to work collaboratively towards achieving short and long term outcomes identified by their communities. It also identifies mechanisms for assisting local authorities to promote cooperation and avoid duplication amongst themselves when engaging communities and exercising general empowerment.
- 6.2. One of the requirements of the Act is for all local authorities within a region, to produce a Triennial Agreement. This Agreement must be in place no later than 1 March immediately after each triennial election.

7. COMMENT

- 7.1. The current Agreement is attached at Annex A (it has been updated in regard to names, dates, and includes reference and annex to the signed Memorandum of Understanding for Climate Change). It is very generic and focuses on how the Regional Council will communicate with other authorities if it proposes to undertake any new activities.
- 7.2. The current Agreement (updated as above) has been distributed to all councils in the Region for their consideration, and for their agreement or amendment. Members should note that collective councils must sign the Triennial Agreement before 1 March 2020. Given the statutory deadline, it is recommended that Council endorses the existing agreement. Should the Council see the need for amendments to the Triennial Agreement then the review process in Section E would need to be reinstated.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

- 8.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

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ANNEXES

- A Draft Triennial Agreement 2020