

Toituu Marae Forum

Decision-Making -Schedule

This schedule outlines the decision-making processes of the Toituu Marae Forum, a collective platform representing 40 marae within the Waikato District. It is intended to ensure that all decisions are made transparently, respectfully, and in a manner aligned with tikanga Maaori and the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

1. Guiding Principles

The guiding principles for decision-making are drawn from the Terms of Reference.

- Whakawhanaungatanga – Relationship building is central to achieving enduring outcomes.
- Manaakitanga – All views are treated with care and respect.
- Kotahitanga – The pursuit of unity while respecting diversity.
- Rangatiratanga – Each marae retains its autonomy and the right to seek guidance from their own governance structures.
- Hohou te Rongo – The pursuit of peaceful resolution through dialogue, reflection, and time.

2. The Toituu Marae Approach

The Toituu Marae Forum is built on the belief that when marae are supported, iwi and hapuu thrive. The Forum:

- Creates space for collective advocacy, ensuring that all 40 marae are heard, represented, and resourced.
- Respects mana whakahaere, allowing each marae to retain autonomy while participating in shared planning and visioning.
- Supports capacity building, through governance training, funding pathways, and structured support from Council.
- Aligns with the Pou of Whakatupuranga 2050, ensuring that development is intergenerational, kaupapa-led, and grounded in Kiingitanga values.
- Seeks transformational partnership, not transactional consultation, with Council acting as an enabler rather than a gatekeeper.

3. Types of Decisions

Decision Type	Examples	Decision Pathway
Mana Whakahaere / Operational	Confirming hui schedules, venues, facilitation arrangements	Determined through open kōrero and collective consensus at hui. Reflects kotahitanga and respect for process.
Mahere Rautaki / Strategic & Work Programme	Refining priorities, advancing policy submissions, updates to annual work programme	Kaupapa discussed kanohi ki te kanohi; consensus is preferred. If needed, a collective vote may be held, with space for tikanga-based resolution.
Whakatau Matua / Foundational & Endorsed Decisions	Adoption or amendment of ToR, formal submissions, budget allocations, appointment to joint bodies	Time provided for representatives to consult with their marae or trustees. Decisions are confirmed by collective agreement or majority vote, with quorum. Dissenting views may be formally recorded to honour rangatiratanga.

4. Decision-Making Process

- Consensus will be sought in the first instance through open discussion and facilitation.
- Where consensus is not reached, the Forum may invoke 'hahau te rongo' to allow reflection, further consultation, or deferment.
- If a decision must be made, a formal vote will be held. Each marae has one vote. Majority rules, with a quorum of 50% present.

5. Time for Marae Consultation

For major decisions, marae representatives may request time to consult their trustees. The time for consultation will be determined by the urgency of the matter e.g. support for work programme. The Council will support this process by preparing summary documents.

6. Recording of Decisions

All decisions will be minuted with rationale and outcome. Where appropriate, dissenting views may be recorded with the agreement of those concerned. This ensures transparency and accountability.

7. Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually and amended by consensus or majority vote to ensure it remains relevant and effective.

Appendix: List of 40 Marae

1. Horahora Marae
2. Hukanui
3. Hukanui a Muri
4. Kaitumutumu Marae
5. Mai Uenuku ki te Whenua
6. Mangatangi Marae
7. Matahuru Marae
8. Maurea Marae
9. Mootakotako
10. Ngaa Tai e Rua Marae
11. Ookarea Marae
12. Oomaero
13. Ooraeroa Marae
14. Poihaakena
15. Pukerewa Marae
16. Taniwha (Tangoao) Marae
17. Tauhei
18. Taupiri
19. Tauranganui Marae
20. Te Aakau
21. Te Awamaarahi Marae
22. Te Hoe o Tainui (Matawhara)
23. Te Iti o Hauaa (Tauwhare)
24. Te Kaharoa (Aramiro)
25. Te Kauri Marae
26. Te Kotahitanga (Name change) Marae
27. Te Oohaakii Marae (Trust)
28. Te Papa-o-Rotu
29. Te Papatapu
30. Te Poho o Tanikena (Opuatia) Marae
31. Te Tihi o Moerangi (Makomako)
32. Tikirahi Paa
33. Tuurangawaewae
34. Waahi Paa
35. Waikare Marae
36. Waikeri (Tangirau)
37. Waimakariri
38. Waingaro
39. Waitii
40. Weraroa (Waikaretuu) Marae