

2016 Prospective Candidates Information



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What are we doing today

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Housekeeping

- Emergency exits
- Mobile phones turned off
- Toilets
- Hold questions to the end
- Tea and coffee to follow

About Northland Regional Council

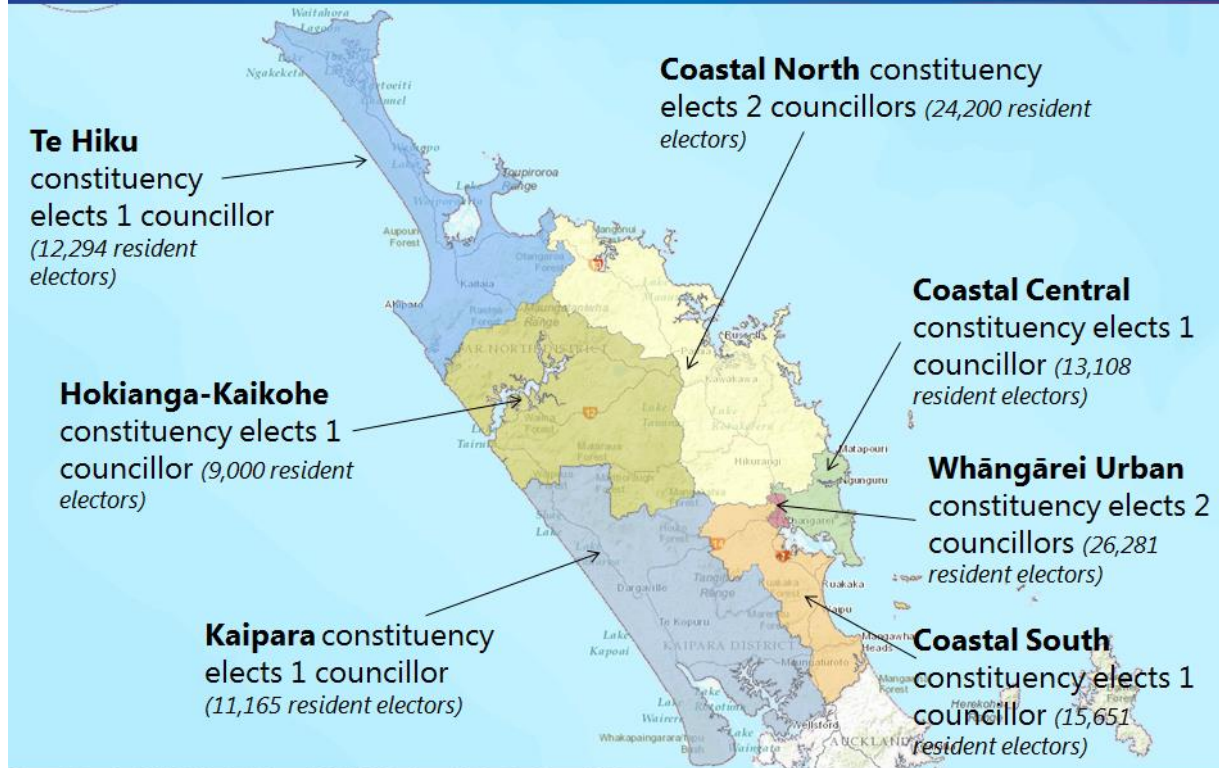


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NRC governance arrangements

NRC Constituencies



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WHAT WE DO



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Local government

- Council's powers and functions are derived from legislation; principally the Local Government Act 2002 and Resource Management Act 1991, but also many others.
- Local government is big business: for NRC alone 2016/17 total revenue forecast \$35million and total equity/assets \$134million.

NRC key projects – current and future

- The New Regional Plan
- Waiora Northland Water
- Flood protection schemes
- Regional LIDAR project
- Tai Tokerau Northland Economic Action Plan
- Northland Transportation Alliance
- Mid North Bus Service Trial
- Regional Pest Management Strategies Review
- Regional collaboration
- Service delivery reviews
- Community resilience

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NRC capital projects:



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NRC operational activity:



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NRC organisation

- Council's only employee is the Chief Executive. The CE employs the staff to carry out the decisions of council.
- 162 FTEs (Full Time Equivalent staff) with skills, qualifications and experience specific to the wide range of roles and responsibilities undertaken.
- Head office in Whangārei with area offices in Dargaville, Ōpua and Kaitāia.

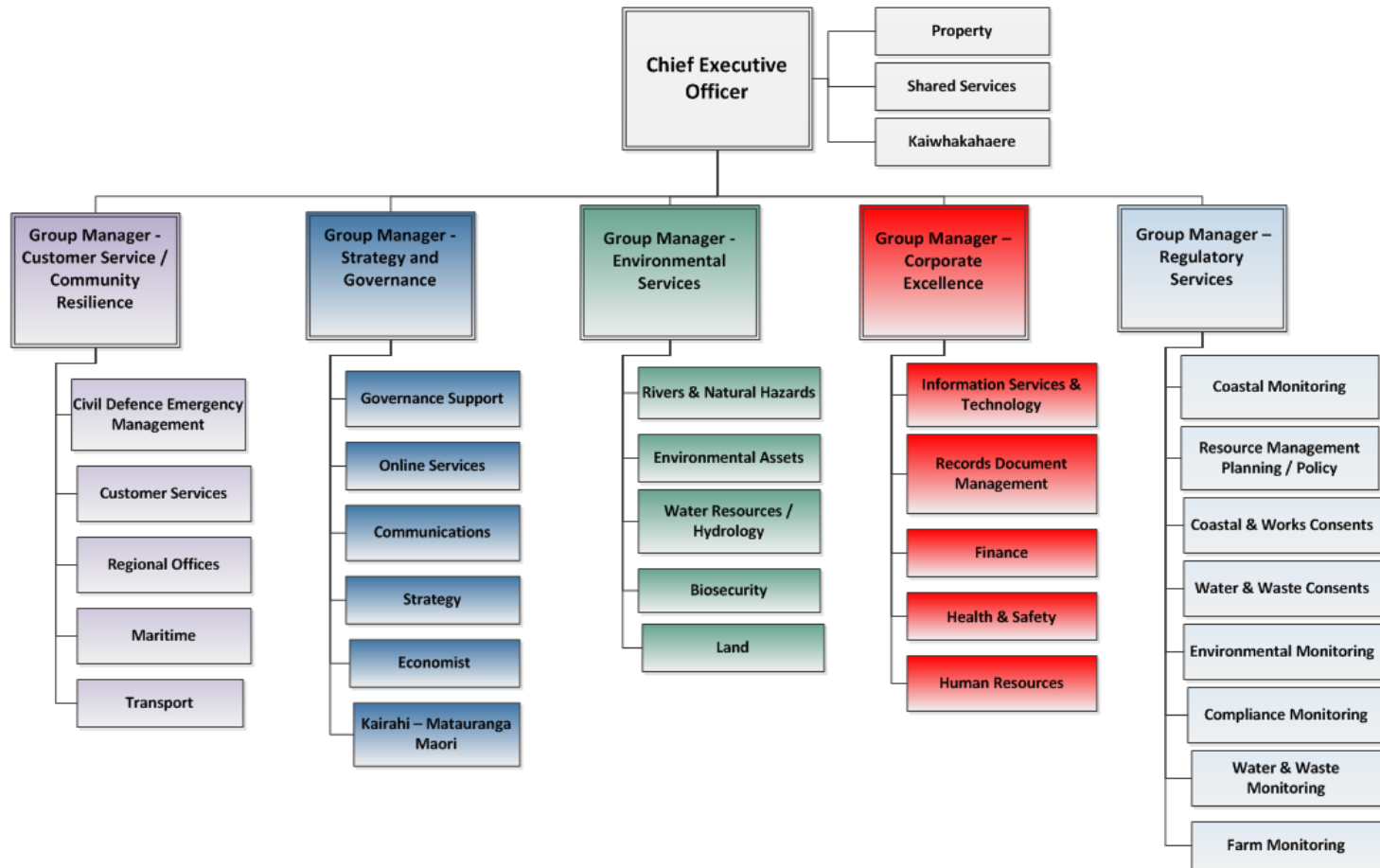
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About Kaipara District Council



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Background

- Commissioners Appointed in 2012
- Elections in 2013 suspended to 2015 then deferred to 2016
- Return to full accountability for elected members October 2016.
- Reduced debt levels
- Increased in-house capability
- Continued Council functions – Public meetings, Annual Reports, Long Term Plan, Annual Plan.
- Legacy issues – legal cases, MCWWS, Rate Strikers, Former CE

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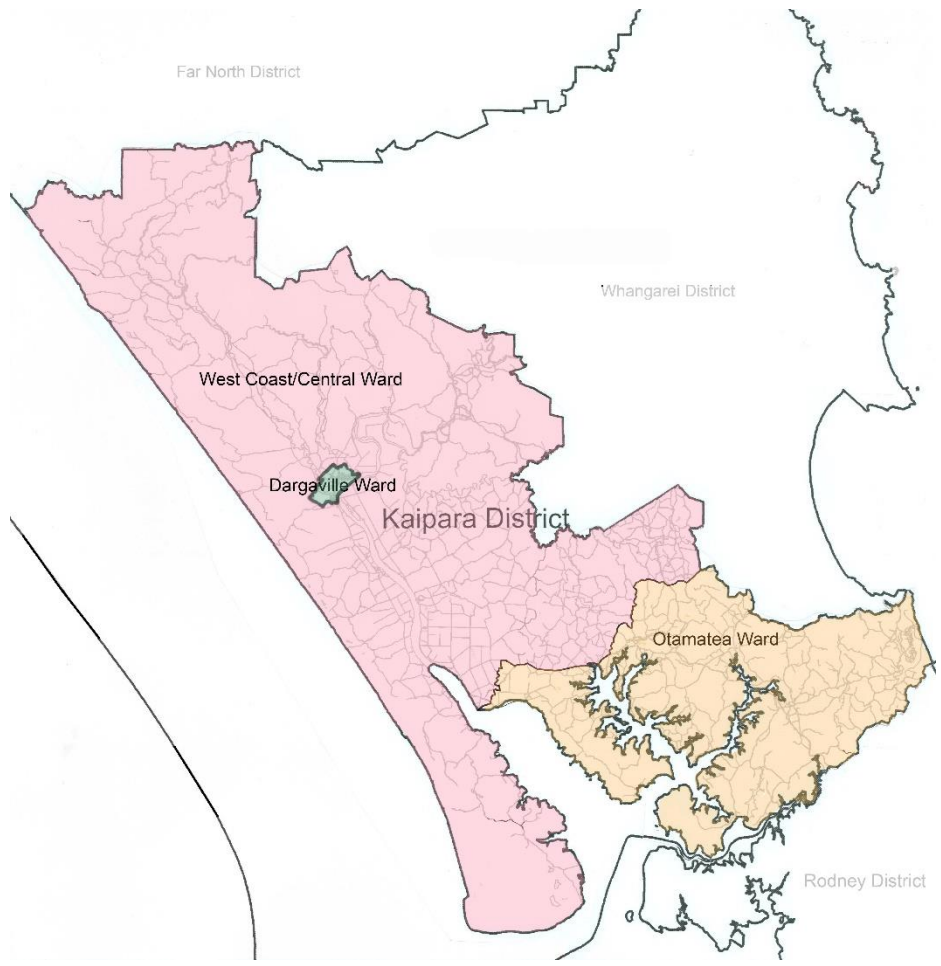


Transition Planning

- Strong Interest from Crown to support new Council.
- Crown Manager
- Possible 3 year term dealing with legal cases prior to Oct 2016
- Crown Observer
- Assistance and support to newly elected Council in first year.
- Allows new Council to be future focused.

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Governance Structure

- Full Council meets Monthly
- Raupo Drainage and Pou Tu Te Rangi in Statute
- Audit & Risk, Parks Committees and Mangawhai Endowment
- Regional entities and collaborations

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Financials

- \$54 million revenue current year
- \$50 million in next years annual plan
- \$46 million expenditure current year
- \$45 million in next years plan
- Reducing debt and interest costs

Metrics

- 165 parks and reserves
- One Central library and Four community libraries
- Community housing - Dargaville and Ruawai run by Dargaville Community Development Board (34 Houses). 24 units in Mangawhai managed by First National.
- Solid Waste – 2 transfer stations , weekly kerbside collections and public facilities.
- Roads and Footpaths – 1,571 Km .72% unsealed.
- Wastewater - Five Wastewater schemes.
- Stormwater – Three Stormwater networks.
- Drinking Water - Five supply schemes.

Local Application of National Legislation

- National Legislation Frameworks – LGA, RMA, etc
- Regulatory Management – moved to more inhouse specialist work.
- Community engagement – Dargaville and Mangawhai town plans.

The electoral process

Dale Ofsoke

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General electoral information

- Kaipara District Council has 14,736 electors (7 July)
- Northland Regional Council has 112,469 electors (7 July)
- Whāngārei, Far North and Kaipara District Councils are constituent territorial authorities of the Northland region
- Each constituent territorial authority undertakes the Northland Regional Council and Northland District Health Board elections
- All elections held by postal vote
- Election day Saturday 8 October
- Two electoral systems used – FPP and STV
- Order of candidate names alphabetical for all

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Key election dates

Date	Activity
Friday 15 July	Nominations open
Friday 12 August (noon)	Nominations close
Friday 16 September to Wednesday 21 September	Delivery of voting documents
Saturday 8 October	Election day, preliminary results after noon
Thursday 13 October	Declaration of results
Saturday 15 October	Public notice of declaration
Sunday 16 October Monday 5 December	Elected members come into office NDHB members come into office

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Elections required

Kaipara District Council

- **Mayor** (elected district-wide)
- **Councillors** 8 elected from 3 wards
 - Dargaville (2)
 - Otamatea (3)
 - West Coast/Central (3)

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Elections required

Northland District Health Board

- 7 members (elected region-wide)
- 4 members appointed

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Elections required

Northland Regional Council

- **Councillors 9** elected from 7 constituencies
 - Coastal Central Constituency (1)
 - Coastal North Constituency (2)
 - Coastal South Constituency* (1)
 - Hokianga-Kaikohe Constituency (1)
 - Kaipara Constituency* (1)
 - Te Hiku Constituency (1)
 - Whāngārei Urban Constituency (2)

* Fall all or part in Kaipara District Council area



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Two electoral systems are used

- First Past the Post (FPP)
 - Vote by ticking candidates names
 - Candidates with highest number votes wins
 - Used for Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council and Northland Regional Council
- Single Transferable Voting (STV)
 - Form of preferential voting
 - Vote by ranking candidate names in order of preference
 - Used for Kaipara District Council and Northland District Health Board

Resident electoral roll

- Kaipara District Council resident electoral roll
 - New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
 - Aged 18 or over
 - Resided continuously in New Zealand for one year or more
 - Resided at an address for one month or more
 - Total of 14,413 resident electors (7 July)
- Northland Regional Council total of 111,754 electors (7 July)

Ratepayer electoral roll

- For non-resident electors
- Updated every three years
- By application, not automatic

Northland region

- Total 715 ratepayer electors
 - 149 Whangarei District Council
 - 323 Kaipara District Council
 - 243 Far North District Council

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Kaipara District Council

Candidate qualifications

- New Zealand citizen
- Over the age of 18
- Enrolled on any parliamentary electoral roll
- Can stand for multiple positions (Mayor, Council, DHB)
- Can stand for one ward only
- Cannot stand for Kaipara District Council and Northland Regional Council

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Northland Regional Council

Candidate qualifications

- New Zealand citizen
- Over the age of 18
- Enrolled on any parliamentary electoral roll
- Can stand for multiple positions (RC, DHB)
- Can stand for one constituency only
- Cannot stand for Northland Regional Council and Kaipara District Council

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Northland District Health Board

Candidate qualifications

- New Zealand citizen
- Over the age of 18
- Enrolled on any parliamentary electoral roll
- Can stand for one DHB in NZ only
- Additional restrictions under NZ Public Health and Disability Act eg undischarged bankrupt

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Candidate qualifications

- Elected members (or spouses) with the council they are elected to with contracts over \$25,000 may require approval from The Office of the Auditor-General
- Any employee of the council they are elected to must resign as an employee before taking up position
- This does not apply to an employee of a DHB

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Nomination process

- Nominations opened on Friday 15 July 2016
- Kaipara District Council and Northland District Health Board nomination papers available
 - At council offices (Dargaville and Mangawhai)
 - Online www.kaipara.govt.nz
 - Phone 0800 922 822
- Northland Regional Council nomination papers available
 - At council offices (Whangarei, Dargaville, Kaitaia, Opuia)
 - Online www.nrc.govt.nz
 - Phone 0800 922 822
- Nomination papers available here

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Nomination process

- Cannot nominate yourself
- Need to be nominated by two nominators from area standing
- \$200 (including GST) nomination deposit
 - most are refunded (poll >25% lowest successful candidate votes)
- 150 word candidate profile statement
 - 150 words in English and 150 words in Maori
 - 150 words maximum
 - Content to be what you want to achieve if elected
- Passport-size colour photo
 - Recent
 - Head and shoulders and smiling

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Nomination process

- Also required to include:
 - Statement on principal place of residence
 - Statement on all positions standing for
- Candidates are able to have affiliation or can be independent
- Unacceptable affiliations
 - Indecent or offensive
 - Confusing or misleading
 - Election slogan

Nomination process

- Nominations close midday Friday 12 August
- Submit nominations early (for checking, peace of mind)
- Kaipara District Council and Northland District Health Board nominations return to a Council office at Dargaville or Mangawhai
- Northland Regional Council nominations return to Council's main office at 36 Water Street, Whangarei

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Campaigning

- Campaigning can occur anytime, including election day
- Election signs in Kaipara District Council area are:
 - permitted on private property and six specified road reserve sites
 - Able to be erected from Monday 8 August
 - Must be removed by midnight Friday 7 October
- All election advertising and signs must show details of authorising person
- Candidates or their agents must not collect voting documents from electors
- Be mindful of election offences

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Candidate expenditure

Kaipara District Council

Mayor: \$20,000 limit

Ward	Population	\$ Limit
Dargaville	4,830	\$3,500
Otamatea	8,940	\$7,000
West Coast/Central	7,370	\$7,000

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Candidate expenditure

Northland Regional Council

Constituency	Population	\$ Limit
Te Hiku	18,950	\$14,000
Hokianga-Kaikohe	15,650	\$14,000
Coastal North	36,000	\$20,000
Coastal Central	18,550	\$14,000
Whāngārei Urban	40,400	\$30,000
Coastal South	21,600	\$20,000
Kaipara	17,150	\$14,000

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Candidate expenditure

- Northland District Health Board limit \$60,000
- Expenditure to be GST inclusive
- Electoral donations and expenses form must be completed
- Forms to be returned by Friday 9 December (enforced)
- Forms available for public inspection
- Care to ensure accurate (declaration)

Scrutineers

- Candidates may appoint scrutineers
- Can observe:
 - Roll scrutiny process (during voting period)
 - Counting of votes (after close of voting)
- Cannot observe early processing (during voting period)
- Must be aged over 18 years
- Scrutineer appointment before noon Friday 7 October

Results

- Voting closes at noon on Saturday 8 October
- FPP progress results (est 2pm), preliminary results (later)
- STV preliminary results (early Sunday morning)
- All candidates emailed, media advised
- All results available on respective websites (www.kaipara.govt.nz or www.nrc.govt.nz)
- Final results available Thursday 13 October
- Declaration of results in newspapers – Saturday 15 October
- Elected members take office day after public notice

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Resources

- Candidate Information Handbooks
- Pre-election reports
- Electoral legislation (www.legislation.govt.nz)
- Attend a council meeting
- Read agenda and minutes that are available online
- Contact Electoral Officer Dale Ofsoke:
dale.ofsoke@electionservices.co.nz, ph: 0800 922822

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After the elections

Malcolm Nicolson/ Graham Sibery

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What to expect when you're elected

- A busy induction programme through to the end of 2016.
- Estimated time commitments (NRC):

Position	Equivalent Hours/week	Equivalent Days/week
Chairperson	40 hrs/week	5 days/week
Deputy Chair	28 hrs/week	3.5 days/week
Councillor with additional duties	24 hrs/week	3 days/week

Key dates (NRC)

Sunday 16 October

- Elected members come into office

Monday 17 October

- Informal 'meet & greet' with senior management team
- Field visits

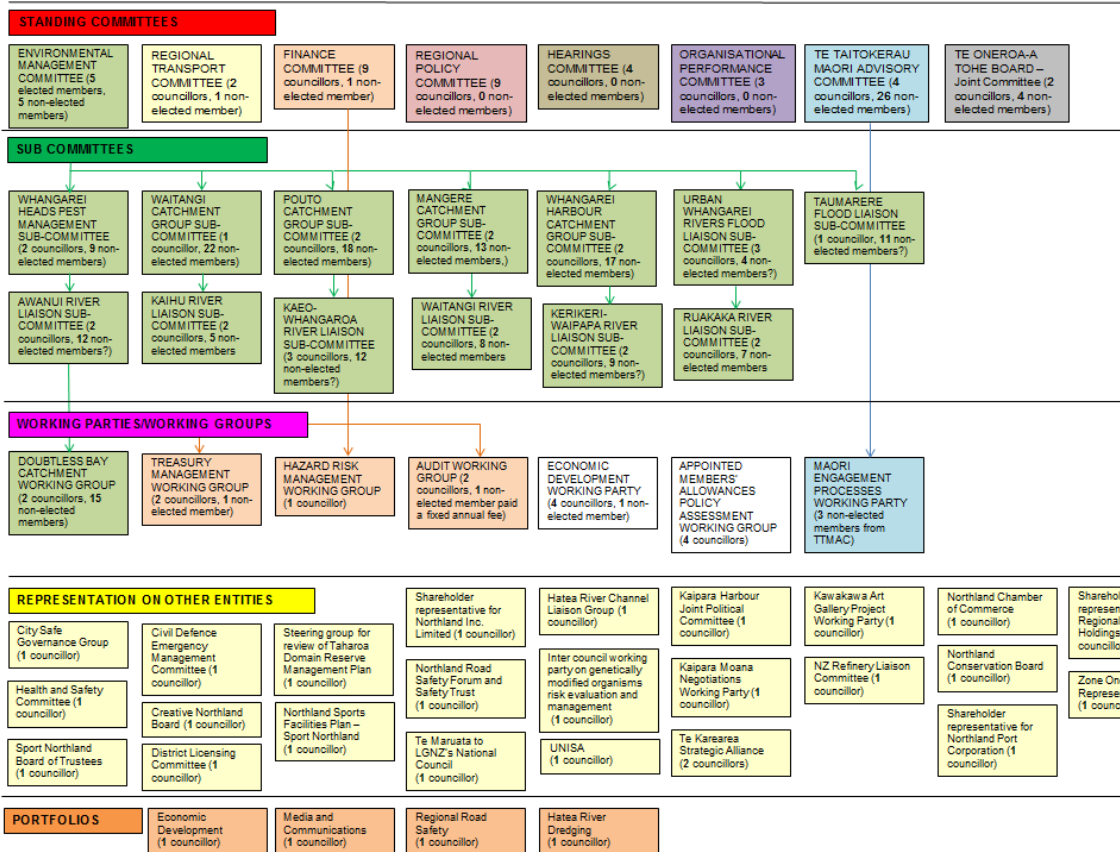
Tuesday 25 October
- Friday 28 October

- Powhiri
- Inaugural meeting – councillors sworn in
- 2 Day post election retreat
- Orientation Day

Through
November/December

- Two full day workshops per week

Governance(NRC)



Remuneration/Expenses (NRC)

- The Remuneration Authority sets remuneration levels for the triennium:
 - Chairperson = \$111,761
 - Deputy Chairperson = \$75,684
 - Councillors = \$66,416 (assuming there is an equitable distribution of workload)
- Expenses and reimbursements are covered by council policy.

KDC

- Preliminary Result 7 am October 9
- Informal welcome October 14
- Swearing in Ceremony 21 October
- First 3 months busy period of induction , briefing and early decision making on Governance structure

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Remuneration

- Mayor \$93,244
- Deputy Mayor * \$53,055
- Councillor \$26,855
- Some additional responsibility payments for Committee chairs
- Mileage and expenses and IT support.

Final Messages....

- Be certain that you are standing for the right council
- Be prepared for a high level of commitment and a heavy workload
- Be prepared to make difficult and unpopular decisions
- As a Councillor be prepared to represent the whole region or District and not just your constituency

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to stand in the 2016 local elections.**

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Questions??

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