
In attendance:

Trustees: David Battin (Chair), Dan Jex-Blake, Nicki Sutherland, Rehette Stoltz, Ron Aitken and Warren Williams were present in person.

Trust Tairāwhiti executive team members: Doug Jones – Chief Executive Officer, Alex Hawea – General Manager Māori Economy, Audine Grace-Kutia – General Manager Hapori, Hayden Green – General Manager Economic Development, Laura Stonehouse – Chief Financial Officer and Melonie Brouwer – Board Secretary were present in person.

Cultural Advisors Tā Derek Lardelli and Lady Rose Gould-Lardelli were present in person.

Tā Derek Lardelli opened the meeting with a karakia.

- 2.0 Open meeting – Public included
- 2.1 Apologies: Te Pūoho Katene – Trustee.
- 2.2 Declaration of trustee and CEO interests taken as read and noted.
- 2.3 Confirmation of Agenda and Late items.
- 2.4 Approval of Open Minutes and Matters Arising
 - 2.4.a Approval of the open minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 February 2026.
The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 February 2026 were taken as read and approved.
Unanimous Approval

Matters arising:

Trustees were provided with an update regarding Manaaki Tairāwhiti, following its presentation to the Board at the December meeting regarding the establishment of a legal entity.

Management advised that the Trust's initial position had been not to participate as a shareholder, primarily due to concerns about potential financial liability should the proposed community commissioning model not proceed as intended. At that time, there was a perception that shareholders may be required to contribute additional capital if the model were unsuccessful.

Subsequent discussions with Manaaki Tairāwhiti have clarified that this would not be the case. Management confirmed that the shareholder agreement has been drafted to ensure there are no legally binding financial commitments for shareholders in this regard.

Considering this clarification, management has reconsidered its position and now believes that participating as a shareholder would be beneficial. Such involvement would signal regional alignment and support stronger collaboration across organisations influencing a significant portion of the region's GDP, much of which is derived from central government investment.

- 2.5 Strategy and decision making – Nil
- 2.6 Beneficiary Presentations and Public Forum - Nil
- 2.7 Board Updates
- 2.8 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC FROM PROCEEDINGS
Moved by Trustee Williams and seconded by Trustee Aitken.

SECTION 48 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987

THAT: The public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely for discussion or decision on agenda items:

- 3.0 Strategy and Decision Making
- 4.0 Risk management
- 5.0 Operational Updates
- 5.2 Approval of closed minutes and matters arising

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| Item No. | General subject of each matter to be considered | Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter check | Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution |
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| Item 3.0 | Strategy and decision making | Sections 7(2)(b(ii)) (c) (f) (h) (i) (j) | 48(1) (a) |
| Item 4.0 | Risk management | Sections 7(2) (a) (f) | 48(1) (a) |
| Item 5.0 | Operational updates | Sections 7(2)(b(ii)) (c) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) | 48(1) (a) |
| Item 5.2 | Approval of closed minutes and matters arising | Sections 7(2)(a)(b(ii)) (c) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) | 48(1) (a) |
| | Appendices | Sections 7(2) (b(ii)) (f) | 48(1) (a) |

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

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Section 7(2) (a) To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons

Section 7(2) (b) (ii) To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

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Section 7(2) (c) Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information:

- i. Would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; or
- ii. Would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest.

Section 7(2) (f) Maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through:

- iii. The free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members of officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom Section 2(5) applies, in the course of their duty; or
- iv. The protection of such members, officers, employees and persons from improper pressure or harassment.

Section 7(2) (g) Maintain legal professional privilege.

Section 7(2) (h) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

Section 7(2) (i) Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

Section 7(2) (j) Prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

That the following people be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded:

- i. Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, General Manager Economic Development, General Manager Hāpori, General Manager Māori Economy, Cultural Advisors and Board Secretary for items 3.0 – 5.0.
because of their knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation the matters being discussed because of their role and work performed.

The public excluded minutes follow and are not publicly available. There being no further business the public meeting closed at 9:10am.

CHAIR
DAVID BATTIN